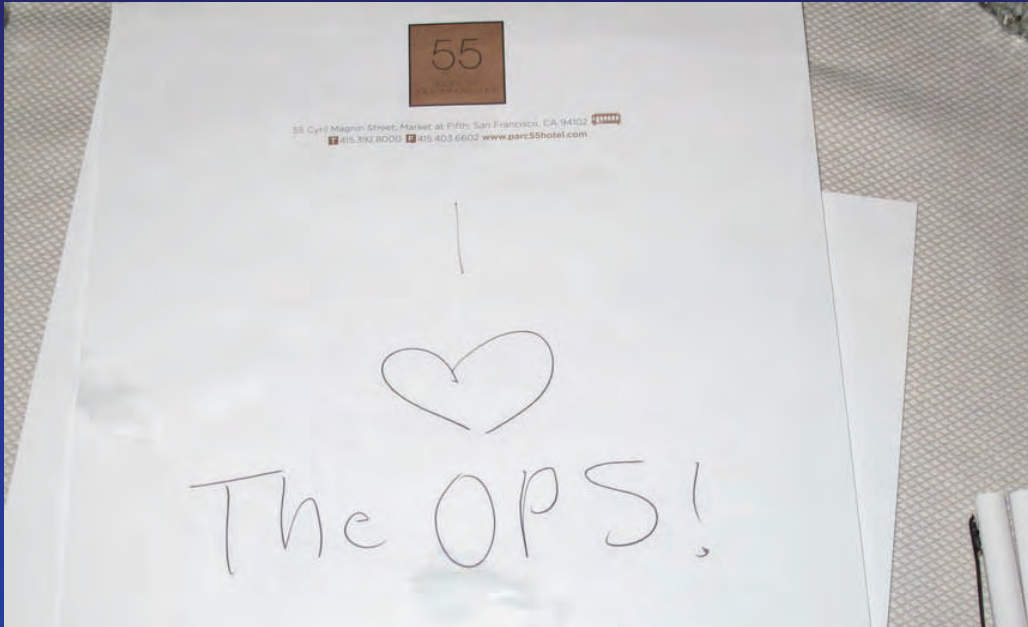


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The President's Niche

Many parts make up the whole, and so it was with the OPS 40th annual Educational program – the efforts of many led to the final outstanding event. As is always the case when giving public thanks, there is a danger of inadvertently overlooking someone's efforts and I apologize in advance if I do so.

For many years the Boards of Education have taken the hotel assignments given by the AAO, worked around the varying room sizes, fluctuating temperatures, and odd floor plans that are inherent at each location, and managed to bring our members high quality lectures and workshops to meet our ever present continuing education needs. Sometimes things go smoothly, sometimes there are extraordinary challenges, but through the efforts of many, our Annual meeting continues to set the OPS apart as truly "Eye Imaging Experts".

This year, thanks should start with Education Chair Stephanie Attebery and Vice President Bob Cavicchi, who brought us a lineup of excellent educational opportunities in the best setting available. Lydia Dimmer offered Steph support as Education Co-Chair, Hoang Nguyen was our often hard pressed AV Chair, Chuck Hamm was our stalwart equipment chair, and Laura Savage graciously coordinated our ever important crew of volunteers who performed the essential task of managing our CE card process and helped out wherever needed.



All of these good people were backed up by the entire Board of Education, hard working folks we elected to serve in this capacity. Attendance at an OPS educational program is an obvious example of their dedication and commitment to their education mission.

As is always the case, members of the BOD and BOC stepped up to help out when necessary. In the midst of all the flurry of education, the dedicated BOC offered certification testing opportunities for both the CRA and OCT-C programs. Truly, the air at the Parc 55 was thick with ophthalmic imaging!

