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Women in Leadership at SGVPhA

Bonny M. Chan, PharmD
SGVPhA President, Community Pharmacy

Bonny graduated from USC School of Pharmacy in 2013 and is a community pharmacist and preceptor at El Monte Pharmacy. Her involvement with CPhA began while she was a student at USC, where she served as Co-President of the American Pharmacy Student Alliance. She is an active member of the California Pharmacists Association, serving as the current president of her local chapter, the San Gabriel Valley Pharmacists Association. Bonny is also a 2016 graduate of CPhA’s Leader Development Institute, a year-long program that develops pharmacy leaders through self-reflection and evaluation of one’s values, interests, strengths, and needs in decision-making.

Carey M. Gore, PharmD
SGVPhA Immediate Past President, Community Pharmacy

Carey has been a longtime member of the San Gabriel Valley Pharmacists Association, and is the current Past President. She has experience in Hospital, Long Term Care, and Community Pharmacy practice. She comes from a long family of pharmacists, and was previously an independent owner with her father. Over the course of her career, she has had the opportunity to see the evolution of our dynamic profession, and has contributed by mentoring students and volunteering at various pharmacy schools. Carey enjoys interacting with students, and believes that we all learn from each other.

Theresa Tran, PharmD
SGVPhA General Board, Community Pharmacy

Theresa graduated from USC School of Pharmacy and has been involved with SGVPhA since her second year in pharmacy school, serving as the Local Association Liaison. Her outgoing personality makes her a perfect fit in the independent retail pharmacy setting. With her beliefs in meditation and self-love, she likes to promote self-empowerment to people around her.
Women in Leadership at SGVPhA

Mei Tang, PharmD, MBA
SGVPhA General Board, Consulting

Mei Tang is President at Two Trees Healthcare Consulting where she is responsible for helping pharmacy companies succeed. Prior to starting her own consulting business, Ms. Tang served as Vice President of Operations at ModernHEALTH Specialty Pharmacy and was responsible for specialty pharmacy operations, and patient care/call center management. She previously served as Director of Pharmacy at OptumRx, Director of Formulary Management at MedImpact, and Director of Pharmacy at WellPoint NextRx. Ms. Tang is a member of Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, National Association of Specialty Pharmacy, American Pharmacists Association, and is a certified ACHC consultant and holds certification in immunization, Medication Therapy Management; Pharmacist & Patient-Centered Diabetes Care. She founded Two Trees Wellness, Inc with a mission to improve wellbeing via yoga and meditation.

Karina Keshishian, PharmD
SGVPhA General Board, Community Pharmacy

Karina received her Bachelor’s in Science in Chemistry from UC Irvine in 1988 and a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the USC School of Pharmacy in 1992. In the first half of her career, she worked in long term care, compounding, consulting, and industry. At one point, she was Chief Regulatory Manager of Rugby Pharmaceuticals Company and managed new and complicated business with the former Soviet Union. Karina later took leadership in the retail world, turning around many stores for CVS/Caremark. She is currently the owner of MedEx Pharmacies, an independent pharmacy located in Sunland CA and is passionate about helping the future generation by mentoring them in their education and development of their other skills.

Eva Kim Ung, PharmD, BCACP, APh
SGVPhA General Board, Community Pharmacy

Eva is a graduate from Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Since then, she has been practicing in various settings, including ER, pediatrics, ICU, and acute long term care. She currently manages the 986 Pharmacy in Huntington Park. Eva believes in the importance of being involved in our profession, especially now with all the changes and new regulations. Let’s work together to ensure our voices are heard!
Women in Leadership at SGVPhA

Keira Truong, PharmD, MS HCDA
SGVPhA General Board, Managed Care

Keira graduated from the University of Southern California with her PharmD and Masters in Healthcare Decision Analysis. She completed a PGY-1 Managed Care Residency at San Francisco Health Plan, and currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist at SCAN Health Plan. She previously worked at OptumRx as a Specialty Prior Authorization Pharmacist and interned at an independent community pharmacy in Pasadena. She has been involved with the San Gabriel Valley Pharmacists Association in various capacities since her first year as a pharmacy student and continues as a board member today. Keira looks forward to giving back to this organization, while providing the same help and mentorship to others as she has received from SGVPhA as a student. One of her current goals is to increase financial awareness and provide education to pharmacists and their families to ensure we all have a solid foundation for the future.

