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Hello Everyone

February conference is now behind us and we are now looking forward to the next one in Wellington 2008. A special thanks to Manukau Indian Association and its women's group for hosting a wonderful conference.

Elections

The Women's Committee elected at NZICA conference in Rotorua in April 2007 is Puspa Leginwala 09 6279-693, Champa Patel 09 631-0009, and Mona Patel 09 238-4729

Congratulations to the new President of NZICA, Mr Ratilal Champaneri, Vice President Mr Paul Bains, Secretary Mr Veer Khar, Assistant Secretaries Manmohan Kaur and Nimmi Bedi (a women on the panel – absolutely fabulous) and Treasurer Manjit Singh.

Most Mahila Samaj will be having their AGM and elections shortly. Once elections have taken place, please forward details of President's name and executive officers with contact details including email addresses. This information can be posted or emailed to me.

Legal Assistance

At the last conference I mentioned that Indian Government had agreed to provide assistance for legal services to women deserted by Overseas Indian Spouses. Women's Refuge Groups or Lawyers can apply to High Commission of India for this assistance (up to \$1,000 US per case). If you know of anyone requiring this assistance – please inform them of this process.

Evaluation Forms

The Committee has been looking at the evaluation forms completed at the Women's Conference. Some of the suggested topics such as Retirement, Ageing Parents, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease, Domestic Violence, Obesity and Diet, Breast Cancer etc have been covered in previous conferences. Anyone wanting contact details or information on these topics can contact me or any committee member.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will be out in October/November 2007 with details of the next conference. Anyone wishing to submit an article can forward it to me. Articles to be limited to approx 200 words and is subject to approval of the committee and its discretion whether the article should be printed.

That's all for now. Keep your suggestions and comments coming in. Remember

Happiness keeps you sweet, Trials keep you strong, Sorrows keep you human, Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you glowing, Remember you are so special.

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