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## **2/5/19 Tuesday**

**sVOSH** will be selling Chinese food next Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from **12pm to 1pm on the HEC Esplanade**. We will be serving noodles, orange chicken, and veggie egg rolls! Click here for details.

## **2/11/19 Monday**

The next **Orange County Optometric Society (OCOS)** CE meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 9:00pm at Darya Restaurant in Santa Ana**. The topic is retinal glaucoma and low vision rehabilitation. We are looking for *2 volunteer students* to help with registration. If interested please email [OCOS.WUCO@gmail.com](mailto:OCOS.WUCO@gmail.com) before Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **2/14/19 Thursday**

**Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (sVOSH)** will be selling chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day! Pre-order is available until 5:00pm on Monday, 2/11/19. You may order individual, half dozen, and one dozen strawberries ([please see flyer for more details](#)). All proceeds will support the sVOSH clinic trip to Peru this summer! Individual strawberries sold the day-of will be limited. Thank you very much for your support! [Click here to place your order by Monday, 2/11/19.](#)

## **2/18/19 Monday**

**University closed in observance of President's Day.**

## **2/22/19 Friday**

**Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (SVOSH)** will be selling Chinese food from **12:00pm – 1:00pm at the BVCC Esplanade**. All proceeds will support the sVOSH clinic trip to Peru this summer. Thank you for your support!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a day for sharing love, but all too often, people are hurt by intimate partner violence (IPV). One in four women and one in seven men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. For them, Valentine's Day is a reminder of their pain, not love. **Drs. Harris and McAllister are proud to announce that the students from the Houses of Borish and Galileo, in keeping with the Core Value of Caring, collected boxes of needed goods for the House of Ruth to demonstrate love to victims of IPV.** The House of Ruth provides critical, life-saving and supportive services to victims of domestic violence, but needs donations to keep going. See what you can do by clicking on this link: <http://houseofruthinc.org/how-you-can-help/>

The **34<sup>th</sup> CSUN Assistive Technologies Conference** will be held in Anaheim this year from March 11-15, 2019. The exhibit halls offer free attendance and will have many devices and technologies for the visually impaired. Follow this link for more information: [http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2019/sessions/index.php/public/website\\_pages/view/5](http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2019/sessions/index.php/public/website_pages/view/5)

At this year's **Global Specialty Lens Symposium**, the largest specialty contact lens conference in the US, College of Optometry faculty Drs. **Frank Spors, Jie Shen, Dorcas Tsang, and Lance McNaughton received an award for their poster** 'A Comparison of Manual Keratometry and Simulated Keratometry When Determining Central K-Readings'. In addition, 4<sup>th</sup> year optometry student **Ilya Volk received a student poster award** for his poster 'The Benefit of a Scleral Lens in the Treatment of a Post-Corneal Transplant Epithelial Defect'.

On Saturday, January 26, 2019, **Dr. Bennett McAllister** attended The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Medical & Pre-Health Conference** at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), to present on the profession of Optometry. CSUSB is an excellent local undergraduate university that has proven a good source of candidates for WUCO.

**Dr. John Tassinari** will present a lecture, "Practical Pediatric Optometry" at the San Gabriel Valley Optometric Society Clinical Optometry Symposium on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia.

**Save the dates & come to volunteer in your community** – Care Harbor Event on Saturday, 4/27/19 & Sunday, 4/28/19 at the Pomona Fairplex. *Online volunteer registration will be opening soon*  
<http://www.careharbor.org/fairplex/>

**Western University of Health Sciences** is hosting the next **Envision Conference October 5-6, 2019!** Envision Conference is the premier interprofessional conference for low vision rehabilitation. You'll have a chance to interact and network with other practitioners, researchers, occupational therapists, vision rehabilitation therapists (VRT), teachers of visually impaired (TVI), orientation and mobility specialists (O&M), assistive technology specialists, and others. You'll learn the latest advances in research and treatment as well as see exhibitors showcasing brand new technology that allow people to thrive and remain independent.  
<http://www.cvent.com/events/envision-conference-west-2019/event-summary-273784431cb8420b93cfb8532eb00a85.aspx>

**Continuing Education Online Courses** – for a list of 1 and 2 hours courses please [click here](#).

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