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STEPHEN J. RYAN, MD (1940–2013)

DOHENY EYE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT AND WORLD LEADER IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Exemplary leader, charismatic, energetic, intelligent, visionary, caring, and mentor are just a few words we hear over and over to describe Dr. Stephen J. Ryan, the longtime president of the Doheny Eye Institute. On April 29, 2013, after a short battle with cancer, Dr. Ryan died at his home with his wife of nearly 50 years Anne, daughter Patricia, and other family members at his side. Worldwide, the ophthalmology community was numbed by his passing. He was an icon in ophthalmology, like the textbook *RETINA* he edited through four of its five editions, which is considered by generations of ophthalmologists as their primary source for research and clinical insights.

His impact was boundless, from Capitol Hill—as founder and president of NAEVR/AEVR, advocating for federally-funded vision research—to every country on earth. Dr. Ryan was an expert in retinal disease and eye trauma. His research,

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Doheny Assures its Legacy Through Bond with UCLA

You have probably heard about the Doheny Eye Institute-UCLA plan to affiliate. We are very excited at Doheny and see this as a wonderful opportunity for becoming the best eye care, vision research, and ophthalmic education center in the US. Negotiations between Doheny and UCLA were announced in early August. The choice of UCLA as a partner for Doheny followed a rigorous review of offers of affiliation from several worthy “suitors.”

“Six top universities approached us wanting to affiliate,” says Marissa Goldberg, Doheny chief operating officer, chief financial officer, and board member. “Of these, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, and UCLA met our criteria. By selecting UCLA, we gain complementary clinical, research, and education strengths and the opportunity to better serve patients.”

The Stein Eye Institute at UCLA and Doheny Eye Institute are both consistently ranked in the top 10 ophthalmology



Mrs. Carrie Estelle Doheny

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Doheny alumni, Drs. Jialiang Zhao, Tatsuro Ishibashi, and Peter Wiedemann, past and future presidents of the ophthalmology societies of China, Japan, and Germany, stand with Dr. Ryan before the statue of von Graefe in Berlin in 2010.

He went on to build Doheny into one of the most respected ophthalmology institutes in the world. His friend and colleague Peter Weidemann, MD, of the University of Leipzig, called Doheny, “...Steve’s life’s work.”

“Steve was meant to be someone of accomplishment,” says Dr. Ryan’s brother, Robert Ryan of Boston. “From an early age it was clear that he was on a path to significant achievement fueled by his powerful drive and determination to be the best and to do his best.

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“Steve had a love of learning, an infectious enthusiasm, and a natural inclination as a servant-leader who took great pleasure in the success of others,” continued Robert. A servant-leader is someone who creates a positive and stimulating environment for others to optimize their capabilities by encouraging them and creating opportunities for learning and growth.

Many say that one of Dr. Ryan’s best qualities was that he recognized great talent among his colleagues and students and helped them rise to their own heights.

“He was known for his integrity and humility,” adds Robert. “Steve was always concerned about doing everything the right way and treating everyone, without exception, with dignity and respect.

Dr. Ryan was a leader of the esteemed National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine. He chaired world ophthalmology congresses in Sao Paulo, Berlin, and Hong Kong. Although his list of accomplishments is boundless, it was the collective progress at Doheny and in the field of ophthalmology that he took greatest pride. In the winter before his death, Dr. Ryan was recognized as a “Laureate of the America Academy of Ophthalmology,” their single highest honor. ■

teaching, mentorship, and clinical practice forever changed how these conditions are treated.

Stephen J. Ryan was born in Honolulu on March 20, 1940, where his father, an ophthalmologist and career navy medical officer, was stationed. The elder Dr. Ryan, considered the Navy’s top ophthalmologist, had a professional relationship with Dr. A. Edward Maumenee, the head of the Wilmer Eye Institute who eventually became the younger Dr. Ryan’s guiding force and mentor at Johns Hopkins.

At age 37, Dr. Ryan came to Doheny Eye Institute and quickly embraced Carrie Estelle Doheny’s founding mission “to further the conservation, improvement, and restoration of human eyesight.”

