

Orange County Psychiatric Society

A District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association

THE OCPS SCOPE

An E-Newsgram for the Members of the Orange County Psychiatric Society

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OCPS Installation Dinner - Tickets Still Available!



<u>When</u>: Saturday, April 28, 2018 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Center Club 650 Town Center Dr. Costa Mesa, CA 92626

<u>For Tickets</u>: <u>http://xsimple.formstack.com/forms/ocp</u> s

The OCPS Installation Dinner, recognizing your incoming elected officers, will be held on *April 28, 2018* at the Center Club in Costa Mesa. All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend. This will be a great time to get to know your new officers, network with colleagues, meet new members, and enjoy a fantastic dinner!

The new officers being installed are:

- David Safani, MD President
- Robert Bota, MD President-Elect
- Roula Creighton, MD Secretary
- Lawrence Faziola, MD Treasurer

Tickets for this event are \$85 for members, \$110 for non-members and \$25 for Residents. RSVP now by clicking on the following link: http://xsimple.formstack.com/forms/ocps or by

calling Natalie Kaczur at 949.250.3157.

Upcoming Events

Mark you calendars now for these upcoming events:

- April 28, 2018 OCPS Installation Dinner. The Center Club, Orange County. 5:30 pm
- May 5-9, 2018 APA Annual Meeting, New York City
- May 6, 2018 UCI Reception at APA Annual Meeting. Clyde Frazier's, New York City. 6:30 pm
- May 30, 2018 MHA Meeting of the Minds Conference, Anaheim Marriott Hotel. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- June 12, 2018 Women's Forum Event. Topic: "Women's Forum Mentorship Program." OCMA Conference Room. 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

CPA Advocacy Day

by Yujuan Choy, MD

CPA advocacy day in Sacramento occurred on April 16th and was a great success. With 26 residents in attendance, this year was the largest showing of psychiatric residents.

As with previous advocacy days, OCPS had a large presence. *Drs. Jeffrey Glass* and *Yujuan Choy* represented OCPS, along with the following UCI residents: *Darinka Aragon, MD, Sarah Wied, MD, Anthony Bui, MD, Frances Broghammer, MD and Christopher Cho, MD.* UCI medical student, *Rakel Salamander*, was also in attendance.



L to R: Darinka Aragon, MD, Christopher Cho, MD, Frances Broghammer, MD, Yujuan Choy, MD, and Jeffrey Glass, MD



L to R: Robert McCarron, DO, Yujuan Choy, MD, Anthony Bui, MD, Darinka Aragon, MD, Rakel Salamander and Jeffrey Glass, MD

We spent the morning with Randall Hagar, Director of the CPA Government Affairs

Committee, where we learned about the art of advocacy and details of the mental health bills sponsored by the CPA. We received pointers from California State Senator, Josh Newman, and met with Assembly Member Anna Caballero. In the afternoon, we advocated for the following bills during our visit with the legislators:

- <u>AB 1971:</u> This bill expands the definition of "grave disability" to include the inability to provide for one's own medical treatment as a result of a mental health disorder. Currently, grave disability only applies to the inability to provide for one's own food, clothing and shelter.
- <u>AB 2328</u>: This bill will require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish community-based substance use treatment programs for the uninsured and Medicaid-eligible youth under the age of 21. The goal is to provide early intervention for youths with substance use disorders.

The CPA also sponsored several measures that seek to increase the psychiatric work force by providing loan repayment program incentives, and advocated for the state budget to include a \$1 million line item to provide scholarships for primary care physicians practicing in underserved communities to receive training in primary care psychiatry.

Overall, it was invigorating to meet with the legislators and advocate for mental health bills that will increase the access of mental health treatment to those with the greatest need.





Beginning in this issue of our e-newsgram, we will be highlighting an OCPS officer, councilor, committee chair or member.

In this issue, we'd like to introduce you to *Dr. Andia Turner*. Andia is a second year resident at UCI and has been very active with OCPS since she began her residency program. She serves on our Public Affairs Committee as the Resident Co-Chair, and is active on our Government Relations Committee as well. Andia is passionate when it comes to advocating for mental health, and has worked with lobbyists to represent psychiatry to legislators in Sacramento – working toward passing bi-partisan CPA-sponsored bills. Andia's commitment to advocacy was recognized by OCPS as the 2017 recipient of the Callahan Award.

