

Dear fellow Indian nurses and our well-wishers,



I am excited to share this amazing news with you. Indian American Nurses Association- North Carolina won the chapter excellence for the term 2015-16 from the parent organization, National Association of Indian Nurses of America(NAINA).

During this term, we doubled the membership and organized many professional activities and tripled the number of nurses attending these activities. We had many unique activities even at the international level such as medical supply drive for Nepal earthquake victims and Madras Medical Mission College of nursing education assistance. However the completion for chapter excellence was tight. While Dallas (nearly 250 members) and Georgia (125 members) were the close competing chapters, NC was declared as the winner. On your behalf, I received the trophy at the national conference in Chicago.

NC Indian nurses are recognized often in their communities and local cultural organizations, seldom in their workplaces, and rarely in the mainstream professional community. IANA –NC was instrumental in improving visibility, viability and vitality of Indian nurses in the mainstream nursing community of NC. Now NC Indian nurses are recognized nationally. From the local religious and cultural platforms to national level is an amazing journey. I was chosen to lead that journey. Praise and Thanks to God almighty for this wonderful opportunity.

Kudos to the IANA-NC governing board- Usha Koshy, Sheela Sajan, Rosely Sabu, Beena Jacob, Jansy Sebastian, Jyotsna Jadhav, Stella Lobo, Aleyamma Thomas and Nancy Dias for a job well done.

In this moment of celebration, let me thank the founding members of the organization and the past governing board- Nancy and Sumana (past presidents), Sujaya, Mary Thundathil, Aleyamma Thomas, Nancy Regi, Sheela Thomas, Lourde Cherian, Susy Saji and Ally Saju for their vision and effort in bringing up the organization.

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So, I encourage all Indian nurses to be a part of the award winning NC chapter and NAINA, the voice of Indian nurses in America. IANA-NC's planned event for Nov 12th 2016 is the conclusion of this term - induction of upcoming term and now I am sure you all want to make it a celebration. Please attend the event and share the joy of professional recognition.

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