NAEVR, the National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research, is a non-profit organization of professional, consumer, and industry groups involved in eye and vision research. AEVR, the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research, is dedicated to educating political leaders about the impact of federal funding for eye and vision research. Dr. Ryan was president of NAEVR/AEVR from 1993 until 2013. He proudly witnessed the transfer of leadership from his hands into those of his colleague Dr. Peter McDonnell, of Johns Hopkins’ Wilmer Eye Institute.

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institutes in the country. “Doheny has always been committed to providing patients and our community with the highest standard of care. A strong motivation for securing this affiliation with UCLA and its Stein Eye Institute is the similarity of our mission and values,” says Ms. Goldberg.

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Dr. Bartly Mondino of UCLA agrees. He is the chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at UCLA, director of the Stein Eye Institute, and a specialist in autoimmune and infectious disease of the cornea. “We have a long history of cooperation, complementary ties within LA, and research synergies,” says Dr. Mondino. “Our ophthalmology residents already share courses and work side-by-side in community outreach programs such as Care Harbor and at the Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center.”



Mrs. Doris and Dr. Jules Stein

Teams from Doheny and UCLA are working to finalize the agreement and ensure a happy “marriage.”

“We feel confident that our late president Dr. Stephen Ryan would have given this his full support,” says Ms. Goldberg. As discussions of the affiliation progress, so do plans by the Doheny Board of Directors to identify a new president.

“We are committed to preserving the legacy of Steve Ryan,” Dr. Mondino and Ms. Goldberg agree. This step forward by Doheny Eye Institute marks an extraordinary time and a great opportunity. Friends from around the world have sent good wishes as we set out to expand vision-saving services for the Los Angeles community and beyond. ■

THE IMPACT OF DOHENY WORLDWIDE: Leadership, Management, Mentorship

Dr. Stephen Ryan always said that the most important person in his professional life was his mentor A. Edward Maumenee, MD, head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Hopkins' Wilmer Eye Institute where Steve was a resident, chief resident, assistant professor, and associate professor. In 1974, Dr. Ryan made the pivotal decision to leave Hopkins for Doheny Eye Institute. He commenced to grow Doheny from a faculty of one (himself) to the major institute it is today.

"Dr. Maumenee expected Steve to return one day to take over the leadership at Hopkins," recalls Dr. Ron Smith who trained at Wilmer alongside Dr. Ryan. "Instead of going back, Steve carried the Maumenee model forward. He instilled his residents, fellows,

staff, and everyone else he engaged with the same approach to leadership, management, and people."

Doheny-trained physicians have similarly become world leaders in ophthalmology. Forty-two Doheny alumni lead ophthalmology departments in major medical centers in Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and in 16 US cities. Six more lead US residency training programs.

Instead of trying to tell Update readers about Dr. Ryan's impact, we decided instead to ask a few of these leaders to reflect on their experience as a Ryan mentee and then colleague of Dr. Ryan's.



James C. Tsai, MD, MBA
Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, Yale University School of Medicine
Doheny resident: 1990 – 1993
Specialty: glaucoma

I came to Doheny for my residency in 1990 from Stanford Medical School. There was a lot of buzz about the residency program being in its ascendancy under the leadership of Dr. Ryan and Dr. Smith. I'd originally thought I wanted to become the best community eye doctor possible. But Doheny showed me that I could make a bigger impact by adding research and by teaching the next generation of ophthalmology leaders. I embraced Dr. Ryan's vision and his commitment to hard work and excellence. If I were to compare Steve Ryan to another world leader, I'd have to say Warren Buffett. He was to ophthalmology what Buffett is to investing, maybe the best ever.

