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# VisioNotes & Quotes

Central California Optometric Society

## Biotissue Dinner Program

On November 2, Biotissue sponsored our last CCOS dinner program for 2016. Michelle Sauer from Biotissue introduced our speaker, Adam Shupe, OD, and our new Biotissue representative Stacy Pappas (email address [spappas@biotissue.com](mailto:spappas@biotissue.com)). Michelle will still be around but will be changing territories since Stacy will take care of the Fresno area. Sarah is a local gal, which makes it nice to have a representative that has roots in Central California.

### What is unique about Prokera?

Biotissue uses the CryoTek method for Prokera to maintain the extracellular matrix of the amniotic membrane. This method preserves the membrane's ability to promote regenerative healing, prevent scar formation, and suppress inflammation. This proprietary method along with the state of the art biotechnology facility distinguishes Biotissue from its competition.

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### What does a foot ulcer have to do with the eye?

Our speaker, Dr. Shupe, presented interesting cases from his private practice in Marysville, which is slightly north of Sacramento. It was amazing to see his before and after pictures for a number of cases including dry eyes, corneal abrasions/ulcers, and chemical burns. He also shared graphic photos of diabetic foot ulcers where the patient was at risk of amputation. We saw the incredible transformation of a gruesome foot ulcer undergo amniotic membrane treatment.

### How has Biotissue Supported Optometry?

I had an opportunity to meet Tom Daniells, the CEO of Biotissue, while I was in Miami this past October. By the way, Tom received his BS in Business Administration and Marketing from a college we all know - California State Fresno! Go Bulldogs! Tom mentioned that all states across the United States allow optometrists to use Prokera. However, this privilege was not automatically included in our scope of practice. It is because of Biotissue's overwhelming support for optometrists that we now have the privilege to use Prokera today. Thank you Biotissue for your unwavering support in helping optometry meet the needs of our patients!

## President's Message

Margie Recalde, OD, FAAO

**Did you know that COA members have a new and FREE benefit?**

We get up to 30 minutes of telephone and research work per month with an attorney at no cost.



You can discuss business tax issues, employment law, California State Board Optometry rules, and many more other topics. I called the law firm of Wilke Fleury at 916-441-2430, provided my COA member number, and asked for an attorney that would help me with my topic. I was transferred to an attorney right away and had no wait time. I was shocked that I was able to reach an attorney so quickly. The attorney was professional and very helpful. I am so glad we have this benefit. It was quick and easy to use! Check out our CCOS website for more details.



### CCOS 2017 Sponsors:

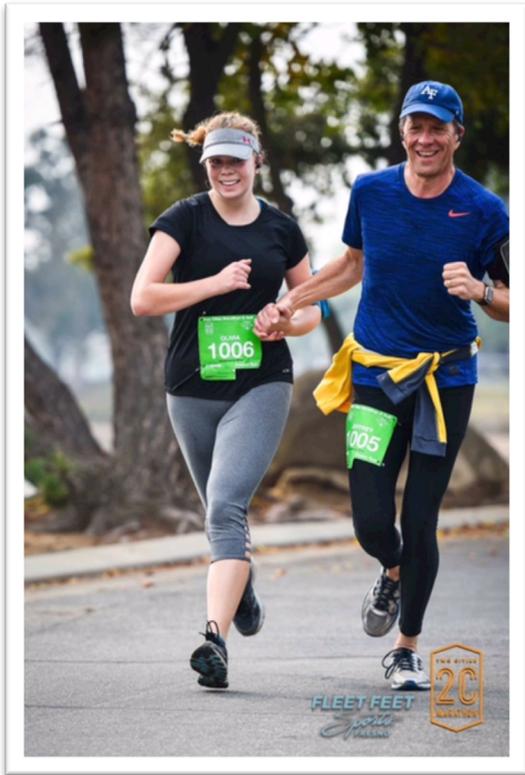
CCOS has reached out to several companies for sponsorship in 2017 and has already received positive responses. CCOS would like to thank Allergan as well as Fogg, Maxwell, Lanier & Remington for being the first companies to respond to our call for support. Thank you also for being Platinum Sponsors!



