

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-3a

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 6, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Commendation for the Stanislaus Medical Society Upon their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a commendation for the Stanislaus Medical Society upon their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Contact Person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

Phone Number: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-176

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.



# Stanislaus Medical Society

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March 25, 2010

Supervisor Jeff Grover  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Chairman  
1010 10th Street  
Modesto CA 95354-

Dear Supervisor Grover:

The Stanislaus Medical Society is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. Because this is such a special occasion we will honor all of our physician members as the recipient of the *John Darroch Memorial Award* (yearly outstanding physician award). We have over 650 active, retired and resident members and our membership continues to increase with each year. We are exceptionally proud of the fact that our medical society has the largest percentage of member physicians - more than any other medical society in California.

We would like to request a resolution or letter of recognition for this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the dedicated physicians who comprise the membership. All honors and recognition will be presented at our upcoming Annual Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Del Rio Country Club in Modesto. The event will begin at 6:00 PM. Please let us know if you or your representative will be able to attend (an RSVP card is enclosed for your convenience) and be available to make the presentation. If you or your representative is not able to attend, our current President, Lisa Masson, MD will be honored to read and present any special recognition.

Attached is a copy of the early history of the Stanislaus Medical Society, our current announcement that will appear in the Modesto Bee on Doctors' Day (March 30<sup>th</sup>) and a list of our officers and past presidents. Please accept our gratitude for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Joanne Chipponeri  
Chief Executive Officer

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Enc.

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## STANISLAUS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY A BRIEF HISTORY

*By John A. Cooper, M.D.*

From 1804 to 1806, California was held by Spain as a piece of territory of no great value but as a buffer between Mexico and the Russians in Alaska. Indians lived along the rivers. The streams teemed with fish that could be caught by hand in the fall when the water was low. The lakes and waterways harbored innumerable geese and ducks and the land abounded with deer, antelope, grizzly bear and small game. Spanish explorers named the San Joaquin River.

In 1829, an Indian named Estanislao had a gang of marauders upon the Stanislaus River, then known as the Rio Laquismes, and it is from his name that both the river and the country are known. A few trappers appeared in the valley in 1820 and some Mormon farmers in 1846.

In 1848, California was ceded to the United States and gold was discovered. In 1854, Governor Bigler set boundaries for Stanislaus County which had previously been considered an almost valueless portion of Tuolumne County. A Dr. Adams had founded the vanished county seat of Adamsville. In 1871, the Central Pacific Railroad started the town of Modesto which became the fifth county seat. Mention is made of such names as Jackson, Marks, Hall, McLean and White as physicians.

In 1878, the following men were listed as being licensed to practice medicine in Stanislaus County:

Anderson, J. A.	Hills Ferry
Hazen, C. C.	Oakdale
Jackson, Joseph S.	Modesto
Lowe, H.	Knights Ferry
McClellan, S. M.	Modesto
Miller, C. F.	Hills Ferry
Surbaugh, J. T.	Oakdale
Thompson, Herbert	Modesto
Wilhite, W. J.	Modesto
Ray, Dennis	Modesto

By 1884, there were no sidewalks in Modesto other than wooden ones put down in form of business houses. In the wet seasons, the streets were muddy and in the dry ones, they were thick with dust and sand. There was no illumination on them. Pigs, cows and horses roamed at will. Robberies and murders were commonplace.

By January 31, 1895, fifteen physicians were licensed to practice in the county. The old County Hospital had been built in 1891. The following were licensed:

Evans, C. W.	Modesto
Gilmour, A. A.	Modesto
Hart, A. J.	Modesto
Hazen, C. C.	Oakdale
Lowe, J. H.	Knights Ferry
Marvin, Mrs. C. E.	Modesto
McClellan, S. M.	Modesto
Miller, C. F.	Hills Ferry
Osler, C.	Oakdale
Pratt, C. H.	Oakdale
Surbaugh, J. T.	Oakdale
Wilhite, W. J.	Modesto
Ray, Dennis	Modesto
Vincent, F. D.	Modesto
Young, J. Phil	Turlock

### *The Medical Society*

With 1900, began an era of better roads, electricity, the telephone and the automobile. In 1903, Dr. Surryhne built the first private hospital in Modesto. Dr. Surryhne and Dr. F. DeLappe formed an informal society of two. Dr. J. C. Robertson began practice in 1906. To Evans he as the "damned preacher" while DeLappe was the "beardless youth".