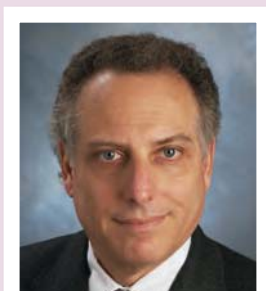


Dale K. Heuer, MD
Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology; Medical College of Wisconsin; Director, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Eye Institute
Doheny faculty: 1986 – 1997
Specialty: glaucoma

After my residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin and fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, I started my academic career as a full-time

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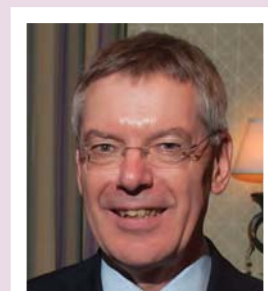
faculty member at the University of Florida. At the beginning of my second year there, I heard about a great opportunity to join Steve Ryan's growing program at Doheny. At my first interview, I felt like a kid going into the principal's office, since Dr. Ryan had a reputation for being formidable. But he turned out to be completely engaging. He was the quintessential leader. Steve taught and encouraged us to advance our science and clinical skills so we could take the best care of our patients. He wanted to make the world a better place for people suffering from a host of eye disease. He learned from the great Dr. A. Edward Maumenee of the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital, but I think he did Ed Maumenee one better.



Steven E. Feldon, MD, MBA
Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology; Director, Flaum Eye Institute, University of Rochester Medical Center
Doheny faculty: 1979 – 2001
Specialty: orbital disease and neuro-ophthalmology

Doheny is known for its unique character. I always thought it had a family feel. Steve Ryan and Ron

Smith created an environment where there was freedom to explore new clinical, research, and educational opportunities. Steve Ryan was the principal inspiration. He led by establishing a "must do" environment, which defined his personality and meant we were safe to take bigger career risks than we might have elsewhere. What I inherited from the Doheny family is the attitude that every individual makes a unique contribution and that contribution is for the benefit of the whole family. That's the premise I've used in training more than 150 ophthalmologists.



Peter Wiedemann, MD
Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology; Director, University Eye Hospital, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
Doheny research fellow: 1982 – 83
Specialty: surgical and medical retina

I found Doheny to be defined by a few basic concepts of life and leadership that Steve Ryan embodied: work hard, focus, have a vision. Doheny's signature was and still is excellence and a commitment to further the conservation, improvement, and restoration of human eyesight. I had studied pharmacology after medical school and wanted to do research with eyes. Fortunately, Dr. Ryan wanted somebody experienced in pharmacology. He was a rare mentor and model for my own style of leadership. He hired good people and let them do what they wanted. He committed himself, paid attention to details, and gave immediate feedback. He believed in the excitement and pursuit of new knowledge and innovation and in building every new generation of researchers and clinicians on the strength of the ideas and people who came before.

(An obituary for Stephen J. Ryan, written by Dr. Wiedemann, appears in *Graefes Archives for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology*. 2013;251:1663-6.)

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Zdenek Gregor, MD
Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Moorfields Eye Hospital; London
Doheny retinal research fellow: 1980 – 1981;
Assistant Professor: 1981-1982
Specialty: vitreoretinal surgery

The reason I came to work with Dr. Ryan was his reputation as a great researcher. Dr. Alan Bird, with whom I'd done a fellowship in medical retina, was a friend and admirer of Steve Ryan and I'd heard a great deal about his skill and kindness. We met in 1976 at the 1st Macular Workshop in Bath, England, and became life-long friends.

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Coming from a large clinical training institution in London, I was struck by the importance that Dr. Ryan and his colleagues attached to research and to autonomy. Dr. Ryan's Friday afternoon research meetings were the highlight of the week. He made sure that we all reported our progress. His friendliness extended well beyond professional collegiality. We had a great many dinners at his home and he and his wife Annie were happy to include my (then) young family as well.

Dr. Ryan became my role model in many respects—as a physician, scientist, and leader. When I became the

Secretary General and, later, President of the much-neglected European Society of Ophthalmology, Dr. Ryan's achievement in building an eye department where none had previously existed was a key inspiration. I like to think that I used his tactics and techniques to gain support from the European ophthalmic community and beyond. In 2007, Dr. Ryan accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address at the European Congress in Vienna. As it happens, I was president then of Club Jules Gonin, the oldest global retinal society of which Dr. Ryan was a former executive committee member. I remember his pride when he was presented with an Honorary Membership in the Club.

