

All the best New Year's wishes to the extended ServicePlace family of mentors!

A tremendous amount of progress has happened since the last (October) Newsletter, and the next few months are already looking very exciting. Let's take a quick look at the key areas of activity...

### **ServicePlace Organization:**

The application for the Federal 501c(3) certification for ServicePlace has been submitted, and we have confirmation that it has been received at the processing center. Having the application submitted before the end of the year will typically mean that the final approval will be received by the April/May time frame. Since I will be away for most of the time (in India), it will be up to our Secretary, Mallary, and our CPA, Delores, to keep the process going in case the IRS needs any further documentation.

We have also had our first Members' and BOD meetings, and a set of Bylaws have been adopted for ServicePlace. A slate of Officers and Advisory Board Members has been approved, and the appropriate application made to the Arizona secretary of state to add the new officers. A statement of financial expenses (both start-up and project related) has been compiled, and we are working on completing a budget for the current year (ending July '18). The Celtic Collaboration Agreement has been drafted, legally reviewed, and is in the final review process by the COI (Conflict of Interest) review team. Hope to get this one signed and the collaboration officially in place before I leave Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Elder-Care Project:**

The ASU Capstone team has completed the first set of prototype demos using the Echo Show. We have held a couple of architecture and planning meetings with Celtic. Keeping the ASU weekly meetings on track, and interfacing with Celtic at the project level, will belong in the capable hands of Madhav Rangaswami. We also have another addition to the Elder-Care mentor team in Bibhuti Banerjee, who is also ex-Intel. Bibhuti and his wife Monica (who is a doctor) run an in-home hospice care business, and can help in getting elder customer inputs and feedback. We are also hoping that we can try out some of the use cases (as they are developed) with actual customers.

In addition, external interfaces will be needed to a range of service providers, and we have opened a channel of communication with Safeway (groceries including delivery and stocking), and to Amazon. The lead people in this engagement will be Abhik, with mentoring from the veteran mentors in the team (e.g. Alan, Madhav, Bibhuti).

## **Health & Medical:**

As part of the trip to India, I will be visiting my alma-mater, IIT Kharagpur. As you might know, there was a tragic double drowning on campus in early 2017, and there is a heightened awareness in the institution for life-saving skills like CPR. We will be exploring a multi-faceted collaboration, which includes educational aids for CPR training (e.g. instruction videos, sensor-equipped mannequins), smart-phone and web based applications, and possibly even new and improved devices (e.g. bluetooth enabled mannequins) which could be manufactured in India.

Dr. Tapas Mondal has conducted another successful series of CPR awareness and education sessions in December, and a link to a media coverage it received can be found at: <http://hyfytv.in/live/dd-bangla/#option-1>

With the help of Srishti (Dr. Srishti Nayak), we have revised both the English and Bengali Chest Compression Only CPR videos to include Basic CPR and what to do in case of drowning victims. The next two languages we would like to translate this to are Gujarati and Hindi. The newly revised videos can be found at:

English - <https://vimeo.com/248818689/bba5ced1a1>

Bengali - <https://vimeo.com/248818506>

## **Cultural Preservation and Education:**

A big part of the trip to India will be the exploration of our next projects for Cultural Preservation. The documentary work will be carried out under the name: Society for Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritages (SPICH), which can later become a sub-brand under the ServicePlace umbrella.

The first two areas we plan to explore are in Tripura and in Orissa – both floor/wall paintings. The expectation is that we will be able to do the initial exploration of these two areas during the upcoming trip, but the full blown scripting, recreation and filming would happen later.

Thanks for all your support, and have a wonderful New Year.