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LEW WASSERMAN THE PASSING OF A LEGEND

Along with family and friends, Jules Stein Eye Institute mourns the passing of Lew Wasserman last June. For over forty years, he and his wife Edie have been generous benefactors of the Institute, and at the dawn of a new century, they are an inspiration for the promising field of vision research.

Lew Wasserman's commitment to JSEI and vision science dates back several decades to his close relationship with mentor Dr Jules Stein, who hired him in 1936 to help mold Music Corporation of America (MCA)—now Universal Studios—into the most successful entertainment enterprise in the world. Throughout a long and extraordinary career, Lew Wasserman's brilliant business acumen, together with a keen insight earned him the reputation as a media giant. His accomplishments were no less celebrated for the integrity and compassion that he brought to his work.

Part of Jules Stein's legacy to Lew Wasserman was a life-long commitment to blindness prevention; Mr Wasserman became an esteemed Trustee of Jules Stein Eye Institute. He also served as Chairman of Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB), succeeding his mentor Dr Jules Stein, who created the organization.

Topping his many contributions to Jules Stein Eye Institute are the Edie and Lew Wasserman Endowed Chair and most recently, the Edie and Lew Wasserman Eye Research Center, the Institute's third building, named in their honor. The Wasserman Foundation, the Stein Estate, and the Jules and Doris Stein UCLA Support Group are underwriting the capital portion of the building, which will be shared with synergistic programs of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Under Lew Wasserman's astute leadership, Research to Prevent Blindness also flourished, expanding the scope and depth of its programs. RPB is now the world's leading voluntary organization supporting eye research. Scientists and medical institutions throughout the United States collectively receive millions of dollars in grant support each year.

The Wassermans' personal beneficence encompassed more than vision research. Lew and Edie Wasserman have been generous supporters and fundraisers for many other diverse, philanthropic ventures, from entertainment to politics, religion and education. For UCLA students, a plethora of support has resulted in the Edie and Lew Wasserman Film Production Fellowships, the Edie and Lew Wasserman Scholars Endowment, and the Edith and Lew Wasserman Fund for Undergraduate Support. These gifts reflect Lew Wasserman's own youth, when his Depression-era family, recently emigrated from Russia, was unable to afford college. Other examples of the Wassermans' eclectic and far-reaching philanthropy include contributions to the Motion Picture and

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Lew Wasserman





Edie and Lew Wasserman

Television Hospital and Fund, presidential libraries, the Los Angeles Music Center, and the Catholic Church.

Countless beneficiaries around the nation and the world have been touched in many ways by Lew Wasserman's personal commitment to a rare and wondrous philosophy of giving that he maintained throughout a lifetime of service. In addition to the loss of a leader and champion, his personal style and charisma will be missed by all who knew him. Lew Wasserman is survived by his wife Edie, daughter Lynne, granddaughter Carol Ann Leif, and grandson Casey, who is currently President of The Wasserman Foundation.



Lew Wasserman's daughter Lynne (right) and her two children—Carol Anne Leif and Casey Wasserman.

CARRYING ON A LEADERSHIP TRADITION AT JSEI

The only grandson of Lew and Edie Wasserman started early, following in his legendary grandfather's footsteps. In 1998 as Chief Executive Officer of Wasserman Sports, Casey Wasserman, age 24, became the youngest person to own a professional sports team when the Arena Football League (AFL) awarded him the Los Angeles franchise. That same year, he was voted in as the newest and youngest member of JSEI's Board of Trustees.



Casey Wasserman

As owner and CEO of the LA Avengers, Mr Wasserman oversees the day-to-day operations surrounding one of the AFL's premier franchises. Mr Wasserman serves on the AFL's Executive Committee and chairs both the Negotiating and Property Committees. He recently negotiated two landmark deals that have paved the way for the AFL to join the top tier of sports properties in America.