The Doheny brand? I'd say it's the unique blend of scientific and clinical excellence combined with good-natured encouragement and gentle guidance while fully expecting results—all for the benefit of the institution and the whole DEI team."

(Dr. Gregor retired from ophthalmology this year. He is currently a post-grad student at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, in the UK.)



Drs. Steve Ryan and Young Hee Yoon

Young Hee Yoon, MD Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea
Doheny retina clinical fellow: 1992 – 1993
Specialty: vitreoretinal surgery

I first met Dr. Ryan in 1987 in Sarasota, Florida, at the annual conference of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. This was before the Internet and I had imagined this world-famous

doctor as an old man with grey hair or a beard. I was very much surprised to find Dr. Ryan so young and good-looking.

Later, during my research fellowship at Stanford University, I learned that a clinical fellowship at Doheny might be open to international physicians. I applied, was accepted, and proudly arrived to find myself in the company of residents, fellows, and faculty of many nationalities and races. Dr. Ryan was building Doheny into a center of global ophthalmology. I became the first female retinal surgeon in Korea and over the years have encouraged many young female ophthalmologists to make it their specialty, too.

We were all inspired by the professionalism, work ethic, transparency, and mutual trust we encountered at Doheny. These are qualities I emphasize and model with my own fellows and residents. Doheny is a training ground for tomorrow's leaders. I'm proud to continue the tradition.

(With Dr. Ryan's support, Dr. Yoon became the first Korean member of Club Jules Gonin.)

Thank you to Dr. Rohit Varma, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at University of Illinois College of Medicine, for his contribution to this section of Update.



A BEQUEST FOR DOHENY EYE INSTITUTE

A bequest for Doheny Eye Institute can advance scientific research in unimaginable ways. Please consider such a gift in your will. If you have already made a provision for Doheny, please let us know. We would like to thank you.

For wills and trusts, the Doheny legal name is Doheny Eye Institute and our tax identification number is 95-2916590. For more information, please contact Suzanne Zolfo, Senior Director of Development, at 1-800-543-4872 or SZolfo@Doheny.org.

Gift Annuity Rates for One Recipient, as of November 1, 2013

Age determines how much a Doheny Charitable Gift Annuity will pay in return for your generosity.

One Life		Two Lives	
Age	%	Age	%
65	4.7	65/70	4.4
75	5.8	75/80	5.3
85	7.8	85/90	7.3
90+	9.0	90/95+	8.8
Call for rates for other ages.			

In exchange for a contribution of \$20,000 or more, the Doheny Eye Institute will pay you and/or another individual a guaranteed and fixed annuity for life. In addition, the donor receives a current charitable tax deduction. After those receiving the income pass away, the gift is used to further Doheny's mission. Charitable gift annuities can be funded with cash, marketable securities, or real estate. For a free, personalized illustration of how you and Doheny can benefit from a Doheny Charitable Gift Annuity, please complete and return the enclosed envelope or contact Suzanne Zolfo, Senior Director of Development, at 323.442.7104 or at SZolfo@Doheny.org.

SPECIAL DOHENY EVENT HONORS
MEDICAL RESIDENTS, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI

The annual **DOHENY EYE INSTITUTE RESIDENTS DINNER** is a special event sponsored by the Doheny Professional Association to honor first-, second-, and third-year ophthalmology residents, ophthalmology fellows and exceptional faculty. The evening began with opening remarks from Dr. John A. Irvine, the Association’s President.

2013
ARVO
TRAVEL
AWARD

At this year’s dinner, on June 15 at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale, five Doheny residents were noted to have received a **2013 ARVO TRAVEL AWARD** to attend the world’s largest and most important annual meeting of research ophthalmologists, thanks to the Doheny Professional Association. (ARVO is an acronym for the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. The meeting this year was in Seattle.) Awardees were Drs. Daniel Sand, Andrew Browne, Jennifer Lee, Jeremy Hwang, and Damien Rodger.

