

HOPE NEWS

SUMMER 2015

Walsh Fellow Named to Expand HOPE's Work in Southeast Asia

Laxmikant Palo, Ph.D., has been named a Walsh Fellow. This is wonderful news! And it shows just how much impact HOPE alumni are having around the world.

The Alumni Association board approved Dr. Palo's fellowship in its April 2015 board meeting and disbursed funds from the Association's William B. Walsh, M.D. Endowment to help underwrite the salary for the new position of Regional Director for Southeast Asia — the position Dr. Palo will hold.

Dr. Palo takes his place beside another recent Walsh Fellow, Judith Moore. You can see a report prepared by Judith on the health care of factory workers in Cambodia at projecthope.org/healthworksreport.

As a Walsh Fellow, Dr. Palo will be based in India and direct current programs, as well as coordinate fundraising and new program and partnership development. Dr. Palo has diverse experience as a program leader and manager. He has also served as a technical advisor of public health, maternal

and newborn health, nutrition and food security programs across a range of international organizations such as Save the Children, USAID, PATH India and IntraHealth International.

Join us in wishing Dr. Palo all the best in his exciting new venture. **HOPE**



Join all of us in congratulating Dr. Palo for being named a Walsh Fellow. He'll be doing great work in Southeast Asia.

Mark Your Calendar!

2016 Alumni Reunion

October 7-8 in Washington, D.C.



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Alumni Association board members assembled in Millwood, VA, for the meeting held in April. The Association board is here for you.

More News from the Alumni Association Board Meeting

In addition to Dr. Palo's Walsh Fellowship, the board meeting of the Alumni Association in April 2015 was the scene for some important announcements.

Funding from Bill Kooiman Fund

More than 30 volunteers on two 2015 Navy missions will receive funding of \$10,000 from the Bill Kooiman Volunteer Travel Fund. This was approved at the April 2015 meeting of the Alumni Association board.

Project HOPE History Project Moves Forward

At the alumni board meeting, Association Vice President Debbie Reister and Bill Walsh, Jr., presented the almost completed document on HOPE's Health Care Management Program in Central and Eastern Europe, which has included collaboration with program participants and HOPE alumni Professor Arnold Kaluzny and William Pierskalla, Ph.D.

In addition, Nancy Savage and Dorothy Aeschliman reported on the "History of HOPE Nursing Programs in China." This presentation was given at the International Council of Nursing meeting in Seoul, Korea, on June 22.

2014 HOPE Volunteers of the Year

The Association's board meeting was scheduled to coincide with the National Recognition of Volunteers. Awards were presented to Corporate Fellow, Fabian Immick (representing the Medtronic team), Can-Tu Tran, M.D. (Bronze), Janet Kinney, M.D. (Silver) and Grace Deveney, RN, MPH (Gold). Runners-up Eva Chang, Sharon Redding, RN, EdD, CNE and Linda Rice, RN, MSN, were given mention.

Dedication of the Dr. Eldon E. Ellis Tree

A beautiful dogwood was dedicated during the association board meeting on the grounds of Carter Hall in memory of Dr. Eldon E. Ellis for his dedication to HOPE as a thoracic surgeon on SS HOPE missions to Peru, Ecuador and Guinea, and as past President of the Alumni Association.



Alumni Association board members at the dedication ceremony at Carter Hall for the Dr. Eldon Ellis tree, a symbol of Dr. Ellis's dedication to HOPE.

Alumni Remembrances

This is where HOPE Alumni share their thoughts and feelings about this organization that we love. Take a moment now for fellowship with other HOPIES.

Bill Layden transitioned from Grace Lines to HOPE in 1971. He retired as budget director after 28 years in HOPE's finance division. "The people of HOPE were always great to work with, whether stationed at headquarters or overseas, and it was fun to be able to assist in helping them. To be a HOPIE is truly meaningful and rewarding to me and my family." Bill Layden is currently the chair of the finance committee for the alumni board of directors.

Jack Kelley, M.D., was chief of surgery for two months on the SS HOPE in Maceio (1974). "I liked the idea that our work was not a temporary fix, but rather to establish a medical community that would remain after the SS HOPE departed. I hear that the hospital in Maceio is now a thriving, well-respected medical center. HOPE for me was a life-changing experience." Following this experience, "I decided I would make a habit of being a volunteer surgeon where needed in the world. Several times, our entire family would be involved, and everyone, including the children, had a job to do."