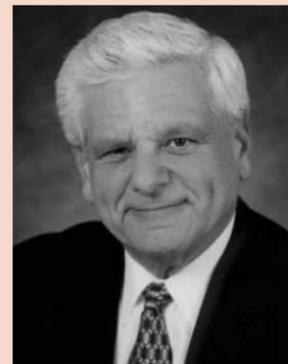
Casey Wasserman is also an active member of the Los Angeles philanthropic community. His top priority is The Wasserman Foundation, where he is President and Chief Operating Officer. The Foundation, which provides grants in the areas of education, health and welfare, and Jewish life, facilitated the generous, founding capital gift of the new Edie and Lew Wasserman Eye Research Center. He also serves on several high-profile boards, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, and the Geffen Playhouse. As a JSEI Trustee, he will make a significant contribution to the future of vision science and ophthalmology.

Casey Wasserman is a graduate of UCLA with a bachelor's degree in political science. While at UCLA, he founded and was President of J&C Merchandising, Inc., a private label merchandising company that serviced Planet Hollywood, The Walt Disney Studios, Hard Rock Cafe and Universal Studios. Prior to college, Mr Wasserman was a ranked junior tennis player in California.

Casey Wasserman lives in Beverly Hills with his wife Laura.

"UCLA will forever bear the imprint of this great humanitarian and philanthropist. Lew was a guiding force and a respected advisor to many of us on campus... a magnanimous donor and a volunteer who was always willing to roll up his sleeves to meet a challenge. His legacy will reverberate for countless generations of Bruins, for the Los Angeles community, and for the nation."

ALBERT CARNESALE, PhD
Chancellor, UCLA



Chancellor Albert Carnesale

"Mr Wasserman provided enormous support to me as Director of the Institute. He was always immediately accessible by phone or in person. The Institute was clearly a priority for him. The new Edie and Lew Wasserman Eye Research Center will have an enormous impact on vision science. All of us at Jules Stein Eye Institute are deeply grateful for his extraordinary vision, commitment and devoted friendship."

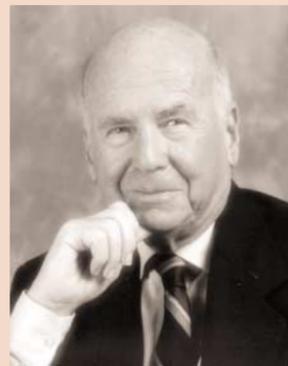
BARTLY J. MONDINO, MD
Director, Jules Stein Eye Institute



Dr Bartly Mondino

"You can describe Lew Wasserman with five words: Fair, tough, honest, with integrity and compassion."

GERALD H. OPPENHEIMER,
Trustee, Jules Stein Eye Institute



Trustee Gerald Oppenheimer

"Lew Wasserman was the visionary who provided Jules Stein Eye Institute with the best possible wisdom, counsel and support. His ability to see all sides of an issue, understand the ethical human values and chart a path to the goal was magnificent. Throughout more than four decades, he advanced ophthalmology and visual science with leadership and philanthropy."

BRADLEY R. STRAATSMAN, MD, JD
Founding Director,
Jules Stein Eye Institute



Dr Bradley Straatman

"Lew Wasserman's generous support for the students in the School of Theater, Film and Television reflects his life-long commitment to advancing the art form while helping young people to realize their dreams. He was a man who proved by his example that the highest level of achievement in the entertainment industry was fully compatible with personal integrity and an unbending commitment to principle."

ROBERT ROSEN
Dean, School of
Theater, Film and Television



Dean Robert Rosen

"The Edie and Lew Wasserman Scholarship program for undergraduates was a huge gift from a couple dedicated to excellence and to the enduring spirit of UCLA. Over 100 students benefit each year. These are our future teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists and government officials. Lew's compassion for others and his willingness to provide opportunities for young people was extraordinary."

JUDITH L. SMITH, PhD
Vice Provost, Honors and
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DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

Jules Stein Eye Institute graduation ceremonies were held on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, in the RPB Auditorium. The graduates and their destinations are as follows:

Residents

Alexander C. Charonis, MD
Vitreoretinal Fellowship
Doheny Eye Institute
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

David Rex Hamilton, MD
Cornea, Anterior Segment and Refractive Surgery Fellowship
Minnesota Eye Consultants, P.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Kayur H. Shah, MD
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Jules Stein Eye Institute
Los Angeles, California

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Clinical Fellows

Michelle C. Banks, MD
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John D. Bartlett, MD
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Tina G. Li, MD
Undetermined at time of publication.