It should be noted that, although not part of the festivities, the Doheny Professional Association presented **ARVO BASIC SCIENCE AWARDS** to three research scholars, Drs. Takeshi Yoshida, Wan Wang, and Hossein Nazari Khanamiri. Dr. Yoshida presented on the role of a novel growth factor receptor pathway in pathogenesis of the “wet” form of age related macular degeneration. Dr. Wang’s poster presentation described her research on the development of a novel technique for the delivery of peptides of the chaperone protein alphaB crystalline to the retina and its potential for treatment of AMD. Dr. Khanamiri’s poster presentation detailed his work on the immune system and survival of implanted retinal cells for restoring vision.

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FELLOWSHIP

Receiving a 2013-2014 **HEED FELLOWSHIP** were Drs. Jesse Berry and Damien Rodger. Dr. Berry was the assistant chief of service. This special fellowship is designed to provide talented ophthalmologists with funding for post-graduate education and research, for “...promoting and advancing the art and science of ophthalmology.”

Third-year resident Dr. Luis Vazquez was honored for being selected for the **HEED FOUNDATION RESIDENTS RETREAT** co-sponsored by the Heed Foundation and American Ophthalmological Society. Residents are nominated by their department chairs and residency program directors to participate in two days of events to learn about making the transition from trainee to academic faculty.

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AWARDS

FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS were presented by the residency classes to Drs. Jesse Berry, Phillip Le, Narsing Rao and Srinivas Sadda, respectively. The residents expressed their admiration and gratitude toward their mentors as well as the program director, Dr. Peter Quiros.

An additional highlight of the evening was the presentation by Dr. Ronald Smith of the **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD** to glaucoma specialist Dr. James Tsai who is currently the Robert R. Young Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Tsai’s success as a clinician, researcher, administrator, and caring individual has been recognized by many leading organizations including the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has also been named among the Best Doctors in America and American’s Top Ophthalmologists. Doheny Eye Institute inducted Dr. Tsai into the Doheny Society of Scholars in 2011.

DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNUS
AWARD

The Distinguished Alumnus Award goes to alumni whose career path in ophthalmology helps assure the success of the Doheny mission and whose contributions to the field of ophthalmology have been substantial and multifaceted. ■



Doctors Compose Tribute,
“Doheny Anthem”

In another tribute to Dr. Ryan, at the 2013 Doheny Residents Dinner on June 15, 2013, doctors performed what they called the “Doheny Anthem,” a song newly composed by second year resident Bryan Hong, MD, recognizing the compassion and skill that Doheny physicians apply in their work to improve and restore vision. The singers were medical residents Drs. Bryan Hong, Jeremy Hwang, Andrew Browne, fellow Benjamin Bert, and Dr. Ronald Smith. The song also recognizes the legacy of Doheny founder Estelle Doheny.

DOHENY ANTHEM

Darkness will not blind us in fear
Hand in hand, together shed tears
And if at last you still cannot see
Not a doctor but a friend I will be

CHORUS:
Estelle, your legacy lives on
And though we can't right every wrong
Compassion fuels our great fight
To improve and restore human sight

The end of the tunnel is light
Our toils make the world ever bright
Physicians scientists are we
Long, long live Doheny!

CHORUS:
Estelle, your legacy lives on
And though we can't right every wrong
Compassion fuels our great fight
To improve and restore human sight

TO VIEW THE PERFORMANCE, GO TO:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuz9qsV49sw&feature=youtu.be

TWO CELEBRATIONS OF DR. STEVE RYAN

There may be no better way to honor the memory of Doheny president Dr. Stephen Ryan than with an event where people whose talent he recognized arrived en masse at the Doheny Eye Institute to discuss their research devoted to the vision and mission of Carrie Estelle Doheny, “...to further the conservation, improvement, and restoration of human eyesight.”