How remarkable that both the 50th anniversary of the invention of fluorescein angiography and 40th anniversary of the founding of the OPS should happen in the same year. These exceptional events were observed in exceptional ways: Jim Gilman presented his excellent documentary on the beginnings of fluorescein

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Photo by Richard Hackel

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angiography, and our Society's own treasure, Johnny Justice, made a presentation on the founding and the Founders of the OPS. Having Johnny, Terry Tomer, and Casaba Martonyi, some of the giants who built our Society present at our reception, was truly an honor.

Nothing happens in a vacuum, and several times another OPS treasure, Denice Barsness, was called upon to help out. When our hotel location was changed at truly the stroke of midnight, Denice, our San Francisco girl, came to the rescue and provided an on-site visit at a moment's notice. Denice also provided a location for our All Boards meeting, and she spent many hours going through the OPS archives to pull out historic images of members and events to document the growth of the Society. When Don Wong charged Denice with the task of preserving the heritage of the OPS, she made it her mission, and with the help of the Historical committee, has compiled thousands of images and documents that record the 40 years of the OPS. Randy Verdick graciously stepped up and offered to make the video of the images selected by Denice who was assisted by Paul Paquette, and Ethan Priel.

And last and possibly most importantly, also all the efforts performed to produce our Annual Educational programs are facilitated, coordinated, or performed by our outstanding Executive Director, Barbara McCalley. Barb's name is the most reknown, her face is the most recognized, her hearty laugh is the most appreciated, and she is truly the pivot point that keeps the OPS going.

Thanks to EVERYONE who worked on, contributed to, or attended the OPS 40th Annual Educational Program. It truly was a banner event.■

Paula Morris, CRA, FOPS
OPS President

*THANK YOU
EVERYONE
for a
JOB WELL
DONE*

Thank you OPS Members

As the Education Chair for the 2009 OPS Meeting, I would like to heartily thank all participants who attended and helped out this year. This year's program combined the core curriculum with many new courses, focusing on the latest imaging techniques and current issues concerning the field of ophthalmic photography. New speakers lended their expert knowledge to the subjects given, and many veteran lecturers returned to continue their support for the program with their great lectures. It could not have been successful without their support! We have already received valuable feedback on desired changes and additions to course curriculum from some members and hope to continue to hear from you, in order to make next year's program as valuable to you as possible. Many thanks.■

Stephanie Attebery, CRA, COA
2009 Education Chair

Thank You, Merci, Muchas Gracias!

The OPS Annual Meetings would not take place without the efforts of many volunteers. Our Board Members spend many hours before the meeting planning and organizing the program as well as working during the meeting to make sure everything goes smoothly. Numerous persons donate their time teaching courses and workshops and many more help out with speaker introductions, audiovisual and equipment needs and room monitoring. Every volunteer is a valuable member of the team that produces an exceptional educational experience!

This year we had 33 room monitors who worked diligently to make sure that the courses went smoothly. Among their many duties were collecting course tickets and evaluation cards ensuring that those who attended the classes received their continuing education credits. Our Room Monitors for the 2009 OPS Annual Meeting were: Sheila Bousson, Marinel Casiano, Jane Colli, Mark Crosswell, Lydia Dimmer, Rona Lynn Esquejo-Leon, Karen Gasperian, Tina Hamet, Chuck Hamm, Pat Harvey, Harry Kachadoorian, Karen Kiser, Martin Klein, Beth Koch, Anda Krist, Kirsten Locke, Fran McIver, Tony Medina, Tong Moua, Sarah Moyer, Brenda Nakoski, Pamela Neal, Steve Ogilvy, Laura Savage, Dan Schroder, Bradley Stern, Rebecca Tudor, Tracy Utley, Cynthia VandenHoven, Vanessa

40 Years of OPS Slide Show, Big Success

Kudos to FOPS Randy Verdick for creating the very heart-warming slide show to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the OPS as seen at our cocktail reception held in San Francisco. Four decades of bad hairdos, wide lapels, short skirts and many other nostalgic fashion faux paux flashed before our eyes as we looked back on a lifetime of memories. Randy had to sort through literally hundreds of images and kitschy eye themed music clips to pull this together. We thank him for his time and energy with a shout out to all of you who have donated images over the years to the OPS archives. Another big round of applause to the collective Historical Committee who have had the diligence and the foresight to collect, protect and catalog our past, present and future. Keep those images coming- slides, prints or digital OK. We're looking forward to the 50th show! ■

Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT, ROUB, FOPS
Chairman, OPS Historical Committee



Mark Maio talking with a student after one of his many educational lectures.

