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Newsletter

Indian American Cancer Network (IACAN)

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Greetings from Indian American Cancer Network. IACAN is happy to welcome a new board member, Mrs. Vibhuti Shah.

The members of IACAN have been busy planning for exciting and informative educational activities for the year 2017. One of the goals for this year is to have programs in collaboration with other organizations established in Houston. We hope to serve the community better by holding educational events at different venues such as Meenakshi Temple, Arya Samaj and Ashtalakshmi Temple besides India House.

On February 18, 2017, IACAN had a successful



outreach program on "Everything you want to know about breast cancer". This program was an outcome of

the collaborative effort of IACAN and Sneha Hastam, a non-profit organization from Katy. Dr. Julie Nangia, Assistant professor and director of the Breast Cancer Prevention and High risk clinic and one of IACAN's Advisory Board Members had done a wonderful



presentation on Breast Cancer. The question and answer session took longer than expected as many in the audience had several

important questions which were answered by Dr. Nangia to their satisfaction.

IACAN is deeply involved in helping with the bone marrow registration in Indian community. As the number of people of Indian origin are increasing in USA, the requirement for bone marrow donors is also increasing. IACAN, along with Gaytri Kapoor of Be the Match Program, has been busy registering people at community gatherings in Arya Samaj, ISKCON and Gurdwara to name a few.

Upcoming Activities:

IACAN is happy to announce a wonderful program for our survivors and their care givers. Mrs. Suma Mudan, a Fort Bend County Master Gardener, has graciously agreed to do a presentation on "Reliable Plants for Houston Area".

Also, we will have an outreach program on Breast Cancer in University of Houston - Clear Lake. Details about this program will be announced soon.

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