

## **Date of VOSH-California General Meeting: Monday, February 8th, 2010**

\*\*\* New teleconference company  
USA toll-Free Access#:800-444-2801  
LA Toll Access#: 213-291-0181  
Conference Code: 6305896

### **1. Optowest 2010: Indian Wells, CA: April 8-10th**

- \* Got free booth from COA but still needs to rent furniture.
- \* Ramon will send SVOSH volunteer request. Greg and Marian will man booth.
- \* Dennis/Dixon/Deb will have Spring news letter ready: need Peru and Vietnam reports from Scott and Jennifer

### **2. Trip Update:**

\* Vietnam: Dec 27-Jan10, 2010 (Jennifer Tu, UCB): 3 clinic days, worked with Project Vietnam, 1300 pt, 250 ready-made glasses, 170 glasses made at local optometry shop.

drops from Alcon, 14 students and 2 ODs (Dr. Chester Cheng, Yen Hoang).  
Looking for students to organize again next year.

\* Peru: Jan 8-12, 2010 (Scott Bartlett, UCB): Clinic days were 1/3-5 at 2 sites, 14 students, 4 optometrists, 1000 Pt, 500 glasses, well organized.

Good possibility for trip again next year.

### **3. Upcoming Trips:**

- \* Costa Rica: cancelled.
- \* R.A.M. (Remote Area Medical) **3939 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031 close to coliseum**: April 27 - May 3, 2010
  - provide health,dental and eye care to those in need in downtown Los Angeles.
  - Clinic hours: 7 am to 7 pm
  - Volunteer for two hours or all day
  - A combination of 12 - 14 optometrists, optometry students and opticians needed each day.

Send email to Deb Wright DeMaderios if you are interested.

[Deborah@wrightmedia.com](mailto:Deborah@wrightmedia.com)

- Ramon will send out SCCO voluntter request for Sat and Sunday ( 5/1-2)
- \* Buenos Aires, Argentina: May 22-30th (Christian Alvarez, SCCO)
  - looking for interest and currently planning

(Dr. Brussi from Argentina will host. Looking for ODs and students from SCCO and UCB, commit by April 1st.

Bob Marion for housing: currently know Hostel \$13/night, Hotel \$80/night.)

So far got a dozen interests from SCCO students.

-\*\*\* **Ghana:** trip with Navy need 3 ODs March 15-19, 22-26 (English speaking), \$1400 flight/\$20/night

\*\* **Aug 12-22 Guatemala:** Need 5 OMD, 1-2 OD, 1-2 students  
\$750 air/board for OD and \$300 for student/ residents.

4.. **10,000 Lenses for axis dotting from Dr. Tajiri**

\* Cancelled. Dr. Tajiri has decided to bring a portable lensometer on future trips to do dotting on site.

5. **Student Scholarships from Santa Clara County Optometric Society**

- \* Elise Swanson: from SCCO -Peru Trip
- \* David Murakami: from UCB - Nicaragua

6. **VOSH Newsletters: now via e-mail!!**

7. **Brainstorm ideas for funding for VOSH**

\* grant application ( Julie and Shirley): will try Kirsh-Kessner grant (Deb) again emphasize on LA projects. Will try VSP/Max Vision.

Work on Rep sponsorship for CE for Vision Expo and recruit CE speaker

8. **Greg will contact Western for SVOSH chapter set-up**

\*\* Greg to help set up pick up of donations from Lancaster, CA

9. **Treasurer quick report:** Checking Acct: \$900

CD Acct: \$6120

Scholarship: \$1350

**Next General meeting: April 12th, 2010**