Marie Martinez, PharmD
SGVPhA General Board, Ambulatory Care

Marie-France Martinez graduated from the University of Southern California Pharmacy school in 2006. She completed an Ambulatory Care Residency in 2007 from the University of Southern California. After residency, she began her career at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, managing patients with uncontrolled chronic conditions such as Diabetes, Hypertension and Dyslipidemia. Her dedication to improve outcomes for uncontrolled Diabetic patients led her to become certified as a Diabetes Educator and work with various companies as a Diabetes Educator consultant. Recently, Marie Martinez was promoted to Ambulatory Care Pharmacy supervisor for Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. As supervisor, she oversees the Pharmacy Ambulatory Care clinical services, inclusive being the pharmacist in charge of the Oncology sterile compounding pharmacy. Marie Martinez has been involved with SGVPhA since graduating from Pharmacy School and has served as Vice-President in 2012 and President in 2013. She encourages all graduating pharmacists to continue their involvement in Pharmacy Associations.

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IPA Sets the Record with CPhA-PAC Fundraiser!

On May 5, 2018 the Indian Pharmacists Association (IPA) held its 8th Annual Comedy night benefiting the CPhA-PAC. The night began on a great note with the largest number of advanced ticket sales in the history of this popular annual event. The Comedy Night was supported by Cardinal Health, McKesson, USC School of Pharmacy, American Associated Pharmacy, and AmerisourceBergen.

IPA members value the support they have received to help CPhA-PAC make a difference for pharmacists throughout California. By nights end, IPA members had surpassed last years total and donated a record $75,000 to CPhA-PAC. IPA continues to lead by example and show it is ready to handle every challenge California pharmacists face.

The CPhA-PAC provides pharmacists with a voice in legislature. With the increasingly extensive amount of legislative bills constantly proposed, it is crucial that CPhA remains vigilant and proactive. CPhA-PAC works on the front lines to make sure no negative impact comes to our pharmacists and profession.

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Dean Daniel Robinson has been a long-time, integral fixture in the pharmacy profession. With over 35 years of pharmacy experience, he has pioneered and developed many programs, as well as provided mentorship for students. His extensive involvement with CPhA and the pharmacy profession has established him as a leader in healthcare advocacy. We thank Dean Robinson for taking the time to conduct a short interview with us.

Q: As one of the well-established pharmacists in the profession, what made you decide that pharmacy was for you compared to any other healthcare profession?

I was married when I made the decision to go into pharmacy. I was working at Kal Kan Pet Foods as a formulation supervisor following my bachelor’s degree from Cal State Fullerton. My wife said she didn’t see a future with me coming home smelling like dog food every day. I took a night course from UC Irvine on Psychopharmacology and one of the guest lecturers from UCSF spoke on psychedelic drugs. That really caught my attention and made me want to learn more about drugs. I applied to UCSF, got wait-listed, but got in.

Q: Due to your extensive involvement throughout the pharmacy profession, your name has become synonymous with Western University of Health Sciences. What was the pivotal moment that made you decide to take on the mantle of Dean for WesternU?

I was dean at the Northeastern University School of Pharmacy from 2001 thru 2006. We were hosting an annual seminar (The Webb Lecture), for which we invited all former lecturers and Max Ray, the dean at WesternU College of Pharmacy, was one of those guests. Max was a longtime friend and colleague. During his visit we happened to be riding in a taxi together and he told me he was planning on retiring and wanted to know if I would be interested in applying for his position. Since I am a southern California native and essentially all of my family was still in California, I decided to apply. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made.
**Q: You’ve also been very involved with CPhA. What gives you the most satisfaction out of your involvement?**

I have been so impressed with the leadership of CPhA and their ability to influence the practice of pharmacy in California. As the largest state association representing pharmacists, CPhA is looked to as a national trend-setter. It has been an honor to serve on its board of trustees because it gives me the opportunity to work with some of the finest pharmacists and most dedicated staff in the state. CPhA works tirelessly to promote the profession and increase access to pharmacist-provided care. It makes me wonder why any licensed pharmacist in California would not belong to this association.

