

## Two San Bernardino County Students Awarded Bangasser Medical Student Scholarships

The June 24, 2009 SBCMS Installation of Officers meeting marked the first presentation of the Ronald P. Bangasser, MD Medical Student Scholarships to Gregory Shaw, UCR Medical School, and Ashlee Breanna Hardesty, Loma Linda University School of Medicine. They each received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Ashlee Hardesty has been involved in several aspects of the Healthy Neighborhoods Project (HNP) where she served as student director and a weekly mentor for pregnant and parenting teens in the San Bernardino school system. She also volunteered at weekend retreats for at-risk 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys and served as a coordinator for the student-run free health clinic. She also volunteers at local health fairs. Under her leadership, the HNP program has grown in number of participants and the quality of the services delivered.



From left are Sandi Bangasser, scholarship recipients Ashlee Hardesty and Greg Shaw, and Dr. Susan Bangasser

Greg Shaw has demonstrated his commitment to the community and to the underserved in many ways: As an Eagle Scout his Saturday mornings were spent working on community service projects. After high school he spent two years in the Fiji Islands as a missionary for his church; as an undergraduate at UCR, he volunteered in the Emergency Department at the Regional Hospital in Moreno Valley to assist the charge nurse. Greg counsels those who cannot afford health insurance on various assistance programs available to them; he serves as the Pharmacy manager and Public Relations manager for the Riverside Student Run Health Clinic that serves a variety of people including the homeless and uninsured.

The Bangasser Medical Student Scholarship Fund honors the late CMA/SBCMS president Dr. Ronald Bangasser, a physician known locally and nationally for his compassion for patients and his zeal to improve the quality of health care. He was a friend, an advisor and mentor to students with a strong desire to assist them in their education and inspire in them the value of organized medicine. It is because of his love for medicine and his faith in and encouragement of medical students as the future of medicine that this scholarship fund was established.