This is exactly what happened on July 19, 2013, at the “Ophthalmology Scientific Meeting in Memory of Stephen J. Ryan.” The event was co-chaired by former Doheny resident Peter J. McDonnell, MD, now director of the Wilmer Eye Institute at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Dr. Ryan’s close friend and colleague Ronald E. Smith, MD; and Robert Ryan, the brother of Dr. Ryan who is also a gifted leader and accomplished team builder.



Renowned ophthalmologists celebrate Dr. Ryan

Doheny alumni and many other ophthalmology colleagues described their scientific work that evolved from their association and friendship with Dr. Ryan.

Participants also talked about their experience at Doheny; about their first meetings with Dr. Ryan who they regarded as a scholar, leader, futurist, and talented scientist and clinician; and about their pride in being part of the Doheny family. Dr. Smith, who knew Dr. Ryan from their early days as ophthalmology residents at Johns Hopkins, reflected back on

1974 when Dr. Ryan was the sole physician at Doheny. That year, a mere 15 medical students applied for a medical residency; today, hundreds apply for the coveted positions. Forty-two Doheny-trained residents, fellows, and faculty have gone on to become leaders of departments of ophthalmology at institutions across the globe.

“Steve was my leader, my mentor, my big brother, and my role model,” said Dr. Smith. “His legacy will live on in the faculty, residents, fellows, and staff who continue our research, education, and patient care.” Dr. Ryan will be remembered for his many accomplishments, including his 300 published articles, editorship of the classic book series Retina, leadership as secretary of the Institute of Medicine, and recipient of the highest award of both the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO).

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DR. STEVE RYAN

On July 20, 2013, Steve’s friends and family convened for the “Celebration of Life of Steve Ryan,” this time at the California Club in Los Angeles. Here, friends from industry and academia celebrated Steve Ryan’s life through remarks and pictures. “The event was quintessential Steve,” remarked Marissa Goldberg, Doheny chief operating officer and chief financial officer. Ms. Goldberg, who is guiding Doheny during the current transition in academic affiliation, believes that Dr. Ryan suggested this slate of speakers for his memorial to represent the different spheres in his professional life and his quest for excellence.

Reflections by ophthalmology leaders who trained with Dr. Ryan are included in this issue of Update. Their comments show the power that Doheny had on their commitment to patients and research and to carrying on the Doheny tradition. ■



James Ukropina, W.M. Keck Foundation President



Drs. Steve Ryan and Ronald Smith

“His legacy will live on in the faculty, residents, fellow, and staff who continue our research, education, and patient care.”

– Dr. Ronald Smith

Steve’s Friends and Colleagues Spoke at His Celebration of Life

- Robert Ryan**, brother of Dr. Ryan
- Robert Smith**, Chairman of the Board, Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation
- Edward Landry**, Chairman of the Board, Office of the President, Doheny Eye Institute
- James Ukropina**, President, W.M. Keck Foundation
- Ronald Smith, MD**, close friend and colleague
- Marissa Goldberg**, COO, CFO, Office of the President, Doheny Eye Institute
- Peter McDonnell, MD**, Director, Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute ; Office of the President, Doheny Eye Institute
- Peter Wiedemann, MD**, Director, Leipzig University Eye Hospital
- Jacqueline Dorrance**, Executive Director and CEO, Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation
- David Pyott**, Chairman of the Board, Allergan, Inc.
- Harvey Fineberg, MD, PhD**, President, Institute of Medicine
- Haig Mardikian**, Caveman Campmates

Beckman Foundation Endows the Stephen J. Ryan Endowed Chair for the Presidency of Doheny Eye Institute

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation recently announced its gift to Doheny of \$2 million to endow a chair for the presidency of the Doheny Eye Institute. This generous gift honors the long-time friendship between scientific visionary Arnold Beckman, who died in 2004 at the age of 104, and the recently deceased Stephen J. Ryan (1940-2013). The two met over an eye problem of Dr. Beckman's. They quickly discovered their shared passion for research and excellence. Arnold Beckman was a scientist, inventor, and founder of Beckman Instruments, Inc. His instruments revolutionized the field of biology.