Franz K. Michel, MD
Private Ophthalmic Practice
Huntington Beach, California

Mark F. Torres, MD
Ophthalmology Residency Program Director
Madigan Army Medical Center
Seattle, Washington

Private Ophthalmic Practice
Seattle, Washington

Alana Zhou, OD
Private Practice
San Francisco, California

International Fellows

Chakree Hirunpat, MD
Faculty Member
Department of Ophthalmology
Prince of
Songklanagarind Hospital
Hadyai Songkla, Thailand

Reika Kono, MD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Okayama University
Medical School
Okayama, Japan

Se Youp Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
Keimyung University
Dong San Medical Center
Taigae, South Korea

Richard L. Nepomuceno, MD
Private Ophthalmic Practice
Manila, Philippines

Yong Ho Shon, MD
Assistant Professor
Kon Yong University
Kim's Eye Hospital
Seoul, South Korea

Suat H. Ugurbas, MD
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
Karaelmas University
Ankara, Turkey

Anna Lisa T. Yu, MD
Private Ophthalmic Practice
Manila, Philippines

AESTHETIC EYELID AND ORBITOFACIAL SURGERY COURSE

The Aesthetic Eyelid and Orbitofacial Surgery course was held at Jules Stein Eye Institute May 31 through June 1, 2002, under the direction of the Orbital and Oculoplastic Surgery Division. Combining live surgical demonstrations, cadaver dissection and didactic lectures, this course draws ophthalmologists from around the world to learn about the latest advances in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the eyelids and face, many of which have been pioneered at Jules Stein Eye Institute. The annual Robert Axelrod Memorial Lecture was given by Michael J. Groth, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at JSEI.



From left are Drs Robert Goldberg, Norman Shorr, Michael Groth and John McCann

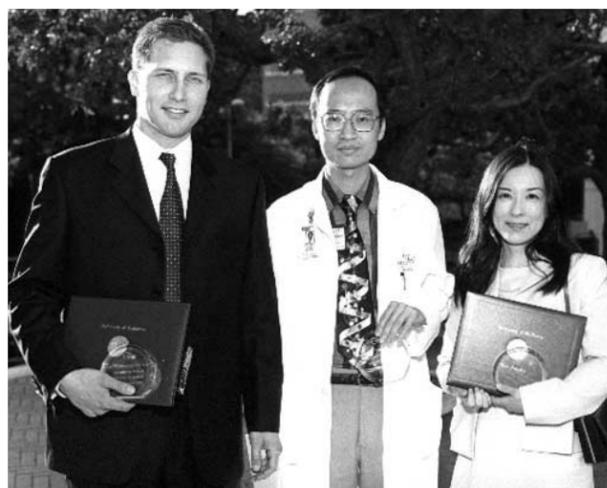
RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Independent research is a vital part of the ophthalmology residency and fellowship training programs. Excellence in research during the year was recognized through research awards presented during the June 12, 2002, graduation ceremonies held in the RPB Auditorium at Jules Stein Eye Institute, as follows:

David Rex Hamilton, MD
Resident Research Award—Clinical Sciences
Steroid-Induced Glaucoma after Laser In Situ Keratomileusis Associated with Interface Fluid

Stephen H. Tsang, MD
Resident Research Award—Laboratory Sciences
The Positive Role of the Carboxyl Terminus of the γ Subunit of Retina cGMP-Phosphodiesterase in Maintaining Phosphodiesterase Activity In Vivo

Reika Kono, MD
Fellow Research Award—Laboratory Sciences
Active Pulleys: Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Rectus Muscle Paths in Tertiary Gazes

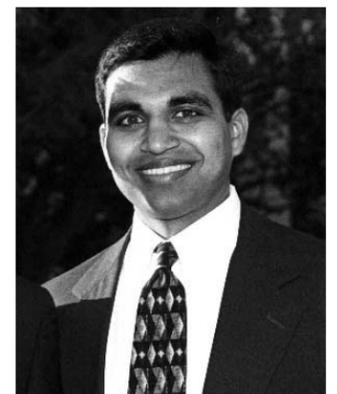


Excellence in Research Award winners (from left) Drs Rex Hamilton, Stephen Tsang and Reika Kono.

