



**Indian Doctors Association -
Greater Houston**

June 2019 Edition

President's Message

Jignesh Shah, MD

IDA continues to expand its membership benefits. On May 1st, IDA collaborated with the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston to host a lecture on the “Business of Medicine” featuring, CEO and Executive Dean of Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Paul Klotman. Held at the DoubleTree Hilton Greenway Plaza hotel, Dr Klotman discussed the evolution of medicine, education, research, and the effectiveness of different revenue streams. The evening concluded with an engaging Q&A Session.



On May 25th, IDA partnered with the Indo-American Charity Foundation (IACF) to organize the “I WALK I CARE” walkathon. 185 volunteers donated their time to walk the 5K event at the Lost Creek Park in SugarLand. Together, IDA & IACF, raised over \$13,000 to support the medical screening of chronic illnesses as well as diagnostic testing evaluations at the Indian Doctors Charity Clinic.



“Family Game Night” was hosted by IDA on May 31st at the Bay Oaks Country Club. With more than 200 guests, everyone enjoyed networking with healthcare professionals, a silent auction, casino gaming tables, prizes, raffles and a “family feud” hosted by community leader, Sri Preston Kulkarni. Even the kids were busy with arts & crafts, movies, games and henna tattoos. It was a great event focused on the value of volunteering as well as building friendships. Look for more events throughout the greater Houston area in the months to come.



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Finally, IDA will be mentoring elementary and high school students during the 2019-20 school year. The focus will be to educate and support students when presented with real life experiences. Because of this initiative, five high school students, Riya Patel, Sonia Gadkari, Hari Rajagopal, Shreyus Loyalka and Anshul Nayak were asked to be May 31st event volunteers and were recognized for their service. It was wonderful to see the younger generation involved. Please keep in mind, the IDA awards four to five high school scholarships, annually. Funds raised during “family game night” silent auction and raffles will be allocated to the 2020 high school scholarship funds.



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physicians in the room also shared similar cultural and spiritual beliefs.

The idea of being part of a team has always been something that I cherished. This started at an early age while playing competitive basketball at the high school and college level. This is also one of the main reasons why I chose to become a general surgeon. It is teamwork between the anesthesiologist, the surgeon, the nurse and scrub tech in the OR that allows for a successful surgery. This is also how I feel that IDA functions and why they are so successful at carrying out their mission.

I look forward to getting more involved with IDA and its leadership in the near future and giving back to the community that has accepted my family and I with open arms.

MEMBER'S CORNER

New Member Ashish Nath, MD

Nearly two years ago, my wife, two children and I moved to Houston to be closer to family. We knew that Houston was a great city to raise our kids, but also a great place to practice medicine. As a general surgeon starting a new practice, I knew I needed to be part of an organization that could help me meet others in the community. It was about one year ago that I heard about IDA and the many events that they offered. I finally decided to join and attend my first meeting this past January. I was blown away by the gathering of great minds in the room that day. There were physicians of all ages and specialties who were able to provide great insight to practicing medicine in Houston. I felt an immediate connection as many of the

Dr. Kriti Mohan, who joined IDA in Spring 2019, leads in a discussion regarding reconstructive surgery options following breast cancer treatment. Click here to [view](#).



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Save the Dates

2019-2020

Aug: Sugarland Mixer

Sept: Memorial City/Katy Mixer

Oct: Wine & Car Fundraiser

Dec: Houston Food Bank Corporate Event

Jan: Public Awareness Program at Schools

Feb: 2nd Annual CME Conference

Mar: Picnic



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