**Q: You’ve done quite a bit of work on the international front, from exchange agreements to other international pharmacy education. Why is that, and which country would you like to work with next?**

I began working on international pharmacy education at USC in 1986 or 1987 when I was first invited as a visiting professor to the Tokyo College of Pharmacy & Life Sciences. I then developed an international pharmacy educator program, which attracted educators from over 20 countries to 1-2 week training programs on the principles of clinical pharmacy education. We were also able to take a small team of USC faculty to other countries to assist with the implementation of clinical education. I have continued to promote international affiliations that serve as a basis for student exchanges, research and educational collaboration. Our vision statement for the College of Pharmacy includes “advancing global health outcomes through innovative pharmacy practice, interprofessional collaboration, scholarship and service.” We now have a Global Advancement Committee that oversees and manages our international outreach. We have a long and successful history with Asian countries; perhaps increasing collaborations with Scandinavian countries would be next.

**Q: There are challenges in every profession. What challenges do you foresee for graduating students?**

Nationally, and certainly regionally in southern California, we have witnessed a huge growth of schools and colleges of pharmacy. Unfortunately, we have not seen comparable growth in the job market or the number of residency programs. This has created a very challenging environment for our new graduates. In 2018, California schools graduated 1,233 students and we know that at least another 800 apply for California licensure as graduates from out of state schools. The number of California graduates has increased by 100% since 2008. A challenge, yes; but not an obstacle that a talented graduate can’t overcome.

**Q: What advice do you have for both incoming and graduating students?**

Pharmacy is a wonderful profession and it is only getting better with expanding opportunities for direct patient care. Pharmacists are in an excellent position to contribute substantially to patient health outcomes through participation in team-based models of health care. Geographic flexibility is extremely important when considering employment or residencies. Considering that our graduates will be competing with approximately 2,000 newly licensed practitioners for jobs and residencies, it will be important to prepare yourself with skills and experiences that make you stand out from the crowd.

**Q: What’s one fun fact about yourself?**

I can’t resist; I need to give you two fun facts. I was a pretty serious tennis player through high school and college and that put me in a position to play with some tennis greats, such as Roy Emerson, Fred Stolle, and Rod Laver. Unfortunately, you need to be pretty old to recognize those names. Secondly, I enjoy tying knots; excluding fishing knots.
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SGVPhA Collaboration for a Successful 2018 Summer Leadership Mixer

SGVPhA’s second annual Summer Leadership Mixer was held on Saturday, June 9th at the beautiful Glen-dora Country Club. This event was meant to strengthen the relationships between local pharmacy chapters with current legislators and other affiliated organizations. We were honored to have Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon representing the 63rd Assembly District as our keynote speaker. In addition, Michelle Rivas, CPhA Vice President, Center for Advocacy gave a presentation with updates on CPhA’s advocacy effort.

The exciting evening started with a round table meet and greet to voice our concerns about the pharmacy profession to the Assembly Speaker. The eventful night was followed by SGVPhA awarding Dr. Victor Law, President of Board of Pharmacy, for his outstanding achievements and dedications to the profession. The excitement continued with a surprise duet performance by Dr. Victor Law and Tricia Tahara-Stoller, a Western University intern pharmacist. With live music and pharmacists on the dance floor, the night ended with high hopes for a brighter future.

This event was only made possible because of all the generous donors. We thank the California Pharmacists Association, San Fernando Pharmacists Association, San Gabriel Valley Pharmacists Association, Greater Los Angeles Pharmacists Association, Dr. Victor Law, Dr. David Fong and Dr. Ethan Huynh. SGVPhA also wants to recognize CPNI and TEVA for their charitable contributions to the event.

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One of my memorable moments of 2018 Western Pharmacy Exchange was Dr. Melissa Durham’s Keynote speech, “Stuck in the Middle: Pharmacists and the Opioid Crisis”. Her concise and compassionate presentation reminded us all why we are Pharmacists and Health Care Providers, paperwork and bureaucracy, notwithstanding.