HEED FELLOW SELECTED

With a great deal of pleasure, we announce that Kayur H. Shah, MD, JSEI graduating resident, has been selected as a 2002–2003 Heed Fellow. Recipients of the Heed Fellowship have demonstrated significant clinical skills, as well as publication of research projects. They must also be United States citizens who have graduated from a medical school approved by the American Medical Association and completed an ophthalmology training program approved by the Accreditation Committee for Graduate Medical Education. Selection as a Heed Fellow is an important honor.

Dr Shah has accepted a clinical fellowship at Jules Stein Eye Institute in uveitis and inflammatory diseases, beginning July 2002.



Dr Kayur Shah

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL RESEARCH AND ALUMNI DAY AND SIXTH ANNUAL POST-ARVO CONFERENCE

Coordinators:

Anthony C. Arnold, MD Bartly J. Mondino, MD
Robert Alan Goldberg, MD Norman Shorr, MD
Michael O. Hall, PhD Xian-Jie Yang, PhD
Gary N. Holland, MD

The combined Annual Research and Alumni Day and Post-ARVO (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) Conference meets the research training needs of the Institute's residency training program and clinical and research fellowship programs. The event was sponsored by the Department of Ophthalmology Association and featured two invited alumni lectures. The Clinical Invited Alumnus Lecturer was Hilel Lewis, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Chairman of Cole Eye Institute, whose lecture was entitled "New Developments in Our Understanding and Treatment of Submacular Hemorrhage." The Research Invited Alumnus Lecturer was David S. Williams, PhD, Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology and Neurosciences at University of California, San Diego, whose lecture was entitled "Retinal Cell Biology and Disease in Usher Syndrome." Also included were highlights of the 2002 annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) and presentations of current research findings by volunteer faculty members, residents, and clinical and basic science research fellows. The combined conference provided an expanded forum for discussion and collaboration of emerging vision research and a celebration of teaching and faculty volunteerism.

Among the many honors acknowledged on the occasion was the Irvine Prize, given in honor of S. Rodman Irvine, MD, a distinguished clinician, teacher, investigator and lecturer. The prize was established in 1990 to recognize excellence among Department of Ophthalmology faculty. Richard Elander, MD, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, was awarded the honor this year and added to the list of eminent physicians, clinicians and educators who have received the prize.

Senior Honor Awards were presented to four faculty who have been members of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology for at least 25 years and have a long record of service to the teaching programs of UCLA and its affiliated hospitals. The recipients of the award for 2002, a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple, were volunteer faculty members Andrew Choy, MD; Donald Goldstein, MD; Kenneth Hoffer, MD; Norman Shorr, MD; and Peter Zeegen MD.

JSEI third-year residents presented Uday Devgan, MD, Clinical Instructor in Ophthalmology, with the 2002 Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award.



From left are Drs Bartly Mondino, Hilel Lewis (Clinical Invited Alumnus Lecturer), Debora Farber and David Williams (Research Invited Alumnus Lecturer).



Senior Honor Award recipients were (from left) Drs Andrew Choy, Donald Goldstein, Norman Shorr, and Peter Zeegen. Not shown is Dr Kenneth Hoffer.



Dr Uday Devgan, Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award recipient (center), with resident physicians (from left) Drs Bobbie Parwar, Kayur Shah, Sok Nam, Leonid Lerner, Alex Charonis, and Batool Jafri



Dr Richard Elander received the 2002 Irvine Prize.

