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San Mateo County Optometric Society

MARCH MEETING AT BAOC

When: Sunday, March 25, 2018

Location: South SF Conference Center
255 S Airport Blvd
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Time: 7:00am - 1:00pm 4 Hour CE

Speaker: Robert Wooldridge, OD, FAAO, Eye
Foundation of Utah

Lectures: New Developments in Glaucoma (new
technologies, drugs, and concepts), and Blood Flow in
Glaucoma (what we know and don't know)

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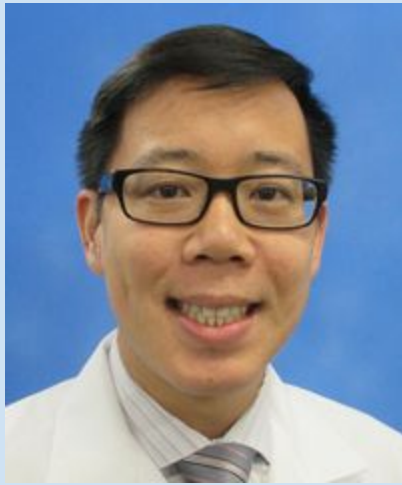
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SMCOS

House of Delegates



COA is now supporting the Think About Your Eyes campaign which raises public awareness about the importance of annual eye exams. Now that we are affiliated, all full time COA members will be listed on the Think About Your Eyes website. Changes may be coming to Branch Office Law which dictates how much time an owner must spend in office hours, the ongoing debate to abolish, modify or continue the rule should be continued at your local society level. Congratulations to Bay Area optometrist Dr. Gee for being elected to Board of Trustees. Next year House of delegates will be in San Francisco-- so start thinking if you would like to attend!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear SMCOS family,

When I attended the annual COA House of Delegates in February, not only did I find out where the COA is directing its efforts, I also saw the impressive leadership present within the greater professional community. At the higher levels of the COA board, we see seasoned ODs go through the different position seats, serving in different capacities with the potential of becoming COA president. Local society presidents and representatives from across the state meet to participate in the decision making that affects optometry in California.

The group of my peers at the level of society president really stood out to me, embodying the ideals of leadership and duty. At different life stages, we experienced various demands for our time and attention, in addition to our professional posts. Whether it's starting an optometric career, marriage, parenthood, a new level of independent practice or even patient care practices, we all juggle different duties in our lives. Each role we take on gives us richer, more layered, and well rounded lives.

Within optometry, we undertake the responsibility to give care, not only for the patient's sake, but also for our livelihood. We are leaders in health when we educate patients about vision and ocular conditions, and playing a bigger role in our profession can be an extension of that care. We need to take on the mantle of responsibility within our society to protect our patients and practices.

So, I encourage you as an SMCOS member to recognize the commitment our current board has taken, and to thank them for their hard work. Also I recommend you take opportunities within our society to assume a mantle of responsibility. We all have to do our part. Life is a balancing act; consider how a leadership role within SMCOS can fit into yours. Whether it's your first time volunteering or if you have led before, the body of optometry and the SMCOS can always use the help.

Best Regards,

Matthew Wong

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OPTOMETRIST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SMCOS repaired and had minor equipment renovation in the exam lane to make doctors more comfortable doing exams. We would like to bring the focus back to serving the community. Please sign-up at the next meeting to donate your time or email Silvia Pratt at:

silvia.pratt@samaritanhousesanmateo.org

At our annual holiday party, members raised \$435 which the society matched for a total of \$870 donated.

UPCOMING SMCOS MEETINGS



APRIL MEETING R.S.V.P

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Location: Thai Tamarind Restaurant
1316 El Camino Drive
Belmont, CA 94002

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm 2 Hour CE

Topic: Cornea

Speaker: Dr. Charles Lin OMD

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LEGISLATIVE DAY



COA Legislative Day 2018

APRIL 18TH IN SACRAMENTO

Register today for the California Optometric Association 2018 Legislative Day in Sacramento. It's a celebration!!

We also have so much to do in 2018:
Thank legislators for voting "AYE" on AB 443 (scope of practice)

Educate Lawmakers on:

Children's vision
importance of eye exams for all children

Online refraction

Corporate practice of optometry

CMA's "Lobby Day" is the same as COA's -
so we need to be sure COA is heard!

CLASSIFIEDS

Have an ad? Contact:

smcospresident@gmail.com

Optician Needed

HMB Optometry, is looking for a part time experienced/licensed Optician to help out a couple of days a week.

Call our office number 650-726-3937 and ask for Dr. Neda Moshasha or optician Jena for more information.

Please send a CV to info@hmboptometry.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



DR. THOMAS ALLER

DR. LUCY ASAI OD

DR. AZINDA MORROW

DR. JUSTINE SIMON

DR. NATALIE TAILO

DR. WALTER WONG

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MEMBER PROFILE



HILARY CHIEM

Meet Dr. Hilary Chiem OD!

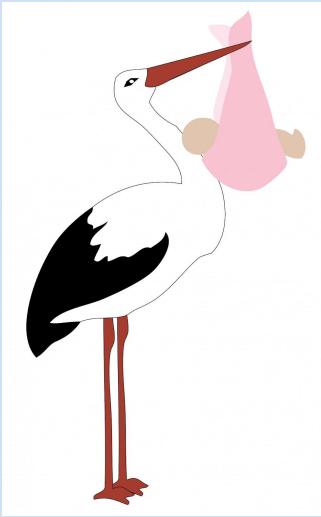
She spent her undergrad at UC San Diego and graduated from Houston College of Optometry. Currently she runs the Target Optical at Bridgepoint Parkway in San Mateo. For fun she likes baking desserts and travelling.

We're lucky to have her serving as the newest member of our board!



Here she is monkeying around. Her next adventure will be Italy. Happy Travels Hilary!

BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. Matthew Wong OD on his new baby!

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