



The Scudder NEWSLETTER

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"Service to Others" Virgil Scudder, *Editor*

It's official... Now there are two.

After an 88 year history as a single entity, what began as the Scudder Association has been split into two organizations that are wholly independent of each other: The Scudder Association Foundation (SAF) and the newly created Scudder History Association (SHA).

Why two organizations?

The split was necessitated by our attorneys' advice that the move was essential to preserve the tax-free status of the foundation. The effect of the split is that thousands of dollars will go to our Indian missions rather than to the IRS.

What's different?

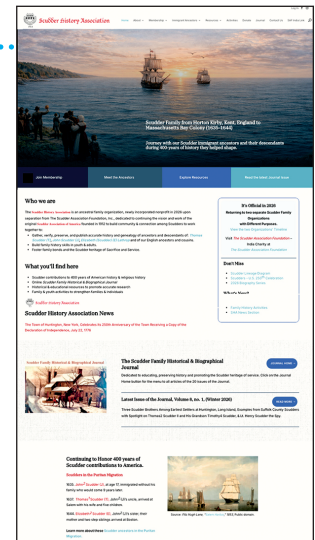
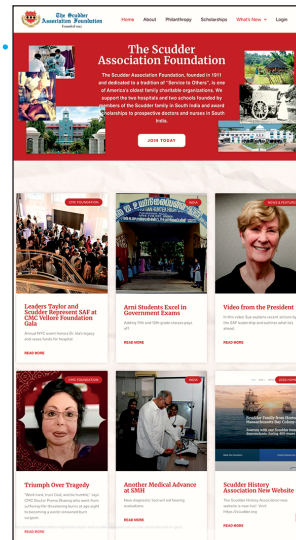
SAF will henceforth focus solely on supporting the four India institutions: The two hospitals and two schools.

The newly formed Scudder History Association is dedicated to chronicling the family's rich 400 year history in an interesting format designed to appeal to people of all ages.

Will leaders, services, and finances be shared?

No. All administrative functions will be directed by the board of directors of each organization. No one will be allowed to serve on both boards simultaneously.

While the leadership of the foundation wishes success to the history group, the foundation is prohibited by IRS regulations from providing any financial support to it. The Scudder History Association is responsible for its own financing, leadership, and membership policies.



Two separate organizations, two separate websites

Who are the SHA officers?

Margery Boyden is president; Clive Connor is vice president; and Susan Scudder is secretary.

What about SAF?

The officers and board remain intact. Sue Swanson continues as president.

What does this mean to me?

You retain your status as a supporter of the Scudder Association Foundation. If you wish to join the Scudder History Association, which we strongly encourage, you need to sign up at www.scudder.org. Remember: The two organizations are now totally separate with different functions and different leaders.

Message from the President



Susan Swanson, *president*

I want to personally thank those who helped make the recent restructuring of The Scudder Foundation successful. Separating family history from our charitable work in India was a long and complicated process that involved a lot of discussion and decision making. The fact that it went so smoothly was due to the Executive Committee, our Family Historian, Marge Boyden,

and her committee member, Clive Connor, and, of course, the Board of Directors. We were also ably assisted by our attorney, Louis Vlahos, at Rivkin and Rivkin, Inc., and Foundation Source, our management company.

The members of the Executive Committee who helped are Jack Gillmar, 1st VP; Virgil Scudder, 2nd VP, Renee Scudder, Secretary and Claudia Orchanian, Treasurer. The other directors are Ken Scudder, Megan Coleman, Bennett Gillmar, Jim Taylor and Cy Sherman.

Thank you all for your hard work and kudos to the new and exciting Scudder History Association. It may be a new organization, but it is carrying on a long tradition of honoring the 400 years of Scudder family history and genealogy in England and America. Great stories have already been posted, and the site includes a wonderful children's section. Be sure to visit their website at "scudder.org" and sign up to join this wonderful new organization.

Sue Swanson, President

The Hoosier Connection

What do a small city in southern Indiana and hospitals in south India have in common? Plenty. And it's summed up in our SAF slogan "Service to Others."

Washington, Indiana, is a quiet hamlet of 12,000 souls in a rural area of south-western Indiana, a town best known for the prowess of its high school basketball teams

Its connection to South India dates back to 1949 when a Washington family traveled to missions in south India.

The relationship was renewed last year when Dr. Mini Paul, clinical director of an important South India medical center, visited Washington and nearby Indiana towns and spoke at Glenda Scudder's church.

Glenda says she was greeted very warmly by the Indian physician when they met at Glenda's church in Plainville, Indiana, and Glenda told her she was a Scudder.

The meeting brought back fond memories.



Glenda and Dr. Mini in southern Indiana

Glenda and her late husband Doug, a pharmacist, visited and worked in India hospitals in 1985.

Glenda recalled, "Doug had hoped his pharmacy degree could be put to use but he spent most of his time building tables and benches for use in the orphanage as well as giving devotional thoughts each morning at the hospital and speaking on Sundays.

I oversaw the making of clothes for the children and did some organization of letters from the children to their sponsors.

I was especially impressed with the Ida S. Scudder wing at CMC Vellore.

One of my favorite memories is from our first day in an Indian village when we saw several boys chasing a squawking chicken. Our interpreter told us they were catching our supper!

Luckily for us, they succeeded."

A Doctor's Story *By Mini Paul, MD*



Mini Paul treating Bindu

Dr. Paul is an Eye Surgeon and Clinical Director of the Christian Medical Center and Hospital in Machilipatnam, India.