The endowment, called the "Stephen J. Ryan-Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Endowed Presidential Chair," supports the recruitment of the next Doheny president and the costs associated with the function of the office. As an endowment, it respects the memory of Dr. Ryan in perpetuity. "Before he died, Steve planned for a smooth presidential succession, which this gift assures," says Marissa Goldberg, Doheny's chief operating officer and chief financial officer. "The endowment speaks to the powerful bond between the Beckmans and Dr. Ryan and the standing of both men as giants in the field."

Dr. Ryan was also the founder of the Beckman Initiative for Macular Research (BMIR), launched



in 2001 with a \$10 million grant from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation and sustained generously ever since. The 6th annual BMIR conference, for invited scientists, engineers, and physicians, is being held on January 23-25, 2014, at the Beckman Center of the National Academies of Science and Engineering, in Irvine, CA. The enduring focus is to develop a better understanding of potentially blinding vision disorders caused by atrophic macular degeneration. ■

LUMINAIRES: DOHENY PATRONS AND GIVERS OF LIGHT

The Luminaires—both the Founders and Juniors—continue their unflagging volunteer support of the mission of the Doheny Eye Institute. In April 2013, the Luminaires Juniors hosted their annual signature event at the historic, Spanish-style Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The theme was Le Bal Masqué, Le Sens De l'Intrigue. One hundred fifty people attended "this spectacular and extremely important evening," says Amanda Larson, then president of the Luminaires Juniors. "Our benefit co-chairs Liz Rahn and Sujie Min and auction co-chairs Nuka Solomon and Shana Garner did an amazing job. We raised nearly \$110,000 dollars." Nuka Solomon was honored at the event for her years of dedication to the Luminaires Juniors.

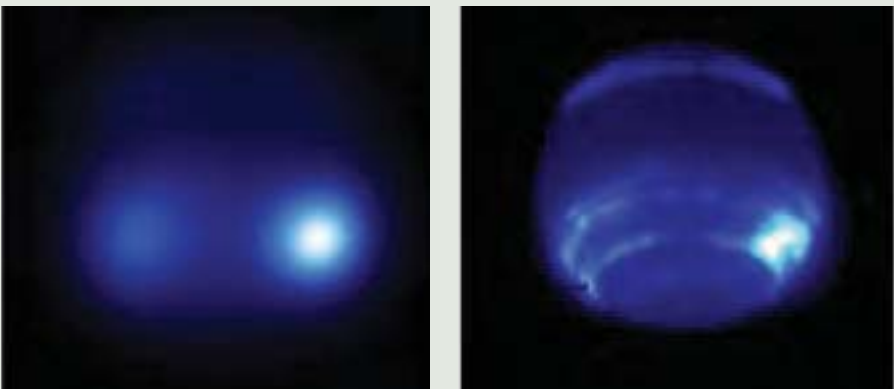
Similarly, on March 28 the Luminaires Founders held a "Seaside Spectacular" at the beautiful Huntington Langham Hotel in Pasadena. The benefit, co-chaired by Sharon Giannotta and Barbara Heublein, was a luncheon and resort-themed fashion show featuring designs by Lourdes Chavez. "These fun and high energy events nourish our friendships and our commitment to supporting such an amazing eye research institute," says Ms. Giannotta. The group raised approximately \$100,000.

The original Luminaires formed in 1974. The Luminaires Juniors was established two years later by daughters and daughters-in-law of the Founders. The name Luminaires means "givers of light," which they have succeeded in doing by raising more than \$7.5 million for Doheny's vision-saving research through benefits, teas, luncheons, fashion shows, theatre events, and dinners. ■



From left: Nancy Hulick, Winnie Reitnauer, Judy Kloner, Barbara Nielsen, Betsy Ulf and Diane Thurman

W.M. KECK FOUNDATION HONORS DR. RYAN The Ryan Visionary Fund



This view displays two images from astronomy (from Claire E. Max, University of California at Santa Cruz, image obtained from W. M. Keck Observatory). The image on the right is corrected using adaptive optics.

