



Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

As we begin a new year, I am honored to introduce myself as the new President of our optometric society. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our collective voice and continue advancing our profession.

As I step into this role, I do so with a deep appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and collegial spirit that define our membership. Our society has a strong foundation, built through the efforts of those who came before us, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue that work while looking ahead to what we can accomplish together—both in our local community and in Sacramento.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our society. I look forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Cao, OD

2026

Save the dates

**APR
19**

**SPRING
SYMPOSIUM**

5 HOURS CE

**JUL
12**

**SUMMER
SOCIAL**

2 HOURS CE

**SEP
27**

**USC + SGVOS FALL
SYMPOSIUM**

5 HOURS CE

TBD

HOLIDAY PARTY

NEW

NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE! TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE AND CONSISTENT ACROSS OUR SOCIAL AND DIGITAL PRESENCE, WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW WEBSITE: SGVOPTOMETRICSOCIETY.ORG

YOU CAN FIND ALL FUTURE EVENT INFO AND RSVP FORMS THERE.

NEW

REPRESENT US AT COA EVENTS!

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FEB 20-21, 2026
SAN DIEGO MARIOTT MISSION VALLEY

LEGISLATIVE DAY
MAR 2, 2026
SACRAMENTO, CA



Want to learn more about the legislative side of optometry and what COA does for our profession? Come to the next House of Delegates and Legislative Day as an SGVOS delegate! Email us for more information to join. Your flights and accommodations will be compensated.

DOHENY EYE INSTITUTE

4th Annual Doheny-UCLA **INTERNATIONAL RETINA SYMPOSIUM**

January 31, 2026

National Keynote Speaker
Mark W. Johnson, MD

International Keynote Speaker
Sobha Sivaprasad, MD, FRCOphth

- AI & Imaging
- Gene Therapy
- Surgical Advances

Guest Lecturers



Sobha Sivaprasad, MD, FRCOphth
Director, Moorfields Clinical Research Facility and
Consultant at Moorfields Eye Hospital, NHS Trust
Professor, Retinal Clinical Research at
University College London, United Kingdom



Mark W. Johnson, MD
Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Section Head - Retina Division, Kellogg Eye Center
University of Michigan Medical School

Course Directors



Michael Ip, MD
Gavin S. Herbert Endowed Chair for
Macular Degeneration
Professor of Ophthalmology
David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA
Medical Director, Doheny Imaging Reading Center
Doheny Eye Institute



Giulia Corradetti, MD
Health Sciences Clinical Instructor
David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA
Scientist, Doheny Eye Institute



UCLA Stein Eye Institute


- **How:**
 - Attend In-person OR Virtually
- **Where:**
 - Doheny Eye Institute: 150 North Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91103
- **What:**
 - Complimentary Breakfast 7:30 – 8:00 AM
 - Meeting 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Who:**
 - FREE REGISTRATION (Optometrists register as Allied Health Care Professionals)

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FLYING DOC VOLUNTEER

Formed in 1975, the Los Medicos Voladores Flying Doctors celebrated their Golden Anniversary this past year. Our mission is to *build and strengthen underserved communities through healthcare, education, and volunteerism*. We provide compassionate professional service to those in need while giving our volunteers the ability to “give back” to the same. Visit the LMV Flying Doctor’s website for additional information, to register for a clinic, or to donate equipment or funds. snap the QR code or visit us at <http://flyingdocs.org>.

LMV Flying Doctors 2026 dates

February 7, 2026 Dental and vision Silver Valley High School (Near Barstow, Ca.) 35484 Daggett-Yermo Rd Yermo, Ca. 92398	February 12-15, 2026 Casa Hogar Canon Buena Vista & Orphanage Ensenada (El Zorillo) Mexico	March 7-8, 2026, Sat & Sun Dental, vision, hearing, medical, and physical therapy Yucca Valley High School 7600 Sage Ave Yucca Valley, CA. 92284
April 23-26, 2026 San Pedro de la Cueva Sonoma, Mexico	April 25, 2026 Blythe, Ca. Dental and medical Palo Verde College 1 College Drive, Blythe, Ca.	May 30, 2026 Riverside, California
September 26, 2026 Dental, vision, and medical Oasis Thermal Desert Mirage High School 86150 66th Ave Thermal, CA. 92274	October 17, 2026 Dental and vision El Monte VFW Post 10218 11126 Romona Blvd El Monte, CA. 91732	Guatamala (Date to be determined)
October 24, 2026 Fundraising Golf Tournament Hawks Landing Golf Course 55100 Martinez Trail Yucca Valley, CA 92284		For more information Or to volunteer, Snap the QR code. Scroll down to find your adventure You want

[CLICK HERE FOR DIRECT LINK](http://flyingdocs.org)

2025 SOCIETY

highlights

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EVENTS

13

CE HOURS

19

SPONSORS

112

MEMBERS

NEW EVENT

alert



Our newest event this year combines two hours of educational lectures with some putt-tastic time on the greens with our members. Thanks for hanging out with us and Maloney-Shamie-Hura Vision institute!

FAVORITE

moments



Spring symposium at Doubletree, Monrovia



Fall symposium at Doubletree, Monrovia

Back at the Derby in Arcadia for our holiday party



Our ugly sweater winners! Dr. Gail Murphy and Dr. Linda Lam



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