It was 8:00 pm, and I finally completed the scrub list for the next day's OR, a task every first-year resident is responsible for. I went to the ward to review the cases assigned to me for preoperative preparation and discovered that little eight-year-old Bindu was one of them.

Bindu was diagnosed with a rare connective tissue disorder known as Weill-Marchesani Syndrome (WMS). The disease leads to mental retardation, congenital glaucoma, and short stature. She had undergone multiple treatments at various hospitals.

But we were able to operate successfully. Her grateful mother said, "If not for this 'promised land,' we would have left our child to her own devices."

SMH Adds Space Age Diagnostic Tool

It's called a tympanometer. The hospital's Department of Ear, Nose, and Throat formally put it into service on June 3.

The SMH announcement proclaimed: "This valuable equipment will greatly strengthen our ability to diagnose and manage patients with ear-related conditions, helping us serve with greater accuracy, care, and compassion."

Tympanometry is an acoustic evaluation of the condition of the middle ear and eardrum and the conduction bones by creating variations of air pressure in the ear canal. In evaluating hearing loss, tympanometry permits a distinction between types of hearing loss when the cause is not apparent through standard testing, thus leading to effective treatment. It can also be helpful in spotting fluid buildup in the middle ear cavity.



SMH nurses with new diagnostic tool

A great doctor offers hope and inspiration

From severe burn victim at age eight to a medical legend.

That's the story of Dr. Prema Dhanraj.

When little Prema Dhanraj poured fuel on a fire in a

kitchen stove, the flames that erupted severely burned her face and neck and even reached her larynx. She spent 15 hours in surgery that saved her life at CMC Vellore.

Her mother said she made a deal with God, "Heal my little girl and I'll see that she becomes a doctor."

And, what a doctor she became! As a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, she conducted more than 25,000 free surgeries for poor patients in a 30-year career at CMC Vellore, while also becoming head of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

At age 74, she still performs some surgeries although retired from her hospital post.



Prema Dahnraj, MD



Lookin' good at Walter Scudder School

Students at SAF-supported Walter Scudder Secondary School in Tindivanam, India, have never been smarter or looked better.

Thanks to a generous donor, the students are outfitted with red, blue, green, and yellow sport shirts worn over black pants. The effect is striking and beautiful as this photo will attest.

The school recently organized its students into four houses named in honor of Scudder missionaries. The names: Walter Scudder House, John Scudder House, Ida Scudder House, and Henry Scudder House.

The school was founded in 1872 when Walter Scudder transformed a village school into an accredited high school. It has since educated thousands of primarily low-income students, preparing them for good jobs or higher education.

Arni School students continue to excel



Students at Scudder-supported Arni School in Arni, India, scored big on recent government examinations, opening doors to higher education that can lead to college admission and successful careers in business and the professions.

Their success provided a living example that putting legs under the Scudder Foundation's "Service to Others" motto can pay big dividends.

Out of 20 students who took the government tests, 18 scored top marks, a remarkable 86% success rate.

Even more remarkable is that all of the students come from families who live below the poverty line.

Students Sudharson, Jebaseelan, Ajay, and Joshua were top exam performers.

Arni School was founded in 1876 by Ezekiel Scudder, the son of pioneer medical missionary Dr. John Scudder.

Arni School students win sports honors

Leaders at SAF-supported Arni Secondary School believe that a good education focuses on both mind and body. That's why its students enjoy success both in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Arni students recently won trophies in three sports: Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, and Kabaddi.

Kabaddi is a contact sport popular throughout South Asia and nearby countries and is, in fact, the national sport of Bangladesh. There is even a professional Kabaddi league. The game's origins go back at least 2,000 years.



Gala attendees raise paddles to make donations

CMC Gala: They came, they celebrated, they gave

The April 9 CMC gala in New York City was a roaring success. Nearly 200 people packed the hall and pledged contributions of more than \$130,000 to help CMC purchase a state-of-the-art C-Arm Fluoroscopy Machine for its new Pediatric Specialty Center at the Ranipet campus. The facility is scheduled to open in October.

Since the event was a double-match, the funds thus made available for the new unit will exceed a quarter of a million dollars.



Students listened intently at the drug education lectures.

Walter Scudder School conducts drug abuse program

Walter Scudder Higher Secondary School has distinguished itself for 154 years as an institution that prepares students from low-income families for successful lives and careers. This was exemplified by its recent program about the dangers of drug abuse.

The program encouraged students to say NO to drugs, to choose a healthy lifestyle, and to support friends who may be at risk.

Our Impact:

\$200,000+

Donated annually for scholarships and to Indian hospitals and schools

2 million

Patients helped annually at Vellore CMC Hospital

500

Students educated daily at Scudder schools in India

400

Patients treated daily at Scudder Memorial Hospital

Check Out Our Website

There's always something new on our website (thescudderfoundation.org). We've upgraded it in several ways in the last few months to include more current news and features and more videos. You'll like what you see.

Follow us on Social Media

Stay up to date on our foundation's latest activities through social media. Follow "The Scudder Association Foundation" on Facebook and LinkedIn, and "scudderassociation" on Instagram to see the life-saving and life-enhancing work being done by our Indian institutions and here at home.



New website: thescudderfoundation.org

Social media: instagram: [scudderassociation](https://www.instagram.com/scudderassociation) (The Scudder Association)

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