



UP TO DATE NEWS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

FRIENDS OF R.K.KHAN

A volunteer organization formed to assist patients, known as FORK under the leadership of Prof. Sankar, executive committee members and volunteers have come through for our patients.

The fundraising project undertaken in November 2003 was a success. FORKK organized and co-coordinated a Race Day at the Clairwood Park Racecourse. Proceeds from this day will be used for projects within the institution, to improve certain patient areas and the working environment of staff.

Groups of volunteers are also assisting with directing patients through Casualty and OPD.

Watch this space for future developments.

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Ante Natal staff "treat" expectant mothers to a Valentine's surprise

EDITORIAL

" Compliments of the season & how's the New Year" is the common greeting these days. I stop to wonder where the old year has gone.

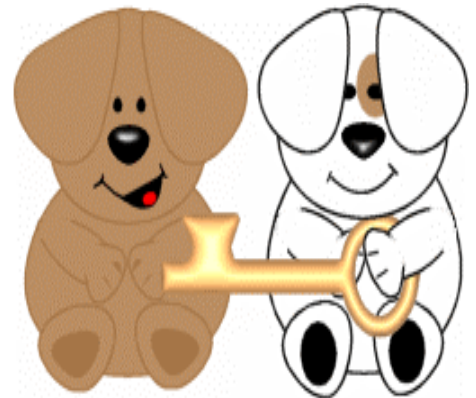
Welcome back to those of us that have survived shopping trolleys, long queues, parking spaces, visitors.... and ATMs that don't work. I am sure glad to be back to some semblance of normality, if normal is the norm at R.K.Khan.

My inspiration and motivation for 2004 was injected at the end of last year. An invitation to a Christmas tea by our cardiac patients (Happy Hearts) was all the motivation I need.

Rose who is a patient and as

also suffered personal tragedy really made me examine why we go on. Her talk was on the importance of loving one another, the spirit of teamwork and triumphing despite their illness and basically living life one day at a time. It was so simply put and delivered with such sincerity.

I wish many of us could have the opportunity to interact with this special group of patients to experience their warmth and positivity. Their praises for the staff of this hospital actually had me blushing, they are truly grateful. Please stop to thank yourselves for allowing these patients an extra lease in life.



*The Key To Friendship..
Is Not In The Hand You Hold,
But How You Hold The Hand.*

IN HEAVEN

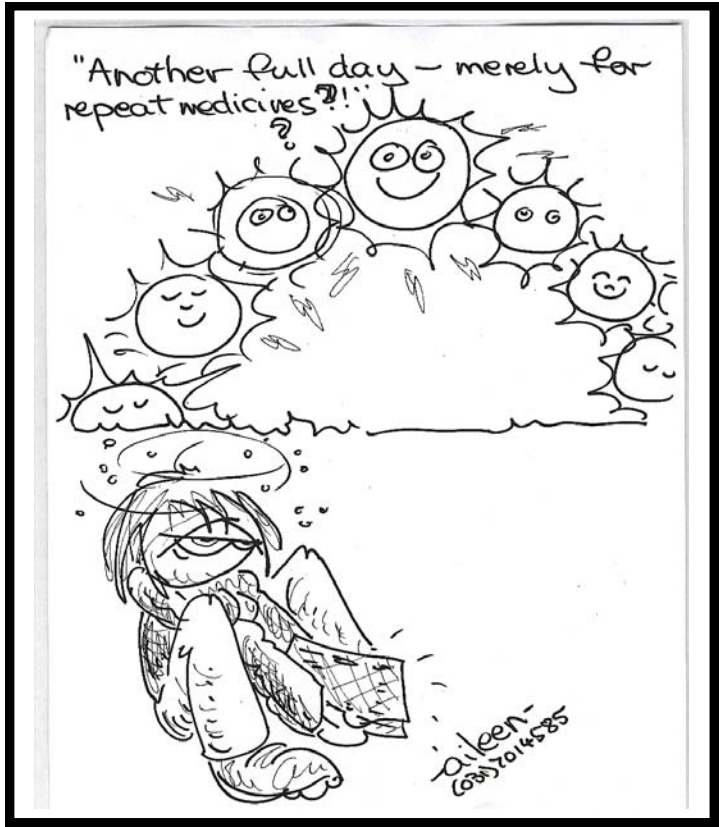
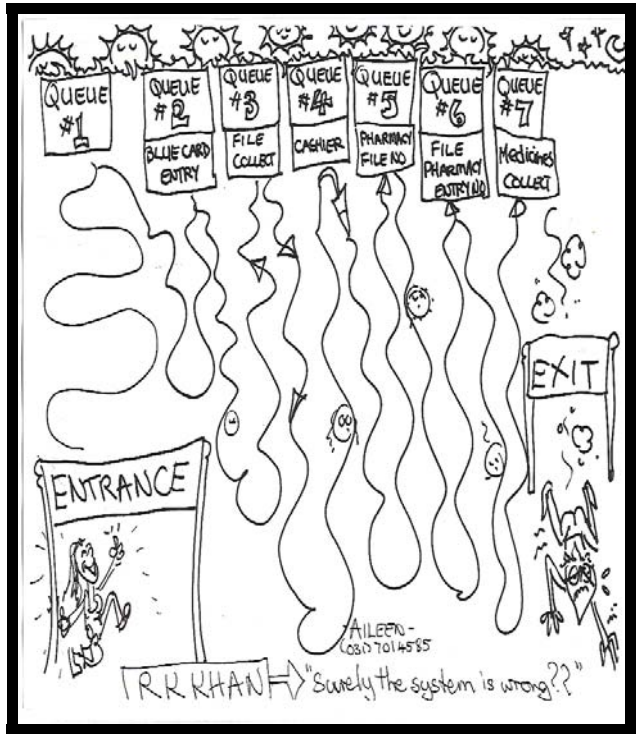
A doctor dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and checks him in. Once he's registered, St. Peter says to him, "Look at the time, you must be hungry! Heaven Cafeteria is serving lunch, why don't you get yourself something to eat?" The doctor goes to the cafeteria and notices the long line. He immediately cuts in at the front, only to hear loud protests. "I'm a doctor" he says, "I'm a busy man, I don't have time to wait in line."