The W.M. Keck Foundation has established The Ryan Visionary Fund with a lead gift of \$1 million in recognition of Dr. Stephen Ryan's dedication to the foundation. Dr. Ryan had many leadership roles with the Keck Foundation, which was founded in 1954 to support research in science, medicine, and engineering. The Keck Foundation's goal of supporting "pioneering" research is akin to Dr. Ryan's own vision.

A prime example was Dr. Ryan's leadership of a Keck-hosted conference in August 2012 where a handpicked assembly of gifted thinkers came together to brainstorm, dream, and imagine new ways to see and measure the inner workings of cells involved in vision. They explored questions along the lines of, "How can technologies that correct images from outer space be applied to understanding biological events at the single-molecule and single-cell level?"

This gift will support the vision of Steve Ryan as Doheny transitions to its next level of accomplishment. In addition to funding The Ryan Visionary Fund, Keck is also supporting Doheny research through a generous award of \$3 million. ■

“TO FURTHER THE CONSERVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND RESTORATION OF HUMAN EYESIGHT.”

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care and physician education at

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2012 and June 30, 2013 are listed, as are

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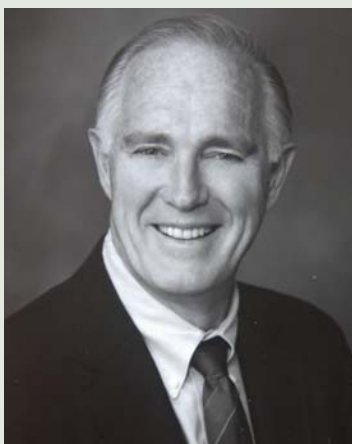
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REMEMBERING John “Jack” McDermott, MD

The world ophthalmology community and Doheny lost a leader, humanitarian, and great friend with the passing of John J. McDermott, MD, on September 22, 2013, at the age of 81. Dr. McDermott was a devoted alumnus and a member of the Board of Directors of the Doheny Professional Association. Dr.



John Irvine, the Association’s current president, recalls first meeting “Jack” at Doheny in the early 1990s. “I met Jack when I was a medical school advisee for his son John. Coincidentally, John and I were both following in our father’s footsteps as ophthalmologists,” said Dr. Irvine. “Jack devoted himself to his family, eye care worldwide, and his patients, medical residents, and the Doheny Eye Institute. He was smart, practical, and a great mentor to the ophthalmology residents.”

Doheny alumnus, Dr. James J. Salz,, remembers Dr. McDermott as “absolutely devoted” to sharing his knowledge and surgical skills, and an unequaled overseas volunteer. “For weeks on end he would volunteer his time as a clinician, surgeon, and leader,” said Dr. Salz. In 1964, as an ophthalmology resident, Dr. McDermott volunteered in Ecuador on the ship USS Hope. In 1967, he volunteered in Thailand and then, over the years, in Vietnam,

India, Afghanistan, Honduras, and Latvia. Between 1990 and 1999, he was influential in establishing Latvia’s first modern cataract surgery program.

In 1999, Dr. McDermott won the prestigious Outstanding Humanitarian Award presented by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The award recognizes Academy members for their charitable work above and beyond the typical duties of the profession. Doheny Professional Association Board member Dr. Alfred Marrone, who nominated Dr. McDermott for the high honor, speaks of his former mentor and colleague as “...a role model and one of a handful of people who others aspire to be like.” In a nod to what-goes-around-comes-around, Dr. Marrone was a teacher to the younger John McDermott.

Dr. Jack McDermott was born in New York. He earned a medical degree from New York University in 1960, the same year he wed Eileen Keane. Together, they came to California where he joined Dr. Stephen Ryan’s group as an intern. Dr. and Mrs. McDermott worked together at LA County Medical Center, he as medical trainee and she as an ICU nurse.

Dr. McDermott is survived by his wife, nine children, and 24 grandchildren. His son Dr. John McDermott carries on the practice they built together in Claremont, California. ■