By 1910 some sort of society was established with Dr. W. J. Wilhite as president the Dr. B. F. Surryhne as secretary.

Records of the State Society establish that in 1915 an organization of eight members existed with Dr. Surryhne as president and Dr. S. W. Cartwright as secretary. Between 1916 and 1922, Dr. Reamer had served as president twice and as secretary four times. The Society meetings usually took place at the Hotel Modesto and an average attendance was between eighteen and twenty. Unfortunately, the records of the local Society were lost before 1940.

The depression was acutely felt and during World War II, many of the doctors were in service. Dr. Gant acted as president in 1941 and was unable to locate the early records. In 1946, physicians returned from the services and new men joined them. Prior to that time, the County had one G. U. man, a few E. E. N. & T. men and several women physicians who tended to exclude adult males from their clientele. Many of the new men had been trained in specialties, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, G. U., general surgery, internal medicine et cetera. The general

## PAST PRESIDENTS

1910	W.J. Wilhite	1962	Robert W. Purvis
1911-1914		1963	William R. Nelson
1915	B.F. Surryhne	1964	John S. Woolley
1916	P.N. Jacobsen	1965	Everett Johnson
1917	Fred. R. De Lappe	1966	Perren Baker
1918-19	E.F. Reamer	1967	Howard L. Kuhl
1920	F.W. McKibben	1968	John F. Hogg
1921	J.W. Reed	1969	Jeanne I. Miller
1922	A.M. Field	1970	Floyd S. Brauer
1923	E.R. McPheeters	1971	R.S. Osterholm
1924-25	R.E. Maxwell	1971-1972	Warren McKibben
1926	C.R. Pearson	1972-1973	Roland C. Nyegaard
1927	E.V. Falk	1973-1974	Richard S. Milligan
1928	J.W. Morgan	1974-1975	Laurence O. Stocks
1929	Frances Peter Nielsen, MD	1975-1976	John Lanfranki
1930	R. Steward Hiatt	1976-1977	Delmar R. Tonge
1931	J.L. Collins	1977-1978	J. Carl Hornberger
1932	E.F. Hagendorn	1978-1979	Albert L. Jackson
1933	Donald L. Robertson	1979-1980	David J. New
1934	J.A. Porter	1980-1981	Daniel J. Trozak
1935	E.G. Allen	1981-1982	Robert N. Thompson
1936	Hans Hartman	1982-1983	H. Edward Reynolds
1937	Mario C. Collins	1983-1984	Rita Chafkin
1938	J.L. Azevedo, Jr.	1984-1985	Mervin Chaffin
1939	John A. Cooper	1985-1986	William Boddie
1940	R.D. Husband	1986-1987	Richard Cercle
1941	Hoyt R. Gant	1987-1988	Steve Benak
1942	H.B. Stewart	1988-1989	Mattice Harris
1943	Terry Laird	1989-1990	Norman Chock
1944	R.E. Maxwell	1990-1991	John C. Pfeffer
1945	J.H. Czatt	1991-1992	Surendra Sood
1946	J. Lyle Spelmann	1992-1993	William Griffiths
1947	Andrew Van De Pol	1993-1994	Brian McCaffrey
1948	Fred R. De Lappe	1994-1995	James MacMillan
1949	Harris Wilson	1995-1996	Iraj Nabi
1950	A.M. Roscoe	1996-1997	Mussa Banisadre
1951	C.R. Maino	1997-1998	George Brinnig
1952	Robert R. Radcliff	1998-2000	Robert Watson III
1953	Robert C. Barker	2000-2002	Gary Padovani
1954	Howard Nachtman	2002-2003	Michael Rossini, Jr.,
1955	Ivan E. Martin	2003-2004	Bruce Blackhart
1956	E.E. Chouret	2004-2005	Joseph Provenzano
1957	G.W. De Lappe	2005-2006	James Yip
1958	E.K. Prigge	2006-2007	A. Eric Ramos
1959	George Paullus	2007-2008	David Shiba
1960	J.H. Barr	2008-2009	Albert Gelders
1961	William VanDeventner		

**STANISLAUS MEDICAL SOCIETY**

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