



GOTC TORONTO 2018



21 - 24 June

THE NORTH AMERICAN ALUMNI REUNION OF THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

A celebration like no other!

Many of you are regulars and need no introduction to the annual reunion of the North American alumni of CMC Vellore also called the GOTC. Most of you have at least heard about it. What is less known is that the GOTC is open to **all alumni** that include, allied health, medical and nursing.

So, here's an invitation to all in north America or anywhere in the world. You would have been told that this is like no other reunion anywhere and that's just about accurate. Come and be part of it once and you'll feel like doing it year after year.

Then you have the city of Toronto that's the most diverse city in the world with stacks of surprises. It's almost impossible for you not to find a friend or relative here!



The Hosts

Sudi, Asha, George, Susan, VT, Anna N. Ponna and Anna T will be your hosts in Toronto.



The Venue

The Toronto Hilton Markham Suites



Theme: BAGAYAM

In Toronto, we'll be trekking back to that village and campus that enshrines the domain of our golden memories.

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Program

PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 3PM THURSDAY AND DEPART AROUND 12 NOON SUNDAY

THURSDAY

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|---------|--|--------------------|
| 3:00 PM | - Check in | - Markham Foyer |
| 5:00 PM | - Rehearsals: Choir & Entertainment | - Markham Ballroom |
| 5:00 PM | - Eden Garden Welcome Yoga | - Zen Garden |
| 6:00 PM | - Common Room Party: Welcome, Dinner & Winners | - Markham Ballroom |

FRIDAY

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|----------|--|-------------------------|
| 6:00 AM | - College Hill Sunrise Yoga | - Zen Garden |
| 6:30 AM | - Breakfast | - Essence of Unionville |
| 8:00 AM | - CME Category I: Module 1 | - Markham Ballroom |
| 9:00 AM | - Special Sessions | - Break Out Room |
| 12:15 PM | - Lunch | - Boxed, Picnic |
| 1:00 PM | - Picnic on the Palaar | - Lake Ontario |
| 6:00 PM | - Rehearsals: Choir and Entertainment | - Markham Ballroom |
| 6:00 PM | - Eden Garden Sunset Yoga | - Zen Garden |
| 7:00 PM | - Carnival Nite: Games, Entertainment, Dinner, Dance | - Markham Ballroom |

SATURDAY

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| 6:00 AM | - College Hill Sunrise Yoga | - Zen Garden |
| 6:30 AM | - Breakfast | - Essence of Unionville |
| 8:00 AM | - CME Category I: Module 2 | - Markham Ballroom |
| 11:15 AM | - North American Alumni Association Meeting | - Markham Ballroom |
| 12:30 PM | - Lunch | - On your own |
| 1:00 PM | - Class Picnic: CN Tower/ROM/Matinee (choice) | - Downtown Toronto |
| 5:30 PM | - Photographs | - Zen Garden |
| 6:30 PM | - Silver and Blue Banquet | - Markham Ballroom |

SUNDAY

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| 6:00 AM | - College Hill Sunrise Yoga | - Zen Garden |
| 6:30 AM | - Breakfast | - Essence of Unionville |
| 8:30 AM | - Sunken Gardens Service | - Markham Ballroom |

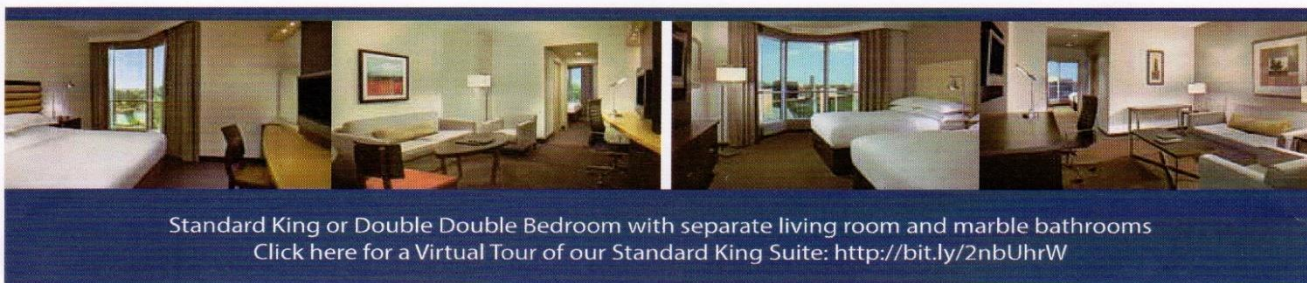
Reservations



THE HILTON TORONTO MARKHAM SUITES



Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa
welcomes CMC Vellore North American Alumni Reunion June 21-24, 2018



