Annual Report of the Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Guwahati Chapter for the year 2014-15

The Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Guwahati Chapter was founded in August’2012 and was registered under the Societies registration Act.XXI of 1960 on 24th August’2012. The Guwahati Chapter is the youngest chapter among the 20 chapters of the Country. The Guwahati Chapter is affiliated to both the National as well as the International body.

The founder members of the society are –

1. Dr.(Mrs.) AjayaMahanta –President
2. Dr.DipeshBhagabati- Secretary
3. Sri PrashantaGoswami – Vice-President
4. Sri RajkamalBhuyan – Treasurer
5. SmtiGayatri Bhattacharya
6. Sri BiswadipBarooah
7. Sri PadmapaniMahanta
8. Sri PrabinCh.Acharya
9. Sri Kaushik Das (Since deceased)
10. Sri KironChBaruah

By the year 2015 the total number of members increased and at present we have 27 Life Members and 11 Annual Members.

As we near the end of the session, our membership goals become more and more important. The new life members in the year 2014-15 are

Smti.Giti Buzorbaruah
Shri Subhabrata Sarmah
Shri Prasanta Kumar Das
Smti. PoonamAnnad
Dr. (Smti.) Dola Deka
Dr. (Smti.)Renu Shinghania
Dr. Biswajit Paul
Dr.(Smti.) Neelakshi Mahanta
Dr.(Smti.) Ankumoni Saikia

Activities of the Society –

ARDSI Guwahati Chapter celebrated the World Alzheimer’s Day on Sunday the 21st September 2014 by organizing a WALKATHON and STREET PLAY at the Latasil Playground, Uzanbazar, Guwahati.
Three senior members of the ARDSI, Guwahati Chapter represented the Society at the 17th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Alzheimer’s Disease International held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 07-09th November 2014

Interactive Session with Professor Peter Whitehouse, MD, PhD (Psychology) and MA (Bioethics), Cleveland, US; strong propagator of inter-generational care was conducted with the members of the ARDSI, Guwahati Chapter as well as many prominent invitees on Sunday the 5th April, 2015 at the Auditorium of the Dispur Hospital. In brief, Peter is currently a Professor at Case Western Reserve University and one of the best-known Alzheimer's experts in the world. A geriatric neurologist, cognitive neuroscientist, and "global" bioethicist, Dr. Whitehouse is the founder of the University Alzheimer Center (now the University Memory and Aging Center) at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals Case Medical Center. His pioneering work has been internationally-recognized and led to an understanding of how the brain is affected by what he used to call Alzheimer's disease, and to the development of current drugs for the condition, and his most recent work includes ethics, integrative health care, and quality of life. Dr. Whitehouse's clinical practice is built around the power of stories to assist those with ageing associated cognitive challenges. He is a founder with his wife of The Intergenerational School - an innovative, successful urban public school in Cleveland.

Another landmark event in the history of the ARDSI, Guwahati in the year 2015 was the opening of the RITA BARUA MEMORIAL MEMORY CLINIC, at Silpukhuri, Guwahati on Sunday the 18th January, 2015.

ARDSI Guwahati chapter though is still in its infancy, it has been able to perform well not only at national level but also internationally with the successful holding of the national conference. But, there is a long long way to go. Dr.(Mrs) AjayaMahanta as the President of the society has been giving excellent leadership. Shri Prashanta Goswami, Vice-President with his penchant for work till late at night has taken over most of the responsibilities of the Secretary.

ARDSI, Guwahati Chapter is small, but has big goals, bigger hearts, and lots of things to do for ARDSI & society at large! Membership is crucial for success in any society; even more so in the small Guwahati chapter. There are so many projects that need our help, and getting our fellow residents involved will make our goals a reality. Whatever has been performed has been due to the team effort of all the members. The Society would like to request all to make efforts to introduce more members.

Long live ARDSI Guwahati

Lakshya J Basumatary
Secretary, ARDSI Guwahati
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