

Dear friends,

First and foremost, I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

As you already may know, one of our most revered Professors, Dr. Beryl Howie passed away last December. She was instrumental for our obgyn department as we know it today. Those of us who have been fortunate to have known her, know that she was not only a wonderful teacher, but also a kind and caring human being who radiated infectious energy wherever she went and through whatever she did. To honor her memory, it seems most appropriate to do something for the department that she helped to establish.

The CMC board of NAA suggested an endowment fund in Dr. Howie's name for improving the obgyn department. Dr. Abraham Thomas, the director, informed us that the most needed equipment to bring the department to modern day practice is a laparoscope as they are still doing only open surgical procedures. The equipment will cost \$55,000. The department has a surgeon who is trained in laparoscopic surgeries.

The alumni organization, along with the board, will try to raise funds for the specific purpose of purchasing a laparoscope for the obgyn department. I ask the members of the alumni to use this as an opportunity towards our goal of "giving back" to our Alma mater. I encourage you to give whatever you can afford, however small or big. As the saying goes, "it is the thought that counts."

You may send your tax deductible donation to our treasurer, Dr. Geeta Chhibber, 731 Yorktown Lane, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Please make your check payable to CMC Ludhiana Alumni Association (Dr. Howie endowment).

I look forward to seeing you at our 2013 annual meeting this October in India.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth Paul  
President CMCNAA