Special Guestroom Rate of \$169 CAN per suite per night

An all-suite hotel offering standard 430 sq. ft. standard king or double double bedroom suites with separate bedroom and living room with pull out sofa bed and marble bathroom.

All standard suites feature a large desk area with ergonomic chair, complimentary wired high speed and basic wireless internet access, mini fridge, coffee maker and two flat screen televisions.

Inclusions

- Overnight parking
- Breakfast buffet for two at our Essence of Unionville restaurant (additional breakfast at \$15 per person)

Additional Amenities

- Heated indoor pool, whirlpool and steam room
- Complimentary access to Unionville Athletics Club with towel service, group classes, cycle studio and weight room
- Complimentary local newspaper
- Complimentary local and toll-free calls

8500 Warden Avenue Markham ON L6G 1A5 | www.torontomarkham.hilton.com | 905-470-8500

Reservation Link:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/Y/YYZAPHF-3CMC-20180621/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration



INSTRUCTIONS

- Please print the form on page 5 and fill out legibly. You **cannot** fill this form electronically.
- All members of your family, including children above 5 years need to be registered. Indicate adult or child in 'AD/CH' field
- For the Saturday afternoon outing, only one choice is possible per head (CN Tower, ROM, Matinee).
- The filled in form with the payment must be sent to the address on the cut away label on the right. This is only for **registration, food and trips** and should be received before Friday, May 04, 2018. A 10% late charge will apply thereafter. The **activities (golf and tennis)** charges will be collected separately.
- All charges are given in **Canadian and US dollars**. You may choose the most suitable currency. Make the payment through an **MICR encoded cheque or bank draft** in **Canadian or US \$s** in favour of **Thomas P Thurairatnam**. To buffer exchange rate fluctuations and bank fees, we have set the rate at **US \$ = 1.21 Canadian \$s**. **Please see page 8 for wire transfer instructions if MICR encoded cheques/drafts are not available.**
- The 'NAME TAG' field is the name you are usually known by or nick name. The year refers to when you joined an **undergraduate course** (Nursing, Medicine, Allied Health) in **CMC Vellore** only. Others can leave it blank. Use separate sheet if party includes more than four individuals.
- There are limited number of volunteer drivers to bring in seniors and those requiring assistance. Please indicate in the field 'SNR TRANSPORT'. Please remember to provide a cell phone contact.

Please note age categories where applicable: Infant/toddler - <5y (free), Child 5 - 11y; Senior - >65. All trips include transport.

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CANADA



| FEES IN CANADIAN AND US \$ | Can | US |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Family Registration | \$223 | \$184 |
| Single registration | \$139 | \$115 |
| Food per head | \$235 | \$194 |
| Food per head - Child | \$155 | \$128 |
| Tall Ship Kajama Cruise | \$24 | \$20 |
| Tall Ship Kajama Cruise - Child | \$18 | \$15 |
| CN Tower† | \$51 | \$42 |
| CN Tower – Child† | \$41 | \$34 |
| CN Tower – Senior† | \$45 | \$37 |
| Royal Ontario Museum † | \$32 | \$26 |
| Royal Ontario Museum - Child † | \$28 | \$23 |
| Royal Ontario Museum - Senior † | \$30 | \$25 |
| Matinee Orchestra Seats † | \$123 | \$102 |

