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Delicious Cook-Off Raises Funds for Medical Mission to Jamaica



Members of the International Podiatry Club (IPC) at their May cook-off: Front row, left to right: Rusheena Bartlett, Sharon Barlizo, DPM, Gireesh Reddy, Sirisha Pokala. Second row: Michael Paula, Brittany Hervey, Zakiyyah Waters, Ammar Al-Rubaiay, Ibn Ansari. Back row: Kurtis Bertram. IPC members who will go on the medical mission to Jamaica later this month at the cook-off are Dr. Barlizo, Rusheena Bartlett, Ammar Al-Rubaiay, Ibn Ansari and Gireesh Reddy.

The International Podiatry Club held its second annual cook-off competition in May and a great time was had by all who sampled the abundance of delicious foods and voted for their favorites. The goal was to raise funds to sponsor a team – four podiatric medical students, a resident and an attending – to go on a medical mission to Kingston, Jamaica in June. According to Gireesh Reddy of the IPC, the cost to fund each volunteer is approximately \$800 including airfare, lodging and food. In addition to donated medical supplies, the club also wanted to raise enough funds to take a prosthetic for a child in need.

There were many winners. The first place entrée prize went to Muhammad Ansari for his tasty barbecue chicken; he won a slow-cooker/gift certificate to Bloomingdale's. Coming in a close second was the spicy Jamaican bruschetta prepared by Gireesh Reddy. Third place entrée was curry chicken prepared by Marsha Bailey of Student Services. Second and third place entrée winners received a gift basket from Kabob Paradise. The dessert category was won by Michael Rothstein, MSN for his delicious scotch truffles; Mr. Rothstein won a gift basket from Michael's of Brooklyn. The drinks category was won by Peter Barbosa, PhD, who also won a gift basket from Kabob Paradise.

After the event, Mr. Reddy said, "We are extremely thankful for all the donations. The money we raised will be of immense help to make this mission trip a complete success."