

New Directors Join Board Energized for the New Year

The Sonoma County Medical Association Alliance and Foundation recently welcomed three new members to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year. We are happy to welcome **Elizabeth Krainer-Huang** as Secretary, **Cindy Popovich** as Vice President of Health Promotions, and **Sheela Hodes** as Vice President of Membership. Continuing to serve for another term are **Shawn Devlin** as

President, **Sally Ebrahim** as Vice President of Events, **Joni Schmidt** as Vice President of Governance, and **Maria Pappas** as Vice President of Marketing and Communications. There are currently opportunities to join the Board in the following positions: Treasurer, President-elect, Vice President of Development, and Vice President of Information Technology. Feel free to contact Joni Schmidt at governance@scmaa.org for additional information.



Garden Tour 2014: Delightful Days for tourgoers

By Barbara Ramsey and
Meta Lightfoot

The 23rd annual Garden Tour was held in Healdsburg on May 16 & 17th, 2014. The Garden Tour featured five gardens which turned out to be the perfect number for our ticket holders to view all gardens in one day at a leisurely pace. The Garden Tour experience was enhanced by a variety of musicians, artist **Winnifred Werner**, **Master Gardeners**, children's book author **Sandy Baker**, and **Cottage Gardens** succulent sales. For sponsors at the \$500 level and above, Casa Tortuga - Turtle House in Shiloh estates was offered as a sixth garden to view and enjoy.

The Garden Tour grossed \$68,091, \$25,000 of which went to the creation of the "Head-2-Toe" Health and Science Lab at the new Sonoma County Children's Museum and another \$25,000 went to the Health Farm Worker Families Fund overseen by the Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County located in Healdsburg.
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As pretty as the flowers that surrounded them! We are so very thankful for the bunches of volunteer support that helped make Garden Tour 2014 happen. Breanna Soto (Alliance member Victoria Soto's daughter), seated on the right, and friend Jessica LaBlue helped guide tourgoers in the Luks garden.



"If you never struggle, you can't grow," Ed Hawthorne, retired Bank of America executive, described to scholarship awardees at the 10,000 Degrees Donor-Scholar reception held July 12th in Santa Rosa. Joining Health Careers Scholarship committee members, Gina Merwin and Dr. Loie Sauer above are scholarship recipient Cristal Chavez and her father, Prisciliano Chavez. Cristal will be continuing her Nursing studies at Sonoma State University.

10,000 Degrees Scholarship Sonoma Executive Director, Lisa Carreno, thanked students for their courage and donors for their faith in these scholars. We share Ms. Carreno's thoughts as she reminded students to live their lives with compassion. We are very grateful to Ms. Carreno and her staff for their invaluable assistance in administering the Health Careers Scholarship.



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The remaining funds will be allocated as seed money for Garden Tour 2015 as well as distributed to SCMAA Foundation programs.

Sponsorship played a major role in the financial success of this Tour as a total of \$35,950 was received from individuals and businesses in Sonoma County.



Promoting healthy habits

By Cindy Popovich, RN

Human Race "Presents"

As one of Sonoma County's most well-attended fundraisers, the Human Race, held on May 10th, was the perfect place to make our presence know by promoting Alliance programs and events. From health-conscious hand sanitizer and nutrition bars to JourneySafe promise cards and Breast Cancer Awareness pamphlets, Human Race participants and their families received valuable information.

We're tickled PINK!

Our deepest appreciation to the students at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa for the donation of funds raised in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Sports teams caught their audience's attention by playing with pink balls and wearing pink creatively during their October games.

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Location TBD

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