† Individuals may choose only one of these as they run concurrently



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| FOOD | | ADULT | | CHILD | | VEG | | ALLERGIES | | | | |
| CRUISE | | ADULT | | CHILD | | | | PARTICIPATION, REQUESTS, CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | |
| CN TOWER ♦ | | ADULT | | CHILD | | SNR | | ENTERTAINMENT | | TENNIS(FEES) | | |
| ROM ♦ | | ADULT | | CHILD | | SNR | | CHOIR | | GOLF (FEES) | | |
| MATINEE ♦ | | | | | | | | | FANCY DRESS | | YOGA | |
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| COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SIGNATURE: | | | | | | IMPORTANT: It is helpful if you register, double check your fees and make your payments early. Please note that refunds will not be possible as payments to vendors have to be made in advance. | | | | | | |
| NAME: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DATE | | Y | Y | Y | Y | M | M | D | D | MAIL (BEFORE MAY 4, 2018 TO: THOMAS P THURAIRATNAM, 32 BRAY DRIVE, AJAX, ON L1T3L8, CANADA | | |

Travel Guide



AIRPORTS

The **Toronto Pearson Airport** is well connected to most cities in the world and is a 25 minutes' drive to the hotel. Check all amenities at:

<https://www.torontopearson.com/#>.

The **Billy Bishop City Airport** is a smaller airport situated in the Toronto Island just south of the shores of downtown. It's a 30-minute drive to the Hilton. <https://www.flyporter.com/en/about-porter/billy-bishop-toronto-city-centre-airport>

HIGHWAYS

Being Canada's largest city, Toronto is reachable by road from all directions. The Macdonald Cartier Freeway (401, the busiest highway in North America) runs east west through the city and highway 400 brings in the traffic from the north. From the USA the closest border is at Niagara which is about 150 minutes away on the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW). A toll route, Highway 407 may make part of the journey faster.

HOTEL

The **Hilton Toronto Markham Suites** is a fabulous hotel in a great location. It has a reputation for hosting many successful events such as ours and have been known for their cultural and ethnic sensitivities.

GROUND TRANSPORT

We have negotiated a deal with **Aeroport Taxi & Limousine Services** for Airport to Hotel and return trips for all inclusive charge of \$67 and \$57 respectively. 1-800-465-3434, +1 416-255-2211, +1 905-624-2424. Uber is not available out of airport.

Seniors could also avail of the limited free volunteer driver program. You will have to book early at +1 416 882 4237 (on the date of arrival will be too late). **Your cell phone contact is mandatory.**

WEATHER

Toronto is comfortable in June. A light sweater is recommended at night. Average June Temperatures: 25°/15° Celsius; 77°/59° Fahrenheit

Other Stuff



DRESS

The **'Common Room Party'** is free for all and your cool night clothes or dapper lounge wear would do.

Remember to have 'Desi' outfits for the **'Carnival Nite'** on Friday.

Pack specially for the **'Silver and Blue Banquet'** on Saturday where all are expected to be in formal/semi formal in the college colours of silver and blue. Black, white and gray are acceptable as well.

Please see 'FANCY DRESS' below

BOUTIQUE BAGAYAM

This is a new venture to show case our talent in music and craft. Please get in touch with us if you have CDs, paintings or handicrafts to contribute. The proceeds will be earmarked for the 'Medical Alumni Health Care Assistance Fund' in CMC Vellore.

FANCY DRESS

On Friday we have the **'Personae Bagayame'** fancy dress competition. You have an opportunity to be one of the characters in Bagayam. The website, <http://vellore-gotc.com> has some suggestions.

ENTERTAINMENT

If you wish to participate, indicate in the registration form and contact Kalyani Premkumar: kalyani.premkumar@usask.ca. Please note we have limited slots.

TRIPS

The *Kajama* tall ship 'Picnic on the Palar', Lake Ontario cruise with music, bites and beverages will be on Friday at 1 :30 PM. The vessel has a capacity of 225. Book early!

Remember to make an individual choice of one for the Saturday afternoon options of 'Class Picnics'.

Only 50 seats are blocked for the matinee **'Come from Away'**. All payments include transport

ACTIVITIES

Swimming and Yoga are free of cost. Golf and Tennis are paid activities. Please contact Ravi George: rkgeorge13@aol.com

ACCESSIBILITY

The hotel and all areas within are accessible. The trip locations are also wheelchair and walker friendly. If special assistance is required please contact us.

General Contact: vellorealumni@doctor.com. +1 416 882 4237.

Book early to avoid being left out! Limited spaces for some events!

DETAILED PROGRAM WILL BE SENT TO REGISTRANTS CLOSER TO THE DATE

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