

San Bernardino County Medical Society Installs 2010/2011 Officers



Dr. Rick D. Murray of Fontana took office as the 118th president of the San Bernardino County Medical Society on June 23, 2010 during the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Presentation dinner. 200 physicians, spouses and friends gathered at the historic Mitten Building in downtown Redlands to enjoy an evening of fellowship and celebration.

Dr. Murray is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine. He practices at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana and Riverside. After receiving his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1975, Dr. Murray took his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, in Obstetrics/Gynecology at Loma Linda University, and a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Colorado. He is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Loma Linda University Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the SBCMS Executive Committee, the California Medical Association (CMA), and a volunteer member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff Medical Reserve Corp.

CMA Past- President Dev GnanaDev, MD, conducted the inauguration of Dr. Murray and fellow officers Mohan Mallam, MD, President-Elect; Leroy L. Ounanian, MD, Vice President; Raman S. Poola, MD, Secretary; C. Paul Sinkhorn, MD, Treasurer; and Rodney Borger, MD, Past President. He also recognized the 2010/2011 Board and Delegation.



L-R: Drs. Sinkhorn, Borger, Poola, Murray, Mallam, & Ounanian

Drs. Tamara Thomas of Loma Linda University, Clinton Adams of Western University, and Stewart Shankel representing the University of California Riverside, gave brief updates on activities at their respective medical schools. The keynote speaker was Robert Sallis, MD, a Past-President of the American College of Sports Medicine and chair of Exercise is Medicine™, a joint initiative of ACSM and the American Medical Association designed to fully support physician-prescribed exercise. He discussed the importance of physical activity in the treatment and prevention of chronic disease and how physicians can prescribe exercise to change the activity habits of their patients.



L-R: Drs. Siddiqi & Nayyar; Brenda Brennan RN; Dr. Valenzuela; & Dr. Hasso accepting for Dr. Fritzsche

Dr. Borger presented the 2010 Outstanding Physician and Citizen Awards to Manmohan Nayyar, MD, Merlin A. Hendrickson, MD Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community; Guillermo Valenzuela, MD, Nicholas P. Krikes, MD Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Medical Society; Javed Siddiqi, MD and Peggy Fritzsche, MD (posthumous), the William L. Cover, MD Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medicine; and Brenda Brennan, RN, MS, Outstanding Citizen Award.



L-R: Sandi Bangasser-Evans, Vanessa Correa, Andrew Wai, & Susan Bangasser, PhD.

Susan Bangasser, PhD. and her daughter, Sandi Bangasser-Evans presented the Ronald P. Bangasser, MD Medical Student Scholarships to 2010 recipients Andrew Wai of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Vanessa Correa, University of California Riverside.



Rodney Borger MD & Linda Stratton

SBCMS Executive Director Linda Stratton announced her retirement and received a special Presidential Award from Dr. Borger for 33 years of outstanding commitment and leadership.

Senior Administrative Assistant Linda Sue Myers received recognition for 25 years of service to the medical society.



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Dr. Borger also recognized retiring physicians Drs. Philip C.T. Chien, Stanley C. Condon, Luke Hsaio, G. David Jang, and Robert J. Kirshbaum, as well as event sponsors: Choice Medical Group, Loma Linda University Medical Center, NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company, Beaver Medical Group/EPIC Management, Inc., Victor Valley Community Hospital, Western University of Health Sciences, Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers, Accent Computer Solutions, Chino Valley Medical Center, La Salle Medical Associates, and Marsh.