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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT SANDRA BOZICH, O.D.



Dear Society members:

April will be our Society membership drive. Our diligent and talented Membership committee, along with other committee members who have volunteered ideas, time, and energy, have a few very special things planned. We will announce these at the March membership meeting and in the next issue of Focus. In the meantime, please think about OD friends who are not currently members of COA and give them a call to invite them to the April meeting. I'm sure we all know at least one or two ODs who are not members and SHOULD be. I know they would love to hear from you and have been holding their breath waiting for their SCCOS invitation!!!

At this month's meeting we will be voting on the new and improved bylaws for our society. I have attached them for you to read ahead of time in hopes of making the process of passing them informative and smooth. These bylaws have been reviewed by Mr. Bill Gould, COA's attorney, and they correspond nicely to the newly adopted COA bylaws approved at last month's House of Delegates meeting. As an added measure of due diligence, I will be available on March 12 at 6PM in my office to answer any and all questions regarding the new bylaws. I want all of you to feel confident that these bylaws are in the best interest of the Society prior to your vote on the 15th. Please call my office if you plan to attend this informational meeting. 650-947-3937.

Be well and be happy.

Sandy

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SCCOS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: March 15, 2007

6:30 Cocktails and Camaraderie
7:00 Dinner and CE Event
General Meeting Immediately Following

WHERE: David's Restaurant (Banquet Room)
5131 Stars and Stripes Drive, Santa Clara, (408) 986-1666
Next to the Santa Clara Golf Club

SPEAKERS: **Barry Fung, M.D. & Lien Nguyen, M.D.**

TOPIC: *Making the Eyes Look Good: Surgical and Non-Surgical Cosmetic Techniques*
2 hours of CE pending

MEAL CHOICES: Seafood Brochettes, Grilled Chicken Rosemary, or Penne Pasta Primavera

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

Please RSVP with Philip Ong, O.D. by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007

Email afoc2020@yahoo.com or (408) 997-2020.

Include NAME, CA LICENSE, and MEAL PREFERENCE

Please note: late RSVPs are not guaranteed a meal.

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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

March 22-25, 2007

Optowest 2007

Long Beach Convention Center

www.optowest.com

April 15, 2007

ACCOS presents its "Centennial Celebration, Installation and CE Event" featuring Dr. Lou Catania

8:30am—1:30 p.m.

Castlewood Country Club

707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton

HELP WANTED

The MCT Program is in dire need of a screener for Thursday, March 29th for a school in San Jose. It's the last one for this school year. You will be paid for this morning screening. If you are available, please contact Dr. Jennifer Raether at 408-445-2051 or email her at ehouts@pacbell.net.



MARCH IS SAVE YOUR VISION MONTH

You can go to our Society's webpage: www.sccos.org and click on "Save Your Vision Month Coloring Contest" to download the 2007 Coloring Contest entry form. This year's theme is "Seeing Eye to Eye" and highlights fun facts about seeing eye dogs. Please encourage your patients, ages 5 to 12 years old, to participate.



SCCOS MEMBER KARIN MENG IN THE NEWS

Dr. Karin Meng was recently interviewed about low vision by NBC 11 News. The segment was called "'Legally Blind' Not as Blind as You Think" and featured individuals using a variety of adaptive devices. Dr. Meng is helping optometry get exposure because this piece will air on other NBC affiliates nationwide. If you would like to view a segment of the clip, please visit the link below:

<http://www.nbc11.com/health/11144761/detail.html?dl=mainclick>



Dr. Meng as seen on NBC 11 News

OPTOWEST 2007

Mark your calendars! The California Optometric Association invites you to attend OptoWest 2007, March 22-25 at the Long Beach Convention Center. That's four days of continuing education courses to help you fulfill your CE requirements. And don't forget to visit the Exhibit Hall to meet the vendors and learn about the latest ophthalmic innovations. Online registration is closed, but you can still register on site! Please visit www.optowest.com for more information about the conference as well as information about local accommodations.



IF YOU ARE ATTENDING OPTOWEST 2007...

Tommy Lim, O.D. the AOA-PAC representative from Northern California, is looking for volunteers to help at the AOA-PAC booth during OptoWest. This is a great opportunity to help our Political Action Committee raise much needed funds and learn more about what AOA-PAC is doing to strengthen our profession. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lim at visionbiz@aol.com.

Please help with the SCCOS Society Project of 2007 benefiting Guide Dogs for the Blind



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Save the Date:
Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Sacramento Convention Center -- Sacramento

Come meet colleagues and state legislators in the State Capitol. Due to term limits and our increasing desire to expand optometrist's scope of practice, it has become vitally important for health care professionals to get involved in the political process.

The COA relies on its Keypersons and Keyperson Coordinators to advance the concerns of optometrists and their patients.

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