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Golf Fundraiser Reaches Green



Golfers David Kulber (from left) Adam Lucas, Thomas Priselac and Barry Pressman were among participants who enjoyed prime conditions at Monday's fundraiser in Glendale. *HASC photo*

More than 70 golfers joined over [a dozen sponsors](#) at Monday's HASC Charity Golf Classic at Glendale's Oakmont Country Club, where they enjoyed mild, early-autumn weather while raising more than \$50,000.

Over