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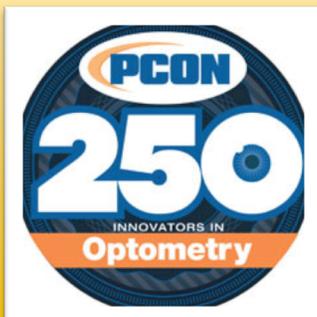
**Running for a Worthy Cause**



On November 6, Dr. Jeff Krohn ran the Two Cities Half-Marathon. His goal was to raise funds for Optometry Giving Sight. This is the only global fundraising initiative specifically targeting the elimination of blindness and impaired vision due to "uncorrected refractive error" — that is, nearsightedness or farsightedness that is uncorrected simply because individuals don't have access to vision care and glasses.



Jeff and his daughter, Olivia, both crossed the finish line under 2 hours! After his successful run, Jeff posted “Legs felt great and I was reminded of the GENEROSITY of all those (YOU!) who made this more than an early November morning ‘run’ - you made it a Run for a Reason! Thank you so much to the patients, colleagues and friends who donated to this great cause (Optometry Giving Sight - Eye Care around the World for all!).”



Jeff was recently honored for being named on the Primary Care Optometry News 250. This is a list of ODs that provide innovative patient care, conduct research, and share their knowledge to advance the profession.

**Congratulations Jeff on all of your accomplishments!**



## Obituary

Darol Joseph Bonander, O.D., age 64, passed away on November 10, 2016. Darol was born on May 22, 1952 in Fresno, California. He is survived by his wife Debbie of 38 years; as well as three children, Matthew, Joseph and Darrah as well as his grandchildren Emma and Hunter. He is also survived by his mother Laurice and sister Kathleen.

He worked and lived in Kingsburg and also served patients as an optometrist in Riverdale and Selma.



He served on the missions board of the Community Church and did missions work in Mexico, India and Africa. To read more information about his past mission trips, visit [https://physiciancrossroads.com/newsletters/doc\\_DarolBonander.html](https://physiciancrossroads.com/newsletters/doc_DarolBonander.html).

**A memorial service will be held at the Kingsburg Community Church of Friday, November 18th at 11:00 A.M.**

Remembrances: Kingsburg Cancer Volunteers, P.O. Box 26, Kingsburg, CA 93631 or Empowering Lives International, 422 N. Second Ave., Upland, CA 91786.

Arrangements: Creighton Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Bonander had been a member of CCOS for many years. In remembrance, CCOS Board Members voted to donate to Kingsburg Cancer Volunteers.

## CCOS Welcomes New Member, Dr. Chi Nguyen



Chi Nguyen is a doctor of optometry with 17 years of experience in the field of optometry. She specializes in providing optometric collaboration with refractive (laser and cataract) surgery & tertiary ophthalmic care, as well as dry eye, contact lens fitting, pediatric and general optometric care.

Dr. Nguyen graduated from the University of California at Irvine with a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science and went on to Nova Southeastern University's College of Optometry to receive her Doctorate in Optometry. She was born in Vietnam and immigrated to the United States with her family when she was nine. Dr. Nguyen met her husband in 2007 and moved to Fort Worth, Texas shortly after where she worked at Alcon from 2008-2013.

She has been a member of the Optometric Council of Refractive Technologies and Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, where she provided optometric services in the Dominican Republic. She is also heavily involved in charity work, especially children's charities.

Long-time patrons may remember Dr. Nguyen—she worked at EYE-Q from 2003 to 2007! When she's not at work, she loves spending time with her family, reading, travel and photography. She even has a photography business on the side. Dr. Nguyen is fluent in English and Vietnamese.

### Optometry Equipment For Sale

I'm a former optometrist who was critically hurt in an accident three years ago. I can no longer practice, and have the following equipment for sale.

- Tycos sphygmomanometer, Model CC0050, lifetime certification
- Prestige Medical stethoscope, model 122
- Welch Allyn BIO model 12500
- Two transformers for above BIO: model 74390
- Lens kit (don't know the brand) but it is standard ophthalmic equipment, missing one +2.00 lens. Has trial frame and flipper-type trial frame.

I would like to sell everything for one price (basically, make an offer). I devoted many years of my life to optometry, as you have, but can't use the equipment any more. It would make excellent "second exam room" or "second office" equipment, or even a spare for your main office.

Please make an offer for this equipment. Since I can't practice any longer, I'm willing to take almost any offer; I still have a love for the patients and optometry in general, so I don't want to see these instruments sit idle.

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