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President's Message

By Souzan El-Eid, MD, FACS
2016-17 CCMS President

It gives me such a pleasure to serve as the 2016 President of our distinguished organization. It is with a sense of humility and pride that I accept this responsibility. In looking at the history of CCMS, I can't but admire the vision, dedication, and insight of those who laid its foundation. Commitment to excellence, quality care, and respect for both physicians and patients' rights are principles that we all uphold.

I am sure that all of you share my view that ours is not merely a profession: it is a mission. A mission to help improve people's quality of life, to help others live better lives and healthier life styles. There is no better satisfaction than watching a patient recover from illness and knowing that you played a role in that process.

The path we have selected to complete our education and training was both long and arduous, but definitely well worth it. It is indeed gratifying to see that you make a difference in people's lives. I view physician/patient relationship as a partnership: we both endeavor to achieve to same goal, providing the quality care that our patients need and deserve.

I also view our profession as a continuing educational journey. In addition to treating our patients, it is incumbent upon us to keep up with the latest discoveries and innovations in medicine. It is a vast ocean of knowledge, and the more you learn the more you realize that there is so much more to discover. Better research makes better physicians. Science and technological innovations do not stand still: they are continually

evolving, and we need to keep up with them.

This year marks a very special year for the Clark County Medical Society (CCMS). After 30 years in the same building, the Society is upgrading and building a new facility on the grounds of the current location. This growth is significant as it allows CCMS to better serve as a hub for members, healthcare stakeholders and the public and will enable us all to better work towards building quality healthcare for our community.

The organization is a voice for both physicians and patients and works alongside the Nevada State Medical Association to advocate for Southern Nevadans. We also collaborate with area medical schools and industry stakeholders to serve as bridge between healthcare and the community.

CCMS is focused on improving healthcare in a variety of ways. The Board's annual strategic planning retreat, which will be held this year in August, will focus on identifying programs and activities that advocate for quality health education and wellness for medical professionals, as well as the public. In addition, at the retreat, the Board will work to address common health problems and concerns, improve communications both internally and externally, promote CCMS leadership and build strong professional networks.

As we work to identify new ways we can serve the community in which we live and work, CCMS will continue to grow the many programs

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CCMS Alliance

by Jacqueline Nguyen-Lee
& Karen Schroeder, Co-Presidents



Jacqueline Nguyen-Lee



Karen Schroeder

The Clark County Medical Society Alliance is so proud of where we stand today. We have had a year full of successes and wonderful events where our members were able to make a real difference in our community.

Some of our favorite memories were through the incredible energy of our Team Alliance. Our members participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Our day sewing pillowcases for children with cancer so they may have a bit of whimsy in their hospital bed pillows was unforgettable and a great chance for our members to participate in a worthy cause with our own children. And of course, the Candyland theme was so fun for the Candlelighter's Halloween Boo Bash!

We were so proud to be able to award \$23,700.00 in scholarship funds to deserving nursing and medical students in need through the efforts of our Holiday Scholarship Project. This is one of our oldest projects and holds such a dear place in our members' hearts.

Our 15th Annual Fashion Show was a roaring success! We were able to give \$102,000.00 to the community programs of what will be the three Medical Schools to be housed in Southern Nevada. The sold out event was a true celebration of the collaborative partnerships of the CCMSA and our community.

And behind the scenes, our Board Members were instrumental in making our Alliance bigger, stronger and forward thinking. We worked hard to build a solid foundation so that the Alliance may continue to grow in the coming years. With our deepest gratitude, we recognize our Board members Gloria Aberman, Melissa Banker, Alexia Crowley, Cindy Choi, Sharlin Ahmed-Khan, Annie Kong, Emily Smith, Kathy Kazemi, Jessica Kartzinel, and Ladan Daneshmand.

We thank our Special Interest Group Chairs, our Committee Chairs, our tireless volunteers- Pauline Lee, Andrea Yu, Marian Haas, Kathy Slaughter, Estela Hansen, Wendy Agrawal, Karen Schroeder, Lisa Gollard and Donna Hruska.

We also thank all of our members and community partners.

It truly has been a pleasure to serve as CCMSA Co-Presidents as we worked to build a healthier Southern Nevada!

Best,

Jacqueline Nguyen-Lee and Karen Schroeder
2015 - 2016 CCMSA Co-Presidents ■

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we already have in place. The Annual Residents and Fellows Job Fair works to keep doctors in Nevada. The Junior Mini Med Internship Program and our work with graduate medical education both help grow physicians from within Southern Nevada. We also have the "Ask them Back" program which encourages physicians who have left for their residencies to return to Nevada to practice.

For physicians that are already established in Southern Nevada, CCMS offers continuing medical education credits through the Physician Education and Wellness Series. And, for patients, we're working with the Southern Nevada Health District this fall to present a Patient Education Series.

Healthcare is a universal issue that affects in so many ways. The Clark County Medical Society serves as a resource for patients and medical professionals and works to improve healthcare access, quality and efficiency for all Southern Nevadans.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to uphold the principles of our organization: quality care, integrity, respect for each other and for our patients, commitment to excellence and professionalism, and devotion to our noble profession should always be the goals that we strive to achieve.

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mindful of the potential for heat-related illnesses and plan outdoor activities early in the day or in the evening, take frequent breaks, and drink plenty of water.

Skin cancer continues to be a serious public health concern and it is vital for the public and patients to receive consistent messages from trusted health care professionals on the importance of lowering their skin cancer risk by protecting their skin from the sun and avoiding indoor tanning.

More information on skin cancer and prevention is available on the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/index.htm. ■

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