2002-2003 Continuing Education Calendar

SEPTEMBER 14, 2002

Phacoemulsification
for Residents

Director:
Kevin Miller, MD

OCTOBER 15-17, 2002

Birdshot
Retinochoroidopathy: A
Multidisciplinary Workshop
In conjunction with the
International Uveitis Study
Group

Workshop Directors:
Gary N. Holland, MD
Ralph D. Levinson, MD
Course will be held at the
UCLA Conference Center
in Lake Arrowhead,
California.

FEBRUARY 6-9, 2003

Glaucoma Summit

Course Director:
Joseph Caprioli, MD
Course will be held at the
Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite,
California.

APRIL 25-26, 2003

Annual Postgraduate Seminar
and
Thirty-Fourth Jules Stein
Lecture

Course Directors:
Steven D. Schwartz, MD
Christine A. Gonzales, MD
John R. Heckenlively, MD
Kent W. Small, MD
Marc O. Yoshizumi, MD

MAY 30-31, 2003

Fourteenth Annual Research
and Alumni Day and Seventh
Annual Post-ARVO Seminar

Course Director:
Anthony C. Arnold, MD

SPECIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

We are pleased to announce that Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, has been selected for a James S. Adams Special Scholars Award from Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB), the world's leading voluntary organization supporting eye research. Special Scholars Awards were created to assist outstanding young ophthalmic scientists in pursuit of ongoing research of unusual significance.



Dr Lynn Gordon is the recipient of an RPB Special Scholars Award

Dr Gordon has developed an independent research program investigating immune mechanisms of inflammatory diseases that induce vision loss. Specifically, she is studying the primary molecular mechanisms of sight-threatening diseases such as uveitis, giant cell arteritis (GCA), and endophthalmitis. These diseases are responsible for significant visual morbidity. The long-term objective of Dr Gordon's work is to define candidate antigens and the immunological responses that drive inflammatory diseases of the eye. The potential clinical application of her research findings is development of new strategies for diagnostic testing (current diagnosis of GCA is both difficult and invasive), novel therapeutic interventions, and prevention of secondary blinding diseases (uveitis causes vision loss as a result of secondary cataract, glaucoma or macular edema).

Research to Prevent Blindness awards millions of dollars to physicians and scientists in leading medical institutions each year, throughout the United States. Founded by Dr Jules Stein in the 1960s, RPB is unique in that it provides flexible grants for development of new and exciting research projects and the scientists who are directing them. Jules Stein Eye Institute has been the recipient of over \$5 million in grants since RPB's inception, including funds for facility construction.

JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE RANKED BEST IN THE WEST FOR 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

U.S. News and World Report just published its 2002 survey of "America's Best Hospitals" and once again Jules Stein Eye Institute ranked among the top five ophthalmology centers in the country and number one in the West. Rankings for ophthalmology are based on reputational scores from board-certified specialists who were surveyed over the past three years.

UCLA Medical Center, also recognized as one of the top five hospitals nationwide and number one in the West, is the only Southern California hospital to earn a spot on the magazine's "honor roll" every year since the survey has been conducted. The honor roll recognizes hospitals that demonstrate excellence across many specialties. UCLA medical specialty areas ranked in the top twenty in the current survey are:

- Geriatrics (#1)
- Rheumatology (#4)
- Urology (#4)
- Gynecology (#5)
- Ophthalmology (#5)
- Hormonal disorders (#6)
- Psychiatry (#6)
- Digestive disorders (#7)
- Ear, nose and throat (#7)
- Kidney disease (#7)
- Orthopedics (#7)
- Cancer (#8)
- Neurology and neurosurgery (#8)
- Heart and heart surgery (#11)
- Pediatrics (#13)
- Respiratory disorders (#16)

This is the thirteenth consecutive year that U.S. News and World Report has conducted the survey and the thirteenth time that UCLA Medical Center and Jules Stein Eye Institute have appeared among the nation's top health care centers.



JULES FRANÇOIS GOLDEN MEDAL AWARDED TO DR BRADLEY STRAASTMA

In recognition of outstanding achievement, Founding Director of Jules Stein Eye Institute Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, was the recipient of the Jules François Golden Medal from the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO). Part of the mission of the ICO is promotion of ophthalmic education and awareness of eye care among national and international leaders. This honor was bestowed at the XXIX International Congress of Ophthalmology in Sydney, Australia, in April 2002. By tradition, Dr Straatsma presented the Jules François Memorial Lecture to the Ophthalmology Congress of Belgium, in Brussels, Belgium, in Fall 2001.