Andia has been endorsed by the OCPS Council as our candidate for the *Area 6 RFM Deputy Representative*. "Serving as the RFM Deputy Representative will provide me with a platform to spread the voice of resident and fellow psychiatrists, representing our shared values on a state level and informing policy for the betterment of mental health care, treatment, and public education," says Andia.

If you are an OCPS Resident Fellow member, please be sure to support Andia with your vote in the upcoming RFM Deputy Representative Election. Ballots will be sent out via email by the CPA (via an electronic voting vendor) in late April.

ALERT: Extortion Scam Targeting DEA Registrants

The DEA is aware that registrants are receiving telephone calls and emails by criminals identifying themselves as DEA employees or other law enforcement personnel. The criminals have masked their telephone number on Caller ID by showing the DEA Registration Support 800 number. Please be aware that a DEA employee would not contact a registrant and demand money or threaten to suspend a registrant's DEA registration.

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Extortion Scam Online Reporting

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Email - DEA.Registration.Help@usdoj.gov

We Need Your Help! Please Volunteer Annual MHA Meeting of the Minds Mental Health Conference

The MHA Annual Meeting of the Minds Mental Health Conference is being held *Wednesday, May 30, 2018* at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. This annual conference serves to bring together the full spectrum of the mental health community of Orange County with the objective of raising awareness, enhancing skills, increasing cultural sensitivity and reducing the stigma



of mental health. This conference also provides a forum to share information, strengthen existing relationships and network/develop new alliances – all in an effort to improve patient care and quality of life for persons impacted by mental illness.

OCPS will be sponsoring a table at this event and, as in the past, we are planning to offer our "Ask the Doctor" service to conference attendees. Accordingly, we are in need of psychiatrists to volunteer to staff our table from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can volunteer for as little as half-hour time slots – or longer if you are able. We would like to have at least two physicians at the table the entire time.

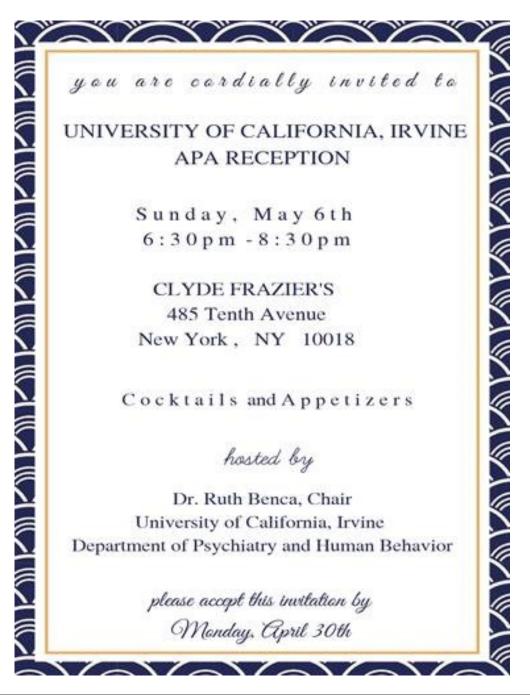
If you would like to volunteer for this community event, *please contact Ms. Natalie Kaczur either via email at <u>Natalie@ocps.org</u> or telephone at 949.250.3157*. She will be coordinating the volunteers and will provide you with the logistical details.

We sincerely appreciate any time you can spare for this worthwhile event!

UCI Reception at APA Meeting - Sunday, May 6th

Are you attending the Annual APA Conference in New York? If so, please plan on stopping by the UCI Reception on Sunday, May 6th, at Clyde Frazier's. Details of the reception are

noted below. If you do plan on stopping by, **please RSVP via email** to Ms. Jennifer Brouwer at <u>jkbrower@uci.edu</u> so that we may adequately plan for food and beverage. We hope to see you there!



Nominations Open: Physicians of Excellence Award

Orange Coast Magazine, in conjunction with the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA), will publish its annual list of Orange County Physicians of Excellence in the January 2019 issue. The OCMA is currently seeking nominations for this award. The Physicians of Excellence program was designed to honor outstanding physicians practicing in Orange County.

If you would like to nominate a physician, please click on the following link to obtain information on the criteria for nomination and the nomination form (<u>www.ocma.org</u> or <u>orangecoast.com/poeawards</u>), or you may call the OCMA at 949.398.8100 x106 for more information. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2018.

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