Carey M. Gore

This year’s keynote speaker, Dr. Melissa Durham, challenged us to get out from behind the counter, get to know our patients, and help them with their opioid addiction. Every year after the Western Pharmacy Exchange, I feel refreshed and inspired to practice at the top of my license to help my patients.

Bonny Chan

Nothing compares to in-person interactions and networking opportunities that takes place at Western Pharmacy Exchange. Attendees have premiere access to continuing education opportunities and new products and services from some of the most prominent exhibitors in the industry. Once a year attendees get to be in an environment that empowers those seeking professional growth or business development to enhance their practice.

Ethan Huynh

Western Pharmacy Exchange was a great way to both network with new people in the profession and reconnect with old friends and colleagues from all across the state!

Keira Truong

I enjoyed the closeness of the local pharmacists and the positive energy of the attendees.

Mei Tang

I enjoy Western Pharmacy Exchange because I enjoy catching up with all colleagues and we all can’t deny the fact that CPhA knows how to throw a party.

Eva Kim Ung

Western Pharmacy Exchange is improving every year and becoming the place to meet Pharmacy leaders and new practitioners. The CE are relevant to our practice and I was able to put it for use immediately. There were many vendors that are related to all aspect of pharmacy operation.

Chad Nour

The Western Pharmacy Exchange is a premier meeting for student pharmacists, technicians, and pharmacists. It is truly a meeting of the greatest minds of the profession—with outstanding continuing education, personal and professional development, and networking opportunities.

Richard Dang

Western Pharmacy Exchange acts as a bridge to advancing our own professional goals while acting as a platform for networking and sharing ideas. I thrive on the energy and enthusiasm of the passionate pharmacists, ready to make a difference in our profession.

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Updates from the California Board of Pharmacy

California Board of Pharmacy Actions:

On July 24th and 25th, two new members and one reappointed member of the California State Board of Pharmacy were sworn in during the board’s meeting in Sacramento. Shirley B. Kim of Los Angeles and Maria Serpa, PharmD, of Elk Grove formally joined the board as a public member and licensee member, respectively. In addition, public member Ricardo Sanchez of Hollister began his second term on the board.

Also during the meeting, Executive Officer Virginia Herold announced plans to retire in January 2019. Ms. Herold has served the board as executive officer since 2007 and previously was assistant executive officer and interim executive officer. In other business, the board directed staff to pursue a statutory change to allow reverse distributors to take back some medication for a limited period after a license is canceled, surrendered or terminated. In addition, the board gave approval for staff to submit comments on proposed revisions to USP and agreed to award two hours of continuing education credit to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who participate in a pharmacy technician occupational analysis survey.

In action on legislative matters, the board voted formal positions on the following key bills pending in the Legislature:

- **AB 1751 (Low) Controlled Substances: CURES Database:** Change from Support to Oppose Unless Amended.
- **AB 2859 (Caballero) Pharmacy: Safe Storage Products:** Change from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.
- **SB 1109 (Bates) Controlled Substances: Schedule II Drugs:** Opioids – Change from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.
- **AB 2037 (Bonta) Pharmacy:** Automated Drug Delivery Systems – Support.
- **SB 1021 (Wiener) Prescription Drugs** – Support.
- **SB 1254 (Stone) Hospital Pharmacies:** Medication Profiles or Lists for High-Risk Patients – Support.

Board positions on pending legislation and links to key bills can be found on the board’s website. The board also approved re-adoption of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, an emergency regulation related to compounding beyond use dates. The Notice of Approval and other information about the compounding emergency regulation can be found on the California Board of Pharmacy’s website.

California Primary Elections are coming up!

The deadline register to vote in the November Primary is Monday, October 22. Registering and voting has never been easier, don’t miss the opportunity.

If you cannot leave the pharmacy to vote, then register for the vote-by-mail program. The last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot is on Tuesday, October 30.
UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25 – SGVPhA Bowling Night  
October 15 – General Meeting (7:30 PM)  
October 21 – Mental Health First Aid Certification Course by Marshall B Ketchum University

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