Know Your President

Dr Maya Tulpule

It is my proud privilege to introduce my close friend Dr Padma Iyer who was installed as President of IMA Pune for the year 2018-19. Everyone loves her for being a very friendly, simple, sincere, devoted, hard-working and generous person.

Our friendship goes back to the year 1978, when we were post-graduate students in Department of Surgery at B.J.M.C. Padma was doing her posts at Ruby Hall Clinic, under the able guidance of Brigadier Ganguly. We used to meet at the afternoon P.G. lectures. She was staying at Shastri Aparment in Pune Camp and visits to her home for Idli-chatni snacks was a great temptation. She has a small family, Mother, Mrs Sita – a home-maker, Father Mr Venkatachalam – a Mechanical Engineer who retired as Project Manager from Matchwel Factory, and elder sister, Ms Rajalaxmi – M.A (Economics), Who retired from Bharat Petroleum after working for 30 years. Padma was born in Bangalore at grandparent’s house, but was brought up and educated in Pune. She was a Student of Saraswati Vidyalaya and Nowrosjee Wadia College. She stood 3rd in SSC from her School. She passed her MBBS with flying colours and did her Master in Surgery. Her thesis on Prognosis & Management of Advanced Carcinoma of breast Cancer was highly appreciated.

DR Padma started her Private practice in the year 1984 in the then, remote are of Vadgaonsheri by establishing Vinayak Hospital. She works as Panel consultant at Inlaks & Budhrani Hospital, Tata Motors and Authorised Medical Attendant for Central Government Employees.

She is IMA Pune member since 1991 but joined Managing Committee and started working actively as Joint Secretary in the year 2012. She has successfully completed all the Office Bearer’s posts to become eligible as President. Her devotion and dedication for the IMA is exemplary. She has excellent rapport with all the people she works with. She is Senior Vice President IMA MS at present, and a regular CWC member. She is an excellent organizer and has shoulerded responsibility of Organizing Secretary of IDCON 2013, AMSCON 2013, MASTACON 2014, GPCON 2014 and of Co-Chairman of MULTICON 2016 & 2017. She has enthusiastically participated in 3 IMA National Conferences, 5 IMA MS Conferences, EVECON. She received the prestigious Dr C T Thakkar Award for her essay on ‘Rational Use of Antibiotics’ in MASTACON 2014.

Dr Padma Iyer is a person of few words and prefers not to speak anything about herself. We hardly know her persona which has many facets. She is a trained Bharat Natyam dancer, plays violin and guitar and has learnt Machine Embroidery. She is fond of golden era Hindi Movie songs and has a huge collection of 25000 songs. She is a Cyclist and participates in Cycle rallies enthusiastically. Under able guidance of Dr Jayant Navarange she got trained as Runner and
participates regularly in Marathons for 10 KM. Every year she walks in IMA Dindi from Pune to Saswad. She got interested in Art of Living in 2008 and completed Basic and Advanced course in Meditation and Yoga.

Her hobbies are reading, travelling and social work. Her devotion to Social cause knows no bounds, it is her passion. She does so much charity that I get a feeling that she lives only for the Society. For last 10 years she runs free OPD on Thursdays & Saturdays at her own clinic and on Saturdays at Disha Institute, Wagholi. Besides this does free consultations for Maher Institute, Father Agnel Ashram. She does Annual School Checkups at Smiley Nursery, Vidyankur School and IES School, Vadgaonsheri and organizes regular health checkup camps at her own clinic. Her participation in all Health checkups at IMA is noteworthy.

But, apart from all this I adore Dr Padma – The Surgeon. This soft spoken meek looking lady has a lion’s heart and steel nerves. The close family and friends know her as a sharp, brave, bold and decisive person.

Let us wish her happy and successful Inning!