



APPNA AL chapter president's report

We had a great beginning of our term as the executive committee of APPNA-Alabama chapter. Our objectives this year are to have the spring and fall meetings, another successful health fair, and to cooperate and coordinate with central APPNA and other organizations in Alabama such as Birmingham Islamic society, AAPI, Aligarh association and CAIR to prevent duplication of efforts. We also support the committee that organizes the two Eid parties in Alabama.

We had a very successful spring meeting with great participation not only from the APPNA physicians but also the non physician community. We had a mini APPNA bazaar, followed by scientific presentations, dinner and then entertainment by local singers. We have been trying to involve our youth in our meetings and talented boys and girls from the community volunteered at the gate, for presentations and couple were part of the entertainment as well.

We are very proud of our free clinic called the Hoover Red Crescent that runs every Sunday mainly through the efforts of Dr Talha Malik, Dr Zakir Khan and Mrs. Tanveer Patel. We also encourage youth participation and volunteering at the clinic and the health fair. We have already started planning the health fair which will be held this October with free screening, flu shots, consultation with doctors and we will especially try to reach out to patients without health coverage.

Another important effort we will try to make is to meet local politicians and invite them to the health fair and future meetings given the current political environment. We try to get media coverage for the health fair. This will hopefully create a positive image of Pakistani Muslims and this is not only important for all of us but more so for the future of our children.

We hope that we can continue the efforts of our predecessors but also move forward with fresh ideas and new objectives.

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