

## GA-APPNA SPRING COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

GA APPNA new executive committee is looking forward to serve not only its physician community but also to become the voice of the entire Pakistani community living in Georgia and far. Our previous cabinets have done a wonderful job to expand membership, further community work and organize exciting entertainment programs. We plan to have some of the previous well-received programs, but also to bring some exciting changes.

Our motto for this year is **“together we can”**.

In direct collaboration with its parent organization APPNA, Georgia Chapter of APPNA (GA APPNA) is involved in various social and charitable work in Atlanta metro area and throughout Georgia. GA APPNA members serve in various community organizations, free clinics and collaborate with UNICEF on projects both nationally and internationally. GA APPNA physicians also support and run Clarkston Community Health Center and own and fund a free dispensary for the indigent population of that area. Throughout the year, GA APPNA is involved in raising funds for various charitable causes and organizations.

Like previous years, GA APPNA will be working with local legislators, house representatives on health care issues and community needs. Throughout the year, GA APPNA will organize business meetings, free health fair, and cultural events. GA APPNA is an ardent participator of a college scholarship fund run by APPNA. Scholarship funds are to be awarded by each regional APPNA chapter under the umbrella of APPNA. APPNA chapters raise this money on their own.

### **Program Overview for 2016:**

1. Hunger Walk, raised \$5000 for Atlanta Community Food Bank, members walked in memory of Dr. Kaleem Ahmed and dedicated this walk to him.
2. We donated \$5000 to UNICEF during our annual charity Fashion show on April 17, 2016.
3. We served Clarkston Community by providing free health screening at APPNA National Health Care Day.
4. We raised \$ 7500 for the dispensary at Clarkston Community Health Center and it was named GA-APPNA Dispensary.
5. Towards the end of year, we donated \$ 2500 to APPNA Scholarship fund, this amount was given to main APPNA Scholarship Fund, a recommendation for a deserving student going to Medical School from Georgia was made and after reviewing it the Scholarship committee of main APPNA approved it and it was given to that student.

### **Program overview for 2017:**

1. Business meeting: Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Meeting was held at The Oceanaire Seafood Room Restaurant.  
Meeting was attended by 25 members.  
Motion was approved to amend GA APPNA bylaws to develop and maintain GA web site professionally, EC will explore resources for funding.  
Motion was approved, that out of net revenue minus expenses (net profit), 80% of it will go to charity and 20% will go to GA APPNA account as it was deemed necessary that account balance need to grow to have running capital for various projects and demands.  
Formation of youth committee and involvement of young medical students, residents and physicians will be a top priority of 2017.
2. Fashion Show & Cultural Event: Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Renaissance Waverly  
Tickets are already being sold.  
Anticipated crowd of 400  
Committee is working diligently to put up a wonderful evening of shopping, live singing, dances and of course fashion show.  
Vendors from Atlanta and across USA as well as Pakistan will be attending the show.  
All proceedings will go towards supporting Various GA APPNA charitable projects.
3. Business Meeting: Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Venue and agenda to be decided.
4. Picnic/ Retreat: Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Format, Venue and Logistics to be decided.

5. Health Fair: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

In Collaboration with APPNA, GA APPNA will hold its Annual Health Fair.

Committee is being formed.

Format, Venue and Logistics to be decided.

Anticipated crowd in view of previous years is 300-400

Will try to engage local health care system to offer free mammograms, heart screening etc. along with vision, dental and skin screenings, EKG, Doppler ultrasounds, Flu shots and various community resources.

6. Annual Dinner/ Gala: Friday: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Renaissance Waverly

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