Adding to a career of accomplishments, Dr Straatsma received the CALI Award for Legal Excellence and earned a Juris Doctor (JD) degree, *Cum Laude*, from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law in 2002.

A NEW CONTACT LENS SUITE

Jules Stein Eye Institute recently completed construction of its new contact lens suite. Conveniently located on the first floor of the JSEI building in the University Ophthalmology Associates suite, the new facility features five modern examination rooms and a comfortable waiting area for patients, as well as a fully equipped contact lens laboratory. Under the direction of Barry A. Weissman, OD, PhD, Professor of Ophthalmology, the service consolidates all contact lens activity in a single location. Patients also benefit from the attention of an expanded and highly trained staff.

The new service opened to patients in July 2002. Those interested in scheduling an appointment with the Contact Lens Service are invited to call (310) 206-6351.



Contact Lens Service staff includes (from left) Director Dr Barry Weissman; optometrist Dr Melissa Chun; technicians Lilian Andaya and Amy Sun; and assistant David Lin. Not shown is optometrist Dr Arti Shah.

LOUIS AND HAROLD PRICE FOUNDATION GIFTS

The last gifts to complete The Harold and Pauline Price Term Endowed Chair and the Retina Research Fund were received this year from the Louis and Harold Price Foundation. Established in 1999, the total gift of \$1 million was a response to the pressing need for support of sophisticated retinal research in the areas of age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinopathy of prematurity. "These gifts come at a time when retinal research is progressing at an extraordinary pace and will therefore have an enormous impact," commented JSEI Director, **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**.

The Louis and Harold Price Foundation became a generous supporter of the Institute in 1974 and has remained a steadfast benefactor. Among their contributions is the Harold and Pauline Price Fellowship Award, established in 1986. The faculty extend grateful thanks and recognition for this latest gift and appreciation for the generous philanthropy over the last 25 years.



Harold and Pauline Price have been generous supporters of the Institute since 1974.

JSEI VISIONARIES: PROVIDING CRITICAL FUNDS FOR CUTTING-EDGE VISION SCIENCE RESEARCH

Last July, the Jules Stein Eye Institute Development Committee launched a membership campaign for a new support group of major donors: JSEI Visionaries. Membership includes recognition at an exclusive annual JSEI Visionaries event; a private tour of the Institute's research facilities; invitations to informative, small-group activities, such as presentations by our renowned faculty; invitations to other special events; and recognition in the Institute's prestigious *EYE* magazine. However, the greatest benefit of membership is satisfaction. The JSEI Visionaries support top vision science researchers and physicians in their efforts to help preserve sight.

Membership begins at \$1,000/year. Annual gifts will be used in two ways: as seed money for promising new initiatives in the developmental stages of research; and to meet specific needs of larger-scale research projects. Several of the groundbreaking initiatives at the Institute have been made possible by such funding.

JSEI Visionaries play a key role in the success of one of the world's preeminent vision research institutions. An international leader in ophthalmology consistently ranked as the number one eye care center in the western United States, Jules Stein Eye Institute continues to meet the challenges that produce quality of life for people afflicted with eye diseases. A strong tradition of private philanthropy has helped nurture the Institute to this level of prominence, and the JSEI Visionaries are a part of that tradition.

For more information on how to become a member, please call the Development Office at (310) 206-9701.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Institute, you may do so by means of the remittance envelope included in this issue of *EYE*. For additional information, please call or write to the following:

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AUDREY SKIRBALL-KENIS: IN MEMORIAM

The faculty and staff of Jules Stein Eye Institute are saddened by the passing of Audrey Skirball-Kenis on June 19. A long-time supporter of the Institute, Mrs Kenis, with her husband Charles, established The Skirball Foundation Fund in 1990 to support research, education and patient care in the Ocular Inflammatory Disease Center. The Foundation has also contributed to other philanthropic ventures on the UCLA campus, including a generous endowment to the film archive in the School of Theater, Film and Television; and gifts to support the UCLA Fund. The most notable civic project supported by the Skirball Foundation is the Skirball Cultural Center, which opened in 1996.



