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

Focus Going Paperless

At last night's Board meeting we voted to start sending the Focus electronically instead of mailing the printed version. The cost for nine issues of printing and postage was nearing \$4000.00. Despite the GREAT job Rischel has been doing, and the new and improved look and content, most of us, it seems, are Internet savvy and are already using email as our RSVP of preference for our general membership meetings. We'll all miss the hard copy of the Focus; it is fun to read. If you do not have access to the Internet, and absolutely have to have a hard copy, we can print one from the pdf file and mail it to you. And if you DO have internet access, please be sure to notify us if you have not been receiving the electronic announcements we have been sending for the past year or so and we will update our files. If you prefer the hard copy, you can always print out your very own hard copy from the electronic file we send you!!

And our new Focus editor is....Dr. Shanida Ingalla. She will be taking over the reigns as Rischel moves onto the Board as a Trustee. We are happy to have her and wish her luck. Thanks to Rischel for all her hard work in making the Focus not only informative and relevant, but also pretty!!

Cheers!

Sandy

If you have not received emails addressed to the group, [Sccosmembers], please email your email address to sjustjones@gmail.com.

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Membership Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 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: Tara Lencioni-Kingsbury

TOPIC: Human Resources for the Small Business
What Every Business Owner Needs to Know
(approved for 2 hours of CE)

MEAL CHOICES: Seafood Tortellini
Vegetables in Puff Pastry
Broiled Lamb Chops

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, May 15th by 5 PM***

Our next meeting will be September 2006. Have a happy summer!

UCB Resident Forum

Sunday, June 11, 2006 8:30-4:30, registration at 8am
UC Berkeley School of Optometry
489 Minor Hall

7 hours CE (3 Glc, 1 Inf, 1 Sys Med, 2 Misc)
Cost: \$110 on or before Mon. May 15th (\$135 after)

Lunch provided through generosity of Alcon Labs

Mail or fax registration below to:

UCBSO CE Office

Tel (510) 642-6547

360 Minor Hall

Fax (510) 642-0279

Berkeley, CA 94720-2020

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Vegetarian lunch requested
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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)

In order to make this a SUCCESSFUL Community Project, we need your help! 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. Their Food Basket program provides foods to approximately 500 Santa Clara County households living with HIV and AIDS.

YOU can help!

Please come out on Friday, May 19th to help sort, organize and box up food...and/or make a monetary donation... and/or bring in canned and non-perishable goods to the May 18th General Membership Meeting.

☐ 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

☐ YES! I'd also love to make a donation:

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Amount: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$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 May General Membership meetings by Cathy Pham and Joanna Leong, or please mail to:

Joanna Leong
15251 E. 14th St. #B
San Leandro, CA 94578.

Have you heard... the latest word?

Berkeley Optometry Offers MCT Program "Opto-Camp"

Pre-health science majors now have a chance to learn more about the field of optometry at Opto-Camp offered by the School of Optometry at the University of California, Berkeley. This three-day "in residence" experience gives up to 20 participants an opportunity to learn about the profession of optometry and the process of becoming an optometrist through lectures, demonstrations, school tours and more.

Opto-Camp is open to students who are enrolled for the fall of 2006 in an accredited four-year college or university or a junior college, and will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. Applications from students who have already completed their undergraduate studies will be considered. For more information on applying, contact Sharon Joyce, Opto-Camp director, at 510-642-9537, or visit <http://spectacle.berkeley.edu/admissions/admitoptocamp.html>

Want to work just half days? Like traveling around Santa Clara County? Sign up to be a screener with the MCT school screening program. Contact Dr. Jennifer Raether at ehouts@pacbell.net

Low Vision Kit

The portable SCCOS low vision kit is available to all our members. You can contact Dr. Mai Nguyen at mnguyen624@yahoo.com or call her at (408)269-6861

Emergency Relief

The Santa Clara County Health Department has asked optometrists to join in the Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response (MVDR). This is a resource pool that will be crucial in responding to a to a public health emergency or disaster. Joining is free. Register at www.sccphd.org. Educational classes are offered by the Health Department's Disaster University to update optometrists on how to respond to disasters.

Editor's Last Words

As Andy Montalvo passed the torch of the FOCUS to me, and as many others have done before him, it is my pleasure to pass the torch onto Shanida Ingalla as the new FOCUS Editor. I have enjoyed these last three years of bringing the FOCUS to you. It provided me a creative outlet. It brought me color and fonts (as well as spell check and deadlines and right justify). And selfishly enough, it gave me a small way to make a contribution to my Society. Look for your new FOCUS coming to you electronically. It seems an appropriate time as our practices have become paperless (or thought about it or dreamt of it). Going electronic is also a great time for Shanida to TRANSITION in as the new editor. She will give it a FRESH LOOK and it will become an OASIS of her creativity. I am confident it will be CONCISE and CLEAR, (GUARD a few babblings, we all do it.) And I don't know how to work SAFILO into this run of sentences, so I'll just say a BIG THANK YOU to ALL of our sponsors. Their support of our society helped bring you the FOCUS (among many many other things). Please continue to actively patronize them and thank them. And as for me, in the words of Dr. Frasier Crane, "Thanks for listening."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12

Expanded parameters for Acuvue Oasys from +8.00 to -12.00

June 2,3,4

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

June 11

UC Berkeley Resident Forum Continuing Education Program. 8:30-4:30 Contact Dr. Chris Wilmer (510) 642-8802 or cwilmer@berkeley.edu

June 21-25

American Optometric Association 109th Annual Congress. Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Kellie Rodrigue, AOA (800) 365-2219, www.optometrismeeeting.org

July 13-16

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

September 21

Next SCCOS General Membership Meeting at David's Restaurant.

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