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MEMBER UPDATES AND SNAPSHOTS OF KEY DEVELOPMENTS

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*Littera is the Latin word for Message*

# PASSIONATE RENU

## BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY

**Most of us only see the professional side of newly elected FIA President, Renu Chand. In this issue we get a glimpse of Renu the grand-daughter, mother and wife.**

Her entrepreneurial “Nani” (grandmother) was Renu’s role model whilst growing up in Nadi and later in Suva.

“She was a second generation daughter of indentured labourers that came from Nepal,” said Renu.

“My Nani was a child bride at the age of 10 years and did not receive an education as this was not an option. Despite the challenges, she achieved many milestones of one of which was the successful operation of a secondhand clothing shop in Nasese. She had entrepreneurial skills and vision for the start up of this second hand clothing business which is now a growing industry for SMEs in Fiji. She has always inspired me in the many qualities and her pursuit for educating her grandchildren.”

After attending Nadi Airport Primary School, Renu moved to Suva with her family where she went to Suva Grammar School and later the University of the South Pacific and University of Auckland.

While still in her third year of University she was offered a position as an Economist in a global petroleum company. At a crossroads, she decided on Accounting citing career progression and financial rewards as the reason. And she has never looked back.



RENU WITH HER FAMILY

Now the mother of three young women in various stages of their University degrees in New Zealand, Nani’s passion for family and hard work has not been lost on her grand-daughter.

Renu says being a stay-at-home mum was never an option for her.

“I was always going to work and balance my family priorities. I was fortunate to have employers both in Fiji and New Zealand that provided me with flexible working arrangements. I am also proud that our firm, KPMG provides flexible working conditions and a supportive environment to our working mothers which includes a private room for breast feeding. I guess being in a firm which is represented by three female partners, this should come as no surprise.

Passionate about Fiji’s diversity both in terms of people, and environment and resources Renu is positive about the role we can play to tap the potential which lies in these areas.

“On a recent trip, I had the opportunity to visit the interior of Viti Levu through the

Nausori Highlands and was amazed by the unspoilt terrains of our country.”

Though her Nani passed away at the age of 96 after a colourful and celebratory life, Renu continues to look up and heed the advice of loved ones, including her parents who told her, “Work hard and always help others.”

Her daughters Nandini, Surina and Raina probably meant Renu when they said, “Someone to look up to no matter how tall you grow,” even though their mum is the shortest in the family.

Nandini is in her fourth year of completing two degrees; a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Commerce. Surina is in her final year of completing a Bachelor of International Hospitality and Marketing Degree while Raina has commenced her first year in Medicine.

So how does Renu relax after a long working week?

“I enjoy staying at home where I read, swim, cook and eat comfort food!”

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

The new FIA Membership card was launched during the last Annual General Meeting held at Shagrila Fijian Resort & Spa on 23 May 2014.

Mr Nouzab Fareed, Chair of the Marketing, Website and Promotion said that "We have secured preferential rates and discount on a range of services and benefit exclusive to our members. At the moment, an agreement had been obtained from the following organisation:

- Courts - introduction of member benefits in the form of discounts of 5% on electrical items and 7.5% on furniture, carpets and sporting goods;
- Prouds/Motibhais - discount of 10% across the store except for electrical and select brands;
- Vinod Patel & Co. Ltd – discount of 10% on all purchases other than building materials;
- Tanoa Group of Hotels – discount of 10% on the best available date for room bookings and 15% off food and beverage prices.
- Tappoos - a variety of mixed discounts on purchases from Tappoos downtown or airport stores together with travel and car rental bookings.

"We wish to ensure that your membership gives you access to discount and complimentary services that matter to you most".

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### FINAL REMINDER

**Members who have not paid their subscription will be struck off the active list of membership and will not enjoy our services and benefits. Please contact the FIA Secretariat as soon as possible. Failure to pay annual subscriptions amounts to one not being in good standing membership.**

## RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr Ronesh Dayal and Mr Rana Pratap Singh had resigned from the Council.

Mr Dayal was appointed to the Council in May 2013. He chaired Journal Committee and was a member of the 2014 Congress Organising Committee and Awards Committee. He had taken up a new role in Papua New Guinea

Mr Singh was appointed to the Council in July 213 to take the role of Treasurer. He also chaired the Awards Committee.

"Mr Dayal and Mr Singh have made invaluable contribution during their short tenure at Council," said FIA President Mrs Renu Chand. "I wish them the best in their future endeavours".

## ADMISSIONS

***It is with pleasure that the Council announces the admission of the following members to the Institute in respective membership categories.***

### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Mr Sanket Kumar Bhavsar – PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Mr Kiran Jagdish Khatri – PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Ms Valerie Oi Lin Lum – Citizen's Constitutional Forum  
Ms Loi Turaga Mateiwai – C J Patel & Co  
Ms Nazmun Nisha – University of the South Pacific  
Ms Arishma Archana Kumar – Williams & Gosling Ltd  
Mr Primal Prasant Narayan – Reserve Bank of Fiji  
Mr Kunal Avinesh Kumar Reddy – Air Liquide Healthcare (Overseas member)  
Mr Andrew Moti Singh – Full Time Student (Overseas member)

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Mr Risiate Taleiserene Baba – Auditor General's Office  
Ms Unaisi Ranadi Namositava – Auditor General's Office  
Mr Krishneel Krishen Naresh – KPMG  
Ms Reshma Radhika Prasad – Public Rental Board  
Ms Amalaini Tikoduadua – Auditor General's Office  
Mr Raymond Pravindra Singh – Origin Energy Vanuatu Ltd (Overseas applicant)  
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Mr Kusitino Dia Ratumainaceva – Ministry of Finance  
Mr Livai Duguca Tuvola – iTaukei Lands Trust Board

### AFFILIATE ACCOUNTANT

Mr Navanith Krishna Achari – Rewa Rice Ltd

## UPCOMING SEMINAR

Topic: Fringe Benefit and PAYE as final tax  
Date: 9 September 2014  
Time: 2.00-5.00pm  
Presenters: Mr Pradeep Patel  
Mr Madhu Sudhan, BDO Fiji  
Venue: Tower 11, RBF Building, Suva  
Levy: \$35.00VIP (Member)  
\$50.00 VIP (Non-Member)

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