Audrey Skirball-Kenis and Charles Kenis

BUNDY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATION

Union Bank of California and Douglas and Marald Nosworthy, Co-Trustees of the Bruce Ford and Anne Smith Bundy Foundation, recently made a generous grant to support the research efforts of JSEI's Vision Science Division. The 2002 grant marks the sixth year that the vision science faculty have benefited from this support. This year's award will enable the Division to acquire a Deca-XP mass spectrometer system, a versatile and powerful instrument that will greatly increase the analytical capabilities of investigators at JSEI in the emerging field of proteomics (the study of the form and function of proteins). The equipment will be put into immediate use by **Gabriel H. Travis, MD**, Charles Kenneth Feldman Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr Travis is identifying new retinal proteins that mediate visual-pigment regeneration and researching a pharmacological treatment for an inherited form of macular degeneration. Other vision science faculty will benefit from other applications of the equipment in their research.

MACDONALD FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR RESEARCH

A generous grant from the MacDonald Family Foundation was awarded to **Ralph D. Levinson, MD**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, to support his research into the mechanisms of ocular inflammatory diseases associated with human leukocyte antigens (HLA). HLA is a protein located on the surface of white blood cells that plays an important part in the body's immune response. In addition to this work, Dr Levinson conducts research in comprehensive ophthalmology, small incision cataract surgery, and ocular involvement in systemic disease. He also has an interest in the development of medical education programs.

JSEI AFFILIATES PARTNER WITH PLANET HOPE

The JSEI Affiliates is a network of volunteers who support the Institute through community outreach activities, including vision education, community relations and patient services. This summer the Affiliates partnered with a unique organization called Planet Hope to provide all of these services to a group of children who were attending a very special summer camp.

As part of its mission, Planet Hope offers a variety of programs to homeless children of all ages and cultures and their families. Camp Planet Hope is one such program, giving children the opportunity to attend a traditional summer camp.



The official Planet Hope banner welcomes camp families, volunteers and staff to five days of summer camp fun.

Activities such as water sports, talent shows, arts and crafts, and campfires are organized along with much needed medical and dental care. One day, designated Health Fair Day, offers health screenings for all of the children in the camp. Over the summer, 125 children in four groups received vision screenings from JSEI Affiliates volunteers who traveled to the camp and participated in the day's events, including a family style dinner with the children and their families.

The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic accompanied the Affiliates volunteers in order to provide more in-depth evaluations from ophthalmologists. Children were referred to this additional level of care based upon their screenings. Follow-up vision care for those who had vision or eye problems was coordinated through other Planet Hope services. Approximately one-quarter of the children who were screened needed referrals to the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic, a slightly higher rate than normal, but not unexpected given their limited access to preventive health services. Literature on eye care, safety and injury prevention was sent home with the children.

The success of this new partnership was twofold. Children received valuable medical attention, and the Affiliates volunteers had a fun and rewarding day. If you'd like to learn more about the Community Outreach activities offered by the JSEI Affiliates, please call (310) 206-7128.



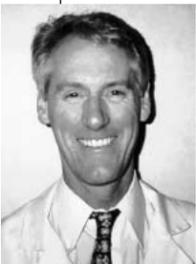
JSEI Affiliates volunteer Jennifer Sanguinet listens as a camper reads the eye chart located across the room.



EYE LINES

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Association

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Association Announces New Officers



Dr Peter Cornell

The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Association recently announced its new officers for the 2002–2003 academic year:

PRESIDENT

Peter J. Cornell, MD

Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

VICE PRESIDENT

Robert A. Clark, MD

Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

TREASURER AND SECRETARY

Robert Alan Goldberg, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Dr Peter Cornell completed his residency at Jules Stein Eye Institute in 1988, and has since conducted a private practice in comprehensive ophthalmology in Beverly Hills. He teaches cataract surgery techniques to the residents rotating at the Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, and to first-year residents during their laboratory surgery course at JSEI. Dr Cornell also serves on the board of the Research Study Club.

