



**APPNE**  
Association of Pakistani Physicians New England  
*APPNA Chapter*

APPNE hosted its annual meeting in collaboration with King Edward Medical College Alumni Association of North America (KEMCAANA) on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA. It was a well-attended event with over 100 Physicians and their spouses in the audience. Senior leadership of APPNA including President-Elect 2017, Dr. Iqbal Hamid, and the current Secretary, Dr. Rizwan Khalid, also attended the event.

Dr. Ehsun Mirza, an APPNE Board member, provided details of Green School Project that helps build schools in Thar, Pakistan. APPNE has provided manpower and funds to these Green Schools that are completely run on solar energy. Cambridge City Council member, Mr. Nadeem A. Mazen, was an invited speaker who spoke about the importance of political engagement and why the Muslim community needs to be actively involved in their cities and towns. Mr. Khalil James Meek, Co-Founder and Current Executive Director of Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA), spoke about legal work and programs to defend Muslims against injustice. APPNE's Key Note speaker was Dr. Adil Haider, a trauma surgeon at the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston; he was recently awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Dr. Haider spoke about the "American Dream" and how it played a role in his life.

Raaga Boyz, a popular band from Pakistan, closed out the evening with their unique blend of music, combining Eastern and Western rhythms.

Respectfully Submitted,

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