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Friends and colleagues,

SCCOS Holiday Party on Dec 8th was definitely the festive event of the year for our society. Congratulations to our society party co-chairs Dr Barбора Bell and Dr Ellen Szeto for all their hours of hardwork. It was fun, the food delicious, and it was wonderful to get a chance to visit with friends.

Our SCCOS Optometrist of the Year for 2007 was presented by Dr Linda Hur. Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Bozich!!!

It is the season for giving, especially thanks. Please remember to contact Drs Shirley Hong or Thomas Pan to arrange to have a storage bin from 2nd Harvest Food Bank in your office as part of our society project for this year.

Your SCCOS board will meet on **January 8, 2008** instead of the first Tuesday of the month due to the holiday.

We will meet again on **January 17, 2008** for our next SCCOS general meeting @ David's Restaurant-Conference Center in Santa Clara. Remember to RSVP to Dr. Chris Kavanagh for that date.

Thank you to all the doctors who agreed to be delegates and alternates to the COA House of Delegates for **Feb 8-9, 2007** in Sacramento, at the Sacramento Convention Center. Our host hotel is **Sheraton Grand Sacramento: 1230 J Street, Sacramento CA. 916-447-1700**. Please make your hotel reservations ASAP, the reservation deadline is **January 11, 2008**. For more info, please contact Michelle Whitlow, governance coordinator at 800-877-5738 or mwhitlow@coavision.org.

The following is SCCOS's delegates/alternates list:

Delegates: Sandra Bozich, Jeff Calmere, Ray Chin, Brent Chinn, Keith Chow, Scott Feldman, Linda Hur, Chris Kavanagh, Saul Levine, Rodney Lum, Karin Meng, Dennis Olson, Philip Ong, David Redman, and Kenneth Schwaderer.

Alternates: Sam Pesner, Deborah Rheam, and Ellen Szeto.

Please also save the dates **March 13-16 2008** for Optowest 2008 @ the Long Beach Convention Center. For more information, please go to: www.optowest.com.

This coming January COA member statement will reflect one invoice for the entire year's dues. You will have a choice of paying in full, or in monthly installments. COA will continue to mail a statement to members until the entire annual dues amount has been paid in full.

Thank you to all our SCCOS Board members for their hard work and time along with all our other volunteers who help make SCCOS such a great society.

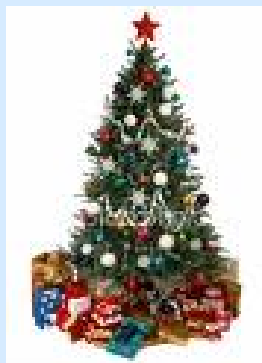
May you all have a wonderful, happy, healthy holidays. See you all in the new year.

Philip Ong

SCCOS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

No meeting in December. Meeting will resume in January.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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

December 8, 2007

SCCOS Holiday Party

February 8-9, 2008

2008 House of delegates

March 13-16, 2008

OptoWest 2008. Long Beach Convention Center.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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- Dr. Grace Daijo, O.D.
- Dr. Fariba Lessani, O.D.
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2007 SOCIETY PROJECT "GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND" - A HUGE SUCCESS

Mrs.. Amy Gooding of San Jose, CA received "Ramsey," a male black Labrador Retriever. Amy is married with two teenage daughters. She attends West Valley College and is studying to be a court reporter. Amy enjoys hiking and swimming.

Ms. Diane Harms of San Jose, CA received "Layla," a female black Labrador Retriever. Diane is single and lives with her mother. She was the first blind court reporter (strange coincidence that both students are from same city and same profession!) for the Santa Clara County Superior Court. "Layla" is Diane's third guide dog and her puppy raiser's 46th guide dog puppy. I think that is a record or close to a record for the number of puppies any one person has raised for us!

There were six first-time graduates who received guide dogs, twelve returning graduates who received successor dogs and two in-home students for a total of 20 teams. Of the graduates, two live in Santa Clara County - Mrs. Amy Gooding and Ms. Diane Harms.

Article by Joanna Leong



2007 SOCIETY PROJECT "GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND" - A HUGE SUCCESS (CONT'D)



Ms. Diane Harms



PHOTOS FROM OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



2008 Society Project

This year, the annual budget for low income and homeless people was cut by almost half, from \$13 million to \$7 million. In Santa Clara, poverty is almost invisible. Many families work two to three jobs so they can pay for rent and utilities, but the basic need of food is not a priority. For our next society project, we will be working together with Second Harvest Food Bank in food donations to help feed our communities. We will start with this year's holiday season and end with next year's winter holidays.

There are two ways that we can participate:

Physical Donation: If you own a practice and are willing to donate a spot for a food donation bin in your office, please contact shongOD@gmail.com with the following information: Doctor's name, Doctor's practice name, office address, office phone number and fax number. Second Harvest will drop off the bin and pick up the bin when it is full for you. This is a great way to get the community you serve in to partner up with your office and feed your neighbors.

