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A Message From Our President Sandra Bozich, O.D.

Dear Colleagues:

It is a New Year. Time to start some things fresh. I don't usually make resolutions but I do try to set down some goals. Personally, I am starting the New Year with a promise to be a better doctor, a better daughter, and a better friend. I will try to improve the small part of the world I call my own by volunteering to help those less fortunate. I will try to leave the office earlier so that I may enjoy family, friends, and activities outside of my profession. I hope that will help make me a better doctor, better daughter, and better friend. And I will try to be at peace with the world and my life.

I wish you and yours a Happy and blessed New Year filled with all the things you desire.



All the best,

Sandy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Tuesdays of the Month
SCCOS Board Meeting

First Thursdays of the Month
Young OD Meeting

Third Thursdays of the Month
General Meetings and CE

May 6,7
Save the dates. A follow up CE to our InfantSEE program featuring Glen Steele. More info to follow.

June 2,3,4
Ocular Symposium. Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco. 415-278-9940; ocularsymp@aol.com

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SCCOS General Membership Meeting

WHEN:

Thursday, January 19, 2006
6:30 Cocktails and Camaraderie
7:00 Dinner and CE Event
General Meeting Immediately Following

WHERE:

David's Restaurant
(Banquet Room)
5151 Stars and Stripes Drive
Santa Clara (408) 986-1666
Next to the Santa Clara Golf Club

SPEAKER: Sterling Haidt, MD

Thank you **CSC Laboratories** for sponsoring
this month's speaker and dinner!

TOPIC: Treatment of Macular Degeneration (1 hr CE)

MEAL CHOICES:

Broiled Chicken
Cheese Filled Tortellini
Lemon Butter Salmon

COST: Members: included as a membership benefit
Non-members \$45 ***
*** (RSVP and pay at the door)

Please RSVP with **Philip Ong, O.D.**
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Include NAME, CA LICENSE, and MEAL PREFERENCE.

*** The deadline is Monday, January 16th by 5 PM***



Assemblywoman, Sally Lieber, is the current assistant president of the assembly. This makes her the highest ranking member of the assembly in Santa Clara County.

L to R Drs. Rod Lum, Art Low, Tim Coughlin, Karin Meng, Karen Kallman, Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, Charles Wolf, Ron Seger, and Saul Levine at the home of Art and Swan Low. Fundraiser for the Assemblymember.

BE A VOICE FOR

A few years ago, I was honored as COA "Speaker of the Year." It was not a title I actively pursued; in fact, I hardly knew it existed. But, in my efforts to promote my profession and make myself more visible in the community, I was a frequent speaker at K-12 science classes, career days and anywhere some organi-

zation was willing to hear about optometry.

"For more than a century, COA has been dedicated to making optometry a stronger, better, and more visible profession." Those words are the first we see when we visit the COA web site. As the new Speakers Chair for SCCOS, my message is please, take the opportunity to go out into your commu-

Have You Heard...

The SCCOS still has a few 2005 Membership Directories. If you haven't received one, you can get one from Jim Heitzig. Email him at jimbocando@sbcglobal.net.

The SCCOS is always looking for doctors who want to become more involved with the MCT screening program. The pay is great, the work is easy and you'll be filling up just half a day for a great cause. If you like administrative work, we could use your help there, too. Please contact Dr. Jennifer Raether at ehouts@pacbell.net.

The new, portable, SCCOS low vision kit is now available to our members. Please contact Dr. Mai Nguyen at mnguyen624@yahoo.com or 408-269-6861.

SCCOS Announcements

OPTOMETRY

nity to speak on our fabulous profession - and when you do, *let me know* about each speaking engagement. We'll keep records and keep COA informed.

Also, if speaking is fun for you, *let me know* and I will keep your name as a possible speaker should an opportunity to address an organization present itself.

And last, if you see an oppor-

tunity for us to increase our visibility in the community, *let me know* and we'll arrange for a speaker for them.

Here's to making our voices heard in the new year! Who knows? You might be the next Speaker of the Year...

Sam Pesner
SCCOS Speakers Chair
spesnerod@aol.com

CooperVision's New Contact Lens Category At the last AAO meeting, CooperVision introduced PC Hydrogels, a new category of contact lens material for daily wear. All lenses in the category exceed the minimum acceptable oxygen necessary for safe daily wear and are made of the company's omafilcon A material. PC Hydrogel lenses are available in five different designs including Proclear sphere, Proclear toric, Proclear multifocal, UltraVue and the new Biomedics XC, the first lens in this category to be offered in a two-week modality. Biomedics XC will available in mid-January 2006.

The company also introduced a new silicone hydrogel lens, Biofinity. A molded, rounded edge design helps minimize conjunctival interaction and the aspheric surface design reduces spherical aberration, according to the manufacturer. CooperVision also says Biofinity's physiologically friendly back surface design distributes pressure across the surface for additional wearing comfort. It will be available in the U.S. in 2006.

FDA Warning on Miracle II Neutralizer Products The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises consumer against the use of Miracle II Neutralizer and Neutralizer Gel products by Tedco Inc. The manufacturer markets the products for the treatment of cataracts, pink eye and for use as eyewash. However, the products do not meet FDA sterility requirements for ophthalmic products. Due to the substantial risk for infection, the FDA says the solution should never be used on the eyes. FDA investigators have revealed bacterial contamination and poor manufacturing conditions. The company declined to voluntarily remove the products from the market.

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