



The Scudder Newsletter

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2024 SCUDDER FALLS Reunion & Annual Mtg

Oct 18-20, 2024, in Bucks County, PA.



This is going to be a very special occasion.

Here's what you can look forward to.

Great food, drink, and celebration with delightful people in a beautiful environment.

A joyful reunion with Scudders and a chance to meet wonderful relatives you may not know you had and ones you've not seen for a long time.

A greater knowledge of the Scudder family's 400-year United States history.

The latest news from India.

Please join us.

Factoid: Dr. Ida S. Scudder (1870-1960), the founder of CMC Vellore, was a third generation medical missionary in India who wanted to improve the plight of Indian women. In two years she treated 5,000 patients.

Travel to the Reunion is Easy

Plane, train, bus, or car. Take your pick.

PLANE: Newark Airport. Service from around the world. A New Jersey Transit train at the airport goes directly to the Trenton Transit Center (TTC)



Trenton-Mercer Airport. Non-stop jet service to Trenton on Frontier Airlines.

TRAIN: Fast and frequent service to Trenton.

GROUND: Short taxi ride from TTC or Trenton Airport to Reunion headquarters.

BUS: Many routes to TTC from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

CAR: Easy access via Interstate, turnpike, and excellent local roads.

BOAT: Only if you travel by canoe or kayak. Not recommended.

Factoid: The Foundation donates \$200,000 a year for scholarships and to Indian hospitals and schools.

Greetings from the President



Much has happened since the election of new officers of the Foundation last October.

We've professionalized our management functions and reduced outsourcing costs.

Our bylaws and standing rules have been revised and updated.

We've increased our membership and communication effectiveness with a beautiful new website, regular informational emails, and the re-institution of the newsletter.

And our social media presence has been upgraded and increased.

All the while we've maintained our support for the Scudder schools and hospitals our family founded in India.

It's been a very busy and productive year. Join us at our annual meeting and reunion to learn more. And check out the new website at scudder.org. © SAF

An Evening of Fun, Games, Friendship, and History



By Megan Coleman, SAF Board Member

The Scudder Association Foundation meeting and reunion dinner in New Hope, PA, on October 19 is going to be a very special one.

The location, river view, and facilities are stunningly beautiful. The restaurant, River House at Odette's, offers some of the finest cuisine and service in eastern Pennsylvania. Thanks to a Foundation subsidy, the cost is only \$50 per person.

Over dinner we'll hear brief reports on our India projects from John Riehl, President of the CMC Foundation and Jack Scudder Gilmar, Board Member and India Grants Chair.

There will be games and prizes related to Scudder family history, and attendees will get to mingle and chat with SAF board members and relatives over dinner. Pictures of our family members in India over the years will adorn the tables.

And you'll love what's in the swag bags.

We'll get acquainted over drinks at 5:00, and have dinner at 6:30.

Be there. This one is too good to miss.

Fond Memories



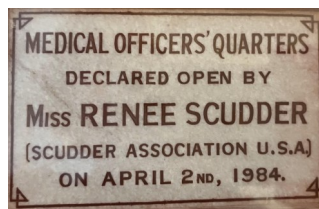
By Renee Scudder, SAF Board Member

I grew up hearing about the work of our Scudder family in India, always inspired by their commitment to help people in need, working alongside devoted Indian colleagues.

As a young psychology intern in 1984, I traveled to CMC Vellore and worked at Nambikkai Nilayam, a center for the evaluation and training of children with intellectual disabilities.

Nambikkai Nilayam, a Tamil phrase, means "center of hope." It was and remains just that.

While there, I also represented the Scudder Association at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Medical Officers' Quarters at Scudder Memorial Hospital in Ranipet.



Nambikkai Nilayam is now larger, focusing on neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism, cerebral palsy, and other learning disabilities.

Our work in India is as relevant today as ever. And as satisfying.

Twice a Scudder, one of our historian's favorite ancestors



GENERAL WILLIAM SCUDDER STRYKER

By Margery Boyden, SAF Historian

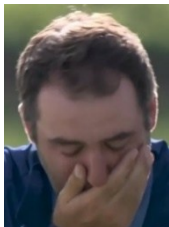
One of Trenton's most respected Scudders was Gen. William Scudder Stryker, veteran of the Civil War. In one battle, "he was dispatched with orders to a distant point. The way was swept by a storm of shot and shell from the rebel batteries, but [he] calmly galloped through it all, delivered his message, and returned in safety," while thousands on both sides breathlessly watched his bravery.

He was named Adjutant-General of New Jersey on April 12, 1867. He served in that office for over thirty-three years until his death on 29 October 1900. In 1898, he published his monumental work, *The Battles of Trenton and Princeton*. From 1884, as President of the Trenton Battle Monument Association, he oversaw the erection of the monument, dedicated 19 October 1893.

Read much more about him in our Summer 2024 Journal at <https://scudder.org/general-william-scudder-stryker-made-history-and-wrote-history/>.

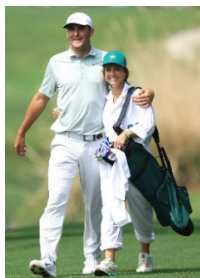
Scudders Celebrate in Paris

For our Scudder family, it was joy and joyful tears in Paris.



Scottie Scheffler, the world's top golfer, broke into tears as he accepted the golf gold medal in the Paris Olympics.

Among those celebrating the victory with him was his wife and Highland, Texas, high school sweetheart, the former Meredith Scudder.



A devoted wife, Meredith sometimes even carries his bags on the course.

Will Scudder, Champion Coach

Congratulations to Will Scudder of Bethlehem, PA, who led Lehigh University's lacrosse team to a league championship and national ranking in his first year as head coach.

Will is seen here with his father, Bill, and his infant son.



Beautiful Bucks County

Few places in America can match Bucks County for beauty.



The scenery is spectacular. In fact, Travel and Leisure magazine recently named it the number one fall foliage destination in the United States.

There are castles, wineries, beautiful historic buildings, vintage trains, stunning river and mountain views, white water rafting, and great hiking trails.

And there are a dozen covered bridges, ten of which you can drive across. It's a very special place.

Crossing the Delaware Today



If you're a Scudder, your name is on this bridge. It carries I-295 between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

We'll be crossing it as part of the Reunion's historic bus tour.

Why is it named after us? You'll find out on the tour.

Or get the answer from our new website: scudder.org.

News from India

SCUDDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Construction is nearly complete on a new staff headquarters building that will replace a leaky antiquated facility. The new buildings will house 16 doctors and nurses and their families.



CMC VELLORE. Newsweek recently cited it as the fourth best hospital in India and one of the 250 best in the world. It was founded by Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder in 1900.

WALTER SCUDDER SCHOOL.

Construction is moving ahead to complete the Gordon Sherman Boys Hostel. The facility will allow 90 boys from distant villages a chance to get the 11th and 12th grade education that will make them college-eligible and help them get good jobs.

ARNI SCHOOL. Arni is also now offering 11th and 12th grade classes thanks to a Foundation grant and a private donation. Students at Arni recently welcomed Jack Scudder Gilmar's family with a beautiful serenade.





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Welcome to the first edition of the reborn newsletter of the Scudder Association Foundation, established in 1912. The newsletter will bring Foundation members news of SAF's projects and events several times a year, along with interesting features about our Scudder cousins, ancestors, and Scudder history. If you're not a member, join now at scudder.org so you don't miss a single issue.

Reunion registration

Please register for the Reunion and Annual Meeting

scudder.org/reunion-registration

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