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

Fellow Members;

As we get set to resume our monthly general membership meetings I am, once again, reminded of what a great group we have. Art Low has stepped in to coordinate some relief for hurricane Katrina victims. And, as usual, the membership has graciously responded. Many of you are willing to volunteer your time and money to do what seems like such a small thing. But I'm sure that for many, a free pair of eyeglasses would mean a lot. The hurricane certainly makes us all stop and take notice of how fortunate we are and puts perspective on life as we know it. I hope you are all happy and healthy and that your families and friends are safe.

The Board has been busy this past summer. We had a special committee rewrite the Bylaws and reorganize the committees. The last time they were reviewed was 1984. We will be presenting that to the general membership soon. Philip Ong will take over the program for CE and has a great year planned. Keith Chow, with the help of Linda Hur and Barbie Bell, have already started planning the Holiday party. Jennifer Raether will once again organize the MCT school screenings. She needs ODs to sign up for dates (remember, it is a paying gig). And our two new trustees, Rod Lum and Joanna Leong are diving right in to do the business of running the Society. We all need your ideas and help and support.

Thanks again to Rischel for the great newsletters and to Sheila Jones for the website. Philip and I will be attending President's Council and will have a report to share with you on the 22nd. See you then!!

Sandy



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 22

We're BACK at it again, folks! SCCOS General Membership Meeting and CE at David's Restaurant. [pongod@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pongod@ix.netcom.com)

### October 4

SCCOS Board Meeting  
[sandrajbozichod@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandrajbozichod@sbcglobal.net)

### October 13

Young OD Association Meeting  
[bshao2001@aol.com](mailto:bshao2001@aol.com)

### October 20

SCCOS General Membership Meeting and CE at David's Restaurant. [pongod@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pongod@ix.netcom.com)

### October 30

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### SCCOS September General Membership Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 22, 2005  
6:30 Cocktails and Socialize  
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:** **Dr. Thomas Tayeri, M.D.**
- TOPIC:** **Diagnosing Glaucoma in 2005**  
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\*\*\* The deadline is Monday, September 19th by 5 PM\*\*\*

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

I trust that you've all had an eventful summer. If any of you are like me, every day of every season tends to be the same... a work day and hence a "Monday". If you are fortunate enough to have children, you may recognize summer break unless of course, your children are in year round school. Is that a concept here in the Silicon Valley? And if you are even more fortunate as to be retired / semi-retired / or have an associate... then, wait a minute... every day may be the same to you, too... but in a more vacation-like kind of way... Everyday is "Saturday". (Which again - of course- for me is still a work day.) Thank goodness I love what I do.

Regardless, it is September. And September brings the start of our Society gatherings. This September is a special month in that the SCCOS will convene on the fourth Thursday, September 22nd instead of the usual third Thursday of the month. Not to confuse anyone any further but next month, October, we'll meet again regularly on the third Thursday of the month.

Here are a few dates for you all to mark on your calendars: The Young OD Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The SCCOS General Membership meetings and CE are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. SCCOS Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month. It's never too early to think about the Holiday Party which is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd.

Please continue to patronize our sponsors and thank them for their generous support of our Society.

Cheers to an even balance of Prosperous "Mondays" and Joyous "Saturdays" - whichever will satisfy your hearts.

Kind regards,

*Rischel*

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### Santa Clara County Optometric Society Welcomes Our Newest Members!

Nicholas Froumis (Morgan Hill)  
Candace Kuo (Los Altos)  
Monique Mai (Palo Alto)  
Leanna Nguyen (San Jose)  
Thomas Pan (Cupertino)  
Cathy Pham (San Jose)  
Noelle Sung (Saratoga)  
Thao Tran (Santa Clara)  
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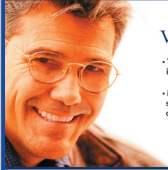
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