

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: \*A-3

AGENDA DATE: April 26, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Commend D. Gordon Anderson, M.D. as the Recipient of the 2016 John Darroch Memorial Award from the Stanislaus Medical Society

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-196

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

  
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

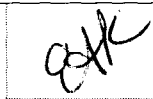
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CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**CONTACT PERSON:**

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

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# Stanislaus Medical Society

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County Supervisor Dick Monteith  
Chairman  
District 4  
1013 Tenth Street #6500  
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear County Supervisor Monteith:

The Stanislaus Medical Society is proud to announce this year's recipient of the *John Darroch Memorial Award* (outstanding physician award) – **D. Gordon Anderson, MD**. Dr. Anderson's specialty is in Plastic Surgery. He has practiced in Modesto for almost 50 years and teaches residents minor surgery at the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency clinics. Through the years, he has demonstrated an exceptional work ethic with multiple achievements that benefited his patients, his colleagues and the community.

We would like to request a resolution or letter of recognition for Dr. D. Gordon Anderson to be presented to him at our upcoming Annual Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2016 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 and be available to make the presentation for Dr. Anderson. If you or your representative is not able to attend, our current President, Roger Lewis, MD will be honored to read and present any special recognition.

Attached is a copy of Dr. Anderson's Curriculum Vitae and recent Modesto Bee news articles announcing his selection as this year's Outstanding Physician. Please accept our gratitude for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Joanne Chipponeri  
Executive Director

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# The Modesto Bee

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## Modesto plastic surgeon nears 50 years in practice



*Dr. D. Gordon Anderson, 83, was named Physician of the Year by the Stanislaus Medical Society. He is approaching 50 years of medical practice. Andy Alfaro aalfaro@modbee.com*

BY KEN CARLSON

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In almost 49 years of practice, Dr. D. Gordon Anderson has never affected the flamboyant image of the Hollywood plastic surgeon to attract business. He never dreamed of being a plastic surgeon for the rich and famous in Southern California, where he spent his teenage years.

Anderson was the city's first fully trained plastic surgeon when he came to Modesto in 1967, and over the decades established a reputation for devotion to patients, surgical skills and taking care of the injured regardless of the pay. Anderson, 83, said he sees no reason why he can't complete 50 years of medical practice.

"I will quit one day," he said last week. "I like what I do and am still able to do it, so why not?"

The Stanislaus Medical Society has named Anderson the physician of the year for 2016. The John Darroch Memorial Award goes to a physician exemplifying the highest standards of the medical profession and a commitment to education. Anderson said that Northern San Joaquin Valley residents seeking cosmetic procedures – nose jobs, facelifts, Botox treatments and breast enhancements – make up one-third to half of his practice. He has an office and small surgery center on Coffee Road, just north of Downey High School, where he sees 20 to 25 patients a day.

"Everybody wants to look good," Anderson said. "I have people in their 90s who worry about having (skin) cancer cut off because it will leave a scar."

Besides the cash-paying patients who want cosmetic work, the other half of his practice is plastic surgery for patients who have a medical need. They include burn victims, people with facial lacerations suffered in car crashes or fights, breast reconstructions after cancer and women who need breast reductions to relieve shoulder or back pain. Anderson has treated cowboys whose facial bones were shattered at the Oakdale Rodeo. While working on-call for local hospitals, he repaired 10 broken jaws in a single weekend. That was only a few years ago. Modesto is a more violent place today. The surgeon is still on-call each month for emergency cases at Doctors Medical Center or Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, though Colette Nunes, his office manager, sometimes tells the doctor he needs to slow down. "You cannot find a more devoted and caring doctor," said Nunes, who has worked for him 11 years. Dr. Kathleen Eve, a Modesto surgeon, said the medical society wanted to honor Anderson for his many years of service and commitment to medicine, but also for his excellent surgical skills. "He just has the ability to do beautiful work," Eve said. "He takes a lot of time. The nurses are lining up to get their face-lifts before he retires." For more than 25 years, Anna Bailey of Ceres has sent a gift or pastries to Anderson on birthdays and holidays. In 1988, Bailey was working in an egg-processing plant when her ponytail was sucked into a machine, tearing her scalp off. After she survived the medical emergency, Anderson helped the 22-year-old woman deal with the living hell of the pain and loss of her hair. Anderson created a new eyebrow for Bailey using natural hair. Over a five-year period, he rebuilt her scalp with skin grafts and expansion procedures, eventually giving her a full head of hair again. Bailey said the physician was caring and honest, and most importantly gave her faith to work through the healing journey. "He took pictures of the process, and told me to keep them, and continued taking pictures of the progress we made," Bailey said. About 10 years later, Anderson asked her to loan the book of photographs to encourage another patient who had been "scalped" in a vehicle crash. "I had more than 20 surgeries with him," Bailey said. "This man is awesome." Anderson teaches minor surgery at the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency clinics, showing family practice residents how to "cut and sew." That makes him a volunteer faculty member of the UC Davis Medical School, which oversees the family practice residency based in Modesto. The longtime surgeon said he will retire when his skills begin to fail. "So far, I can keep up with the younger guys," Anderson said.