The others say, "You're in heaven now, we're all the same here. Get to the back of the line and wait your turn!" A few weeks later, waiting patiently in line for lunch, the doctor notices a man dashing in wearing scrubs and a lab coat, with a stethoscope around his neck. He butts in at the head of the line and no one utters a word. "Hey," he says to the guy in front of him, "Who does that guy think he is?"

"Oh, that's God," says the

guy, "He likes to play doctor."





PATIENTS PERCEPTION OF OUR SERVICES!!!

COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR



**MISS R.SAMY
PROMOTED TO DEPUTY NURSE MANAGER 01/03/04**

An excellent achievement after 24 years of dedicated and loyal service. Matron Samy spent most of her nursing career in the Casualty Department. As a Regional Matron she states that her best years were in Quality Improvement. She is presently still overseeing this department. Under her able leadership we achieved success with the Price Waterhouse Coopers Good Governance Award.

Her vision for the future is to find innovative ways to reduce waiting time for patients, motivate staff to rekindle that commitment and passion for their noble profession and enhance job satisfaction.

She thanks her colleagues and staff for their support and hopes to continue working towards the upliftment of the hospital.



DAM FISH

There was a boy standing on a corner selling fish. He was saying, "Dam fish for sale, dam fish for sale."

A preacher walked up and asked why he was calling them dam fish. The kid said, "I caught them at the dam, so they're dam fish." The preacher bought some, took them home and asked his wife to cook the dam fish. His wife looked at him in bewilderment and said, "Preachers aren't supposed to talk like that." The preacher explained why they were dam fish, and she agreed to cook them. When dinner was ready and everyone was sitting down, the preacher asked his son to pass him the dam fish.

His son replied, "That's the spirit dad. Pass the f*?k**g potatoes!"



VISIT BY MR. AJAY SWARUP COUNSUL – GENERAL OF INDIA - 9 MARCH 2004

MR SWARUP AND HOSPITAL MANAGER DR.P.S.SUBBAN CHATTING WITH FELLOW COUNTRYMEN DR. SINGH (PAEDIATRICS)



MR DESAI SENIOR CONSULTANT CHATS WITH MR. SWARUP, DR K. GINWALA (DEPUTY MED.SUPERINTENDENT R.K.KHAN 1974) WITH MRS.F. NGIDI NURSE MANAGER



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**MR K.R. PADAYACHEE DONATED
A WHEELCHAIR
IN MEMORY OF HIS LATE WIFE MRS. JANAKIE
PADAYACEE**



**GUESTS: PROF. SANKAR, PROF R. GREEN
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KZN LEGISLATURE), DR K.V. MOODLEY
AND HOSPITAL MANAGER DR.P.S. SUB-
BAN**



**PROF.R.GREEN THOMPSON CHATTING TO
NURSES AT THE FUNCTION**

DONATION OF WHEELCHAIRS

Friends of R.K. Khan continue their support. 10 wheelchairs were donated by members of the community and certain business houses, through the efforts of the members of FORKK. These wheelchairs were handed over at a function on 18 March 2004 with Prof. R. Green Thompson and Lydia Johnson (MP KZN Legislature) as guests