

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thomas E. Loncar, M.D.

I am sure by now everyone has learned of Dr. Kishen Menda's sudden death. Everyone who knew Dr. Menda knew he was a superb internist and a dedicated scholar. Most who knew him also knew what a fine human being he was. He was profoundly devoted to his family. He freely gave of himself to friends and was tireless in caring for his patients.

Dr. Menda served on the Society Executive Board for many years. During his stint as Medical Society President, the society was rejuvenated and the membership increased considerably in size.

I feel tremendous personal grief at Dr. Menda's passing. A void will exist in me that will never be filled. My only comfort comes from the pride I feel in counting myself as one of Dr. Menda's many friends.

Kishen had a delightful, irreverent sense of humor. He had an uncanny ability of ferreting out pomposity and exposing it to those less perceptive. Despite the fact that his sense of humor was capable of being a tremendous foil, Dr. Menda certainly never used it in a petty or malicious manner. In fact, more often than not, he would focus his humor on himself.

Dr. Menda would insist on justice and fairness rather than expedience. His integrity was impeccable. These characteristics frequently placed him on the side of the underdog and at loggerheads with the powers that be. Almost always he prevailed. Not only because of his strength, but because of his keen insight into human behavior.

I know everyone joins me in extending sincere and profound condolences to Dr. Menda's family. He made a difference. He will be missed.

IN MEMORIAM

KISHEN MENDA, M.D.
1943 - 1991

EDITOR'S PAGE

Alex Frazer, M.D.

As this issue of the "Bulletin" goes to press, we note, sadly, the passing of one of our own, Dr. Kishen Menda. He will be greatly missed by both patients and colleagues.

Further tributes (and there will be many), are best left to those who were privileged enough to work more closely with him than I.

His passing, however, reminds us of the ephemerality of our own private and professional lives. Too often, in many ways often stressed on these very pages, we focus narrowly upon the mechanics of doing what it is that we do on a daily basis. As such we often times lose sight of the simple joy that comes from assisting in the restoration of the health of our patients. Instead, we become locked in a day to day struggle with the bean counters who seek continuously to interject themselves into patient care decisions.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves, then to the joyful art of medicine, remembering that all too easily this pleasure, also may be denied us.



★ NOTICE ★

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 20, 1991

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: MEDICAL SOCIETY (ROOM 1)

NOTE: Board Meetings have been changed to the "THIRD TUESDAY" of each month.