Virtual Donation: For those who do not work at a practice with a food bin or would like to donate money, a virtual bank will be available online in the near future. We will have that set up soon. We will be able to track how much money we've donated and also how many people we are feeding. Just remember . . . with every \$1.00 you donate, Second Harvest will be able to provide 2 nutritious meals.

In the near future, Thomas Pan and I (Shirley Hong) will be setting up volunteer food sorting days to help pack up all the food that we have donated!! Keep your eyes and ears open for the date!!

— by Shirley Hong & Thomas Pan

Santa Clara County Optometric Society

Leadership Positions Available NOW

Art Low, OD and Tommy Lim, OD are currently looking for chairpersons to help them in the area of legislative issues.

Positions Available(2):

- 1) Legislative Chairperson (at state/COA level)
- 2) Legislative Chairperson (at local society/SCCOS level)

Responsibilities:

- 1) Develop relationships in working together with other optometrists throughout the State of California and Locally.
- 2) Learn legislative process by working with veteran optometrists who have been involved in legislative issues.
- 3) Develop awareness in society meeting (state/local levels) about legislative issues that affects our profession.
- 4) Learn how optometrists and the profession of Optometry can get involved with local/city/state legislators and their campaigns (ie, get to know them personally through our practices, churches, local community activities). Note: COA only financially supports state campaigns.
- 5) Attend COA legislative events in Sacramento that educates optometrists and set up for meetings with local legislators (eg, Keyperson Day).
- 6) Attend fundraising events for your designated legislator in the district.

Eligibility Requirements:

Any person who is a new and/or current member in Santa Clara County Optometric Society.

New graduates are welcome as well.

Contact Persons(2):

Art Low, OD – Secretary-Treasurer of LSCOA-PAC

Tommy Lim, OD – Legislative/PAC

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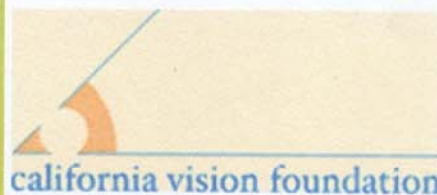
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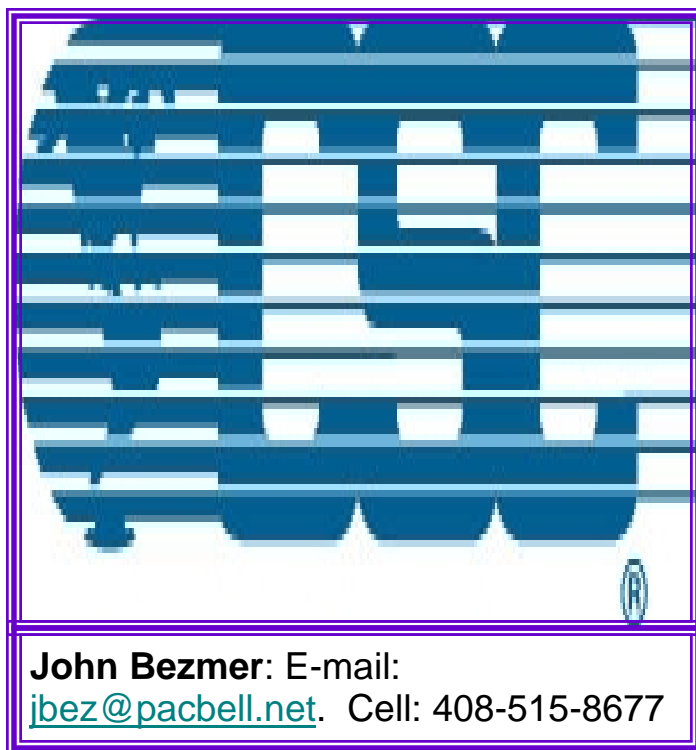
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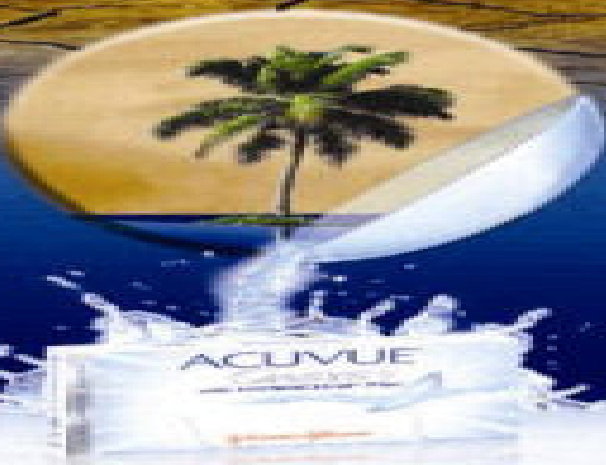
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