



SEPTEMBER 2013

9/2/13 Monday

University Holiday in observance of Labor Day.

9/5/13 Thursday

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Meeting –

NORA is a multidisciplinary organization, not only Optometry. Please join us at our membership meeting which is open to EVERYONE!!! **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** *Bring your own lunch. Snacks will be provided.*

9/7/13 Saturday

WUCO Eye Care Center in conjunction with **Foundation Fighting Blindness**, a national organization that promotes retinal disease research, will be hosting 10 speakers discussing new treatments and ongoing research in retinal diseases and showcasing WesternU's interprofessional collaboration to healthcare delivery. There will be an exhibit hall with community organizations and vendors displaying their products and services. This event is open to the general public - anyone affected by vision loss personally or have a family or friend with vision loss and want to learn more. All faculty, staff, & students are welcome to attend - please register with Jennifer Hecker at jhecker@fightblindness.org. **8:00am – 2:30pm in Pomona** (breakfast & lunch provided).

9/11/13 Wednesday

VOSH 1st General Meeting – Come learn about membership benefits and their most recent trips to Peru and Mexico. A future mission trip awaits! [Click here to RSVP for free lunch.](#) **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

9/16/13 Monday

Welcome Mr. John Villasenor as he joins our WUCO Family as our newest Optician!!

9/17/13 Tuesday

OD2015 Contact Lens Workshop - The Soft Toric and Presbyopic Lens Education (STAPLE) Program is a collaborative effort on behalf of Alcon, Bausch+Lomb, CooperVision and VISTAKON, a Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. This program provides hands-on soft toric and soft multifocal fitting workshops to Optometry Students in the United States and Canada. In these workshops, students have an opportunity to fit a product from all four companies on patients recruited specifically for the event. The goal of these multi-company workshops is to provide generic education that will benefit the student through a valuable lens fitting experience in the soft toric and multifocal lens categories. **5:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall I**. For more information please contact Dr. Egan degan@westernu.edu.

9/18/13 Wednesday

College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Club – Please support the COVD Club Outtakes BBQ Fundraiser and your colleagues attending the COVD 43rd Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL! \$5 for a burger, chips, and a drink. **12:00pm on the HEC Esplanade**. For more information about the Annual Meeting, please contact COVDClub@westernu.edu.

SGA OD2016 invites you to come hear about **VisionWalk**, the major fundraiser for Foundation Fighting Blindness, an organization that drives research for the prevention, treatment, and cures for retinal degenerative diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, and Usher Syndrome. The associate director of Foundation Fighting Blindness will be speaking at **12:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall II**. Lunch will be provided by SGA OD2016 to those who register by Tuesday, 9/17 at 5:00pm. [Click here to register for lunch](#). For questions please contact SGA-OD2016@westernu.edu.

9/21/13 Saturday

CE Event – Hays-Haine Benefit Symposium – *Registration deadline is Monday, September 16, 2013.* [Click here to register](#). Proceeds from this event will go toward the Hays-Haine Family Scholarship. This scholarship assists students from underserved areas who may need financial help to achieve their dream of serving their communities as a doctor of optometry. [Click here for event flier](#). **8:00am – 3:00pm at Western University of Health Sciences – Pomona Campus.**

WUCO Founder's Day – [Click here to register.](#) Join us at our annual College celebration to pay tribute to WUCO students, faculty and community partners – open to WUCO families. Come out for great time including inspirational speakers, scholarships & recognitions, a vendor fair, raffle prizes and food! **3:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.**

9/21/13 – 9/22/13 Saturday & Sunday

WUCO Vision Screening - Veterans Stand Down, Compton, CA – Drs. Drescher and Gordon will be supervising. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. These will be comprehensive visual examinations and glasses will be provided. Please contact Dr. Remick at kremick@westernu.edu if you are available to participate.

9/25/13 – 9/26/13 Wednesday & Thursday

OD2015 SynergEyes Wet Lab – SynergEyes will have a wet lab on the Duette HD contact lens. Duette is a hybrid which combines two types of materials into one unique lens. The center provides the visual acuity of a rigid lens, while the soft skirt approximates the comfort of a soft contact lens.

9/28/13 Saturday

Support WUCO at the **4th Annual WUCO-SCCO Basketball Tournament!** Come cheer on WUCO students with WUCO apparel, signs, and most of all, that WUCO spirit! Feel free to bring friends and family to support the WUCO teams. **7:00pm at the Cal State Fullerton Recreation Center, 800 North State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92834.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Valerie Wren presented a 90 minute community talk on Vision and Balance to residents of Atria Del Rey, an assisted and independent living senior center in Rancho Cucamonga. The Eye Care Center continues its community outreach initiatives to educate patients, caregivers and loved ones regarding the importance of vision for continued safety and independence.

Dr. Linda Pang had an article published in the California Optometry Magazine, September/October 2013. The article, *Eye Vision and Awareness*, is [available here](#).

Dr. Bennett McAllister presented a lecture on the psychological aspects of providing vision rehabilitation care and participated in a panel where he presented recent research from Dr. Frank Spors and College of Optometry student Tyler Phan regarding in-office neutralization of high plus devices at the recently held Envision Conference in Minneapolis. Held each September, Envision brings together ophthalmologists, optometrists, occupational therapists, medical researchers, students and instructors from leading low-vision optometry schools and other professionals and academics to focus on improving the quality of low-vision care through collaboration, advocacy, research and education.

Dr. Joshua Cameron, in collaboration with Dr. Douglas Ethell in the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences and Salvador Luna an MS/BS student also from the Graduate College, had a paper published in PlosOne, September 2013, Volume 8, Issue 9. The article, *Amyloid- β and APP deficiencies cause severe cerebrovascular defects: important work for an old villain*, PlosONE 2013; 8(9):e75052, is [available here](#).

Heart Ministries Health Fair, Pomona - August 17, 2013 - The Lion's Club of Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry Chapter and the Inland Empire Optometric Society (IEOS) were voluntary service providers. The Lion's Club van operated by Lion, Ken Myers, served as a physical location to set up the screening area. WUCO Lion's Club Chapter president, Edwin Endo, coordinated WesternU's volunteers, auxiliary equipment, and paper forms. Dr. Queenie Tran, IEOS, and Dr. Donald Egan, WUCO, assisted in coordinating the vision screening and were preceptors. Student Intern Volunteers included: Edwin Endo, Greysy Melgar, Amy Nguyen, Angeline Albiar, Edward Hsieh, Aaron Lam, Natalia Caraballo, Zin Min, Naul Paz, Jason Drobeck, and Mandeep Dhillon.

AOSA Reminder – The deadline for AOSA membership applications and \$40 dues is **Monday, September 16, 2013**. After this date, you will not be guaranteed your AOSA annual benefits. New members must turn in an application AND dues. Returning members will only need to turn in dues. Please submit cash or check payable to: WesternU AOSA. You can submit to ANY of the following people: Thuy Tran, Mary Hoang, Amy Nguyen, Alyssa Yamamoto, or Kenneth Van.

AOSA Western Regional Conference is coming! Early Registration is going on now! For event registration, details, schedule and FAQ please [click here](#). There is limited seating available, so please register now!
Where: Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO)
When: Friday, November 15, 2013 – Saturday November 16, 2013
Early Registration fee: \$32 – Registration after November 1st: \$40

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