Wynn, Alice Zetina, Carol Zielinski, Ron Zielinski.

Many thanks to our Room Monitors and every person who gave of their time and talents to make sure that the 2009 OPS Annual Meeting was a success!

Start thinking about being a room monitor for the 2010 OPS Program in Chicago. ■

Laura Savage, COMT, CRA
Room Monitor Coordinator

Johnny Justice Scholarship Award and Raffle Winners

This year the Johnny Justice Jr. Scholarship Award had it's first international recipient, Di Vickers, who works as an ophthalmic photographer in New Zealand. Di found the meeting a wonderful experience and said 'It was an honor and privilege to receive this award which enabled me to travel to San Francisco for the educational session. The lectures and workshops I attended were invaluable, as was meeting other Ophthalmic Photographers and professionals. The opportunity to talk to the CRA examiners and learning about the support system for those preparing for the CRA exam has given me the impetus to sit for the exam next

year.' Di, myself, and the JJJS committee would like to thank all those who helped support the JJJS award this year by purchasing raffle tickets or donating raffle prizes; your support makes programs like the scholarship possible and your contributions and support are greatly appreciated.

The following were the lucky raf-



Johnny Justice with first international recipient Di Vickers

file prize winners at this years meeting:



Dennis Thayer running the slide program at the awards program

Joanne Pleskovich won a Sony Cybershot Digital Camera donated by Apollo Ophthalmics

George Pechulis won the textbook "Retinal Imaging Simplified" from Bryson Taylor, Inc.

Alf Whyte won a \$400 Apple gift card donated by

Clarity Medical Systems

Paul Paquette won an iPod Touch donated by Escalon Digital Solutions

Jeff Barker won an iPod Touch donated by Haag Streit USA

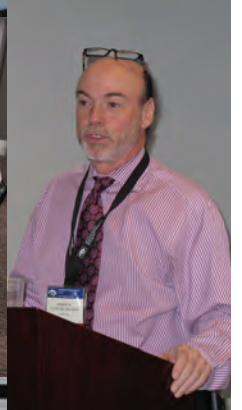
Paul Paquette and Laura Savage each won a rolling laptop bag donated by Heidelberg Engineering

Don Kuitula won a digital camera donated by Optovue

Alison Farrow and Eileen Slipakoff both one a framed print of the Alvis & Novotny Original Angiogram

Thank you again to all our vendors who donated to this year's raffle. We look forward to awarding the scholarship to another worthy recipient next year!■

Leslie Barresi



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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPS**



Save the Date!

The OPS Rocky Mountain Mid-Year Educational Program is scheduled for June 18-19, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Denver located at 1450 Glenarm Place in Denver Colorado. Look for upcoming announcements in the 2010 OPS newsletters and the OPS website: www.opsweb.org.

Continuing Educational Credits in the Mail

Continuing education credit letters from the 40th Annual Education Program held in San Francisco, CA, in late October were mailed on Wednesday, November 25th. Everyone should have their letters in plenty of time to recertify by the end of December 2009.

Please review your letter carefully when it arrives and report any discrepancies within thirty days.



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You must visit the Recertification Page on the OPS Website: <http://www.opsweb.org/Certif/Recert.html> and PRINT your Application and Instructions. Do not wait until December 31, 2009 to address your recertification concerns.

Certification is important and may someday be mandatory.

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