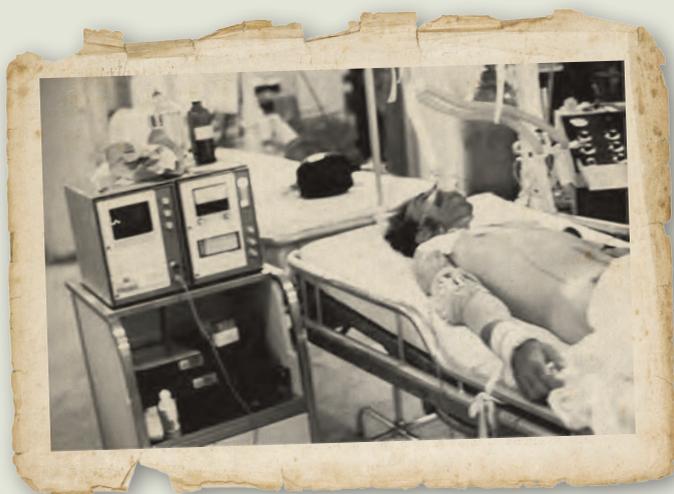
Esther with Rajah, a boy in Ceylon who was born without ears. It's 1968. Caring for him touched her so much that she remembers Rajah to this day.

Esther Pierce Kooiman, RN, Immediate Past President of the HOPE Alumni Association. Esther's first of many experiences with HOPE was as a pediatric nurse on the SS HOPE in Ceylon in 1968. "It was a year that changed my life more than I ever could have expected," she says. "It had a great impact on my professional life, as I was assigned a counterpart Ceylonese nurse who worked the same schedule as me, so that we could learn from one another over the entire 10 months." Between voyages, Esther married Bill Kooiman, the ship's Chief Purser, and later adopted a newborn infant, Jenness Anne, when the ship was in Maceio, Brazil.

One of Esther's fondest HOPE memories from her time in Ceylon: She was caring for a boy named Rajah who was born without ears or ear canals. "The attached photo is of Rajah and me the evening following surgery to open the ear canals. While playing with a jack-in-the-box, I noticed he startled and then smiled. I realized that he had heard the music of the jack-in-the box while he was cranking the handle."

Esther's husband, Bill, returned to Ceylon on business in 1978. While walking out of the port area, a taxi driver ran up to him yelling, "HOPE ship, HOPE ship!"

"There are many memories of our wonderful experiences," Esther says.



Dr. Kelley implanted a pacemaker in a Brazilian patient — a first-time occurrence on the SS HOPE.

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NEPAL EARTHQUAKE: PROJECT HOPE AT WORK

The rubble from crumbled buildings, the despairing faces of people living under tarps, the potential disease outbreaks that could kill thousands more. In the midst of utter devastation, Project HOPE is saving lives.

So far, we have:

- Rushed over \$7 million of medicine and medical supplies, including antibiotics — vital for subduing disease outbreaks. 50,661 patients benefitted.
- Placed an expert on the ground to ensure that the medicine and medical supplies we sent are properly managed.
- Deployed a Project HOPE task force of disaster relief experts.
- Sent Project HOPE doctors and nurses to ground zero to care for 1,522 patients. Volunteers have contributed 2,256 total hours of service.

This is a comprehensive five-part response, but more still needs to be done to prevent disease outbreaks, treat and heal those with injuries, and show the people of Nepal that we're there for them in this crisis.

Thanks to supporters like you, Project HOPE will keep working and keep caring. **HOPE**

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GET INVOLVED to MAKE HOPE HAPPEN!

It's this simple: When you join iHOPE, you run, walk, ride or swim, and help

deliver medical care into poverty zones around the world. Become a Project HOPE team member today to make HOPE happen for vulnerable boys and girls, men and women ... one step at a time. To take part, visit ihopeteam.org today!



HOPIES Unite! Stay in Touch

Stay connected with HOPE. Our website is updated on a regular basis, and we will continue sending emails with all the latest news. If you have news to share or updated contact information, please reach out to our Alumni liaison, Brooke Herndon, at bherndon@projecthope.org.

HOPE Remembers

The Alumni Association expresses its condolences to the families and friends of Elizabeth A. Hudspeth, RN, medical surgical nurse, Peru; Craig B. Leman, MD, general surgeon in Peru and Guinea; Dr. Van Kirke Nelson, Obstetrics and Gynecology in Cameron County, Texas; George T. Fraley, DDS in Natal, Brazil; Gerald L. Haines, neurosurgeon in Nicaragua and Maceio, Brazil; Dr. Richard Satran, neurosurgeon in Natal, Brazil.

Join our Facebook Group

Connect, Reconnect and Stay in Touch



The Project HOPE Alumni Association Group is up and running, and we want you to join. To access the site, please go to the HOPE web page at projecthope.org, click on "Get Involved" and then "Connect with Alumni." Use the Facebook group to reconnect with old friends, share photos and communicate about upcoming alumni events and happenings.

✂ CLIP ALONG THE DOTTED LINE, AND RETURN WITH YOUR GIFT OF SUPPORT.

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 - The Bill Kooiman Fund, supporting volunteer travel.

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