



## *President's Corner*

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### **Greetings!**

Welcome to the Winter edition of the San Francisco Neurological Society Newsletter. The purpose of the San Francisco Neurological Society is to increase, improve and disseminate knowledge of the nervous system and to improve the practice of neurology and neurological surgery within the area of the Society's influence in the Western United States.

The Aird lecture on November 4th by Dr. Allan Ropper at the Marine Memorial Club was an enjoyable and informative event. There were 75 attendees filling all the assigned tables, which was a nice showing of society members. The food and wine were I believe up to our standards and many present felt we should keep this location in mind for future events

The Board of Directors meeting held prior to the November 4th dinner covered upcoming events, CME issues, finances and the annual meeting. It was at this meeting that the Board agreed with Jack Rozance, President-Elect, to sponsor a joint meeting with Kaiser Neurosciences' usual quarterly meeting on December 6 in San Francisco. The joint meeting with Kaiser was such a rewarding experience we hope to see more of our Kaiser colleagues at future events, especially the Annual Meeting in Carmel and hopefully we will continue to have one joint meeting with Kaiser every year. Our speaker, Dr. Soonmee Cha addressed new technologies for brain tumor imaging and was very well received by the attendees.

In other Society related business, a vote will be put to the members by email requesting an addition to the bylaws for the description of Adjunct membership to include "allied health professionals" to encourage some of our neuroscience nurses and neurophysiologists to attend local meetings. The Society just completed a CME re-accreditation meeting on January 14 with Drs. Andrews and McDermott to secure CME accreditation for the next 2 - 4 years. The review went well and we anticipate no problems with re-certification thanks to Joan Oefner and Brian Andrews. ❖

## *San Francisco and its Neurological Heritage*

*Arthur E. Lyons MD, Past-President, Historian*

San Francisco is unique in that it has always been a magnet for medical expertise. This has been true in neurology as well as for the other medical specialties. From 1849 onward, first with the lure of gold in the mountains and subsequently with the lure of gold in the pockets of its citizens, San Francisco and the bay area have attracted energetic and unusually well trained physicians. The tradition of neurological innovation here started early and continues. The *San Francisco Neurological Society* has been in existence since the 1920's, organized by neurologists and neurosurgeons for the benefit of our respective professions.

As a past president and now historian, I have been particularly interested in our San Francisco neurological tradition. In the future I will attempt to share with the membership some of what is revealing and fascinating in our never-ending story. ❖

## ***57th Annual Meeting, March 11-13, 2005 at Quail Lodge in Carmel***



The program committee for the annual meeting in March at Quail Lodge has put together the preliminary program. Our first day will focus on **traumatic brain injury, management and recovery as well as endovascular and cerebral re-vascularization updates**. Sunday will be a **tribute to Dr. Richard Olney with talks on ALS, neurodegenerative disease and stem cell research**. The Boldrey and Newman resident awards will follow this. (The deadline to apply for one of the Resident Awards is **February 15**). On both days we have included a block for 5 - 6 free papers by members. We encourage all members to submit abstracts to the Society office by **February 7** and those not selected for platform presentation will be offered poster format. **Kaiser Neurology will sponsor an award for the best poster at the meeting.**

The hotel organizing committee has plans for a Saturday mini-put tournament for the kids and a lawn bowling tournament on Sunday. In addition sponsored day care will be available so that our spouses can have some time off while we attend lectures. A golf and tennis tournament are also planned for Saturday, followed by the annual meeting dinner at the Quail Lodge Barn. Hotel shuttle buses will be available for transportation to and from the dinner site. All in all it promises to be a very enjoyable weekend so make your plans early. ❖

### ***Annual Meeting Deadlines & Schedule at a Glance:***

- *Member Abstracts for Platform Talks or Posters: February 7*
- *Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 11*
- *Boldrey & Newman Resident Award Papers Deadline: February 15*
- *President's Reception & Wine Tasting: Friday March 11*
- *CME Meeting Program: Saturday and Sunday 8 AM - 12:30 PM March 12 & 13*
- *Golf and Tennis Tournaments - Saturday Afternoon March 12*
- *Annual Reception and Dinner: Saturday March 12*
- *Annual Members Business Meeting: Sunday March 13*

### ***2005 Membership Dues Update***

All SF Neurological Society members will be receiving their 2005 Annual Dues renewal billing soon. We have recently contracted out with a company in San Jose called **123signup.com** for an online membership and registration system which will allow secure, online credit card transactions. Members will be encouraged to renew online by check or credit card and will also be able to register for meetings online. The new system will streamline the Society management, membership and meeting registrations, especially if we have a good utilization of the online system. ❖

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