Dr Robert Clark was both an ophthalmology resident and pediatric ophthalmology fellow at Jules Stein Eye Institute. Currently, he is in private practice in Long Beach, in addition to performing research through a part-time faculty appointment in the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Division. He has authored more than twenty peer-reviewed publications and developed two ophthalmic surgical instruments. He also serves as a medical expert for Los Angeles Unified School District, responsible for development of vision screening policy and oversight of vision care at school-based clinics.

Dr Robert Alan Goldberg is Chief of the Institute's Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division, Director of the Orbital Disease Center, and Co-Director of the Aesthetic Center. He noted, "The mission of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Association is to garner the power of a widespread network of alumni and faculty to promote the educational and academic activities of the Department of Ophthalmology."

In addition to providing research grant funding to current residents, the Association hosts several events throughout the year that allow JSEI alumni to renew old friendships and meet the newest residents, fellows and faculty members. Events include an annual reception at the American Academy of Ophthalmology each Fall and the JSEI Golf Tournament.

Please contact the Development Office at (310) 825-4148 for additional information about the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Association.

JSEI Fourth Invitational Golf Tournament PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2003

Join Institute friends and
UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Association Members
next summer for the Fourth Invitational JSEI Golf Tournament.
With an exciting new format, the tournament should prove
to be a challenge to both new and seasoned golfers,
while providing an opportunity to play at some of
the Westside's most prestigious courses.

Contact the JSEI Development Office at (310) 825-4148
to request information on this fun and worthwhile event.



Dr Robert Goldberg

Special Events & Activities

THE GLAUCOMA DIVISION HOSTS FOCUS GROUP DINNER

Faculty members of Jules Stein Eye Institute's Glaucoma Division shared information on new scientific investigations with interested friends when the Division hosted a focus group dinner on April 9, 2002. The meeting was led by Institute Director, **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, and Glaucoma Division Chief **Joseph Caprioli, MD**. Also attending were faculty members **Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology; and **Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology.

The occasion provided the opportunity to discuss new methods for early detection of glaucoma and new research developments in the critically important area of neuroprotection (novel ways to defend the optic nerve against blinding damage from the disease). Dr Mondino proudly reported on new treatment approaches currently underway in clinical research studies at the Institute.

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of irreversible blindness in the United States. Affecting more than four million Americans, it is undetected in half of those cases, due to a lack of symptoms in the early stages. Many advances in glaucoma treatment are beneficial only when the disease is detected early, through regular vision exams. By the time many people realize they have a problem, vision is irretrievably lost.

JSEI focus dinners provide an opportunity for patients and Institute supporters to meet with physicians and vision scientists, who are often working on emerging new treatment approaches for potentially blinding eye diseases.



Guests Milton (left) and Helen Zerlin enjoy a pre-dinner conversation with Dr Simon Law.



Glaucoma Division Chief Dr Joseph Caprioli (left) welcomes Eva Marie Saint and husband Jeffrey Hayden.



Dr Joseph Caprioli (far left) welcomes Jacqueline Monash (second from the left) and Dr Victoria and Mr Ronald Simms.



Dr Anne Coleman (left) shared her research interests with Institute supporters Leo and Bernice Miller.

"MAKE SURGERY BEARABLE" FUNDRAISER

The JSEI Affiliates is finalizing plans for its "Make Surgery Bearable" Picnic this Fall. The event raises funds for Institute programs that provide needed ophthalmic surgical services to economically disadvantaged youngsters and plush "Dr Teddy, MD," teddy bears to all pediatric patients undergoing eye surgery at the Institute.

This year's "Make Surgery Bearable" Picnic will be held Sunday, November 3, 2002, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Los Angeles Zoo, and will include a picnic lunch, children's activities, fabulous door prizes and special docent presentations and zoo tours. Call Jules Stein Eye Institute Development Office at (310) 825-4148 now to reserve your ticket—space is limited.

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