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

I had the pleasure of attending Keyperson Day in Sacramento this week with three other Santa Clara County members. Tommy Lim, Joanna Leong and I drove together (with me asleep in the back seat) and Dave Redman met us there. In the morning, we were treated to two panel discussions, one with State Senators Deborah Ortiz and Wilma Chan, and the other with our lobbyists, Cliff Berg and Terry McHale. Both were interesting and enlightening. Then, in the afternoon, we met with Senator Sally Lieber, and representatives from the offices of Senators Elaine Alquist and Joe Simitian. We had quite a day. We took the time to explain two COA sponsored bills and one COA/State Board sponsored bill. We also helped educate and inform the legislators about key issues facing optometry. Joanna, as your Trustee for Legislative Affairs, and Tommy, your PAC representative, will help you understand these bills at the general membership meeting in April. We are lucky to have Tommy as our Keyperson. He represents our society so beautifully, with grace and kindness and passion.



In other news, Larry Wan organized and executed a paraoptometric training session that had so many people registered it had to be moved to Mama Mia's Restaurant in Campbell. My office manager said it was very educational (and the food was really good, too). I think over 40 of our staff attended. Sam Pesner has organized a gonioscopy workshop for the end of April. And there are so many others of you who, on a regular basis, contribute to the well-being of the Society, and your fellow optometrists.

Thank you to each and every one of you. We ARE the best society in the state!!!

Sandy

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SCCOS General Membership Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 20, 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: **Stephen Turner, M.D.**

TOPIC: Intraocular Implants, Post-Op Care
(2 hours of CE)

MEAL CHOICES: Grilled Chicken Rosemary
Fettuccini Alfredo
Broiled Salmon Fillet

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

Please RSVP with **Philip Ong, O.D.**
afoc2020@yahoo.com or (408) 997-2020

Include **NAME**, **CA LICENSE**, and **MEAL PREFERENCE**.

*** The deadline is Monday, April 17th by 5 PM ***

The SCCOS 2006 Community Project

Organization: Health Trust, The Food Basket

Date: Friday, May 19, 2006

Time: 5:45 pm pizza, 6:00 start (1.5 hours)

Health Trust (www.healthtrust.org) is a Santa Clara County group that works to improve the health and quality of life of those within the community, particularly the elderly, disabled and low-income. One widely-used program that this organization runs is Meals on Wheels. Another similar program is called The Food Basket. This program provides canned foods and non-perishable goods to approximately 500 Santa Clara County households living with HIV and AIDS. However, of these 500, there are about 100 families or individuals who are physically unable to come by the warehouse to pick up their supply of food. Each month, volunteers meet to help sort and organize groceries for these families which are then delivered directly to their homes.

The Food Basket receives food donations from the Second Harvest Food Bank which has seen a shortage of donations this year. In addition, the program has suffered an 8% cutback in funding. Our fundraising efforts will not only be going towards a worthy cause but to one that is very much in need of it this year.

SCCOS members can help in many ways: Please come out on Friday, May 19th to help sort, organize and box up food...make a monetary donation...or bring in canned and non-perishable goods to the April and May General Membership Meetings (April 20th or May 18th).

☐ **SIGN ME UP!** I'll be there on Friday, May 19th, 5:45pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax or email Cathy Pham: (510) 481-2129, citkat20@yahoo.com

☐ **SORRY, I can't make it in person, but here's my donation:**

Name: _____

Amount: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Health Trust.

If you wish to specify your gift for a particular program or initiative, please note that on the memo line of your check. Checks will be collected at the April and May General Membership meetings by Cathy Pham and Joanna Leong, or please mail to:
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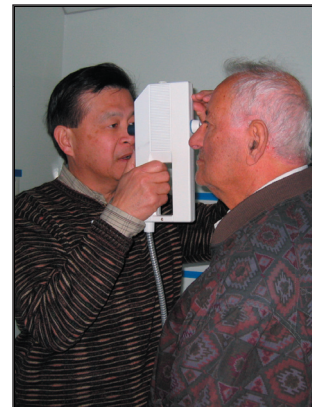
Lions Health Screening

District 4-C6
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Cupertino Unity Day Parade

The weather was gloomy, and there were few sprinkles falling onto the canopies of the different vendors. Fortunately the uninviting weather did not last very long. As soon as the antique cars made their appearance, the sky cleared up and there was Dr. Art Low strolling down the parade! Not too long after, the majestic white Lion's screening van made its appearance. The Lion's team saw about 43 people, most of which passed the vision portion of the screening. There were about 5 people who we referred & suggested for further eye care. Three of the five were referred due to elevated IOP's. One of the five was a 7 year old who was referred for refractive reasons. The last one was referred for an irritation from an old foreign body. Most of the people were very appreciative, and one person wanted to bring her friends to our next Lion's screening event. It was definitely a worthwhile experience. -Elaine Chung



Vision Development, Examination Procedures, and Treatment Options for Toddlers (Ages 2-5)

featuring: Professor Glen Steele, OD, FCOVD

Chief of Pediatric Service at The Eye Center at
Southern College of Optometry
Chairman of AOA Infantsee Program

Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, 2006

CheckIn/Registration: Saturday 8:15 am to 9:00 am

Education Program: Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am to Noon

9 hours of Continuing Education Credit including lunch Sat, breakfast Sun.

\$225.00 (If pre-paid registration by April 21st)

\$250.00 (If at the door registration)

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This and That

CPT Code 0025T is the preferred choice for claim submission of corneal pachymetry and is based on testing both eyes.

CooperVision announced it has retained legal council and lobbyists in part of an intensive lobbying campaign to defeat the contact lens legislation proposed by 1-800 Contacts. The company says the language of the legislation is ambiguous and does not define standards such as "commercially reasonable" and "nondiscriminatory manner." CooperVision also says these bills would limit the choices available to ODs and unfairly subjects manufacturers to civil and criminal liability for legitimate commercial practices.

The company asserts the belief that manufacturers should continue to have the right to determine which distribution channels and business partners are best for the competitiveness of the industry and for patients. More information is available on the company's website at <http://www.coopervision.com>.

The US FDA granted approval for SynergEyes to market its SynergEyes PS hybrid contact lens for daily-wear in the correction of post-surgical and post-traumatic refractive errors. The company plans to introduce the lens during the third quarter of 2006. It will also introduce the SynergEyes KC for keratoconus and the SynergEyes M for presbyopes this year.

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

April 21-23

Morgan/Sarver Symposium. Double Tree Hotel, Berkeley Marina. For more information: (800) 827-2163; optoCE@berkeley.edu; or visit the web at <http://optometry.berkeley.edu>.

May 6,7

Vision Development, Examination Procedures, and Treatment Options for Toddlers (Ages 2-5). Contact Dr. Olson (408) 229-2020. Details inside!

June 2,3,4

Ocular Symposium. Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco. (415) 278-9940; ocularsymp@aol.com

July 13-16

Bermuda 2006. 14 hrs CE. For more info: <http://www.secointernational1.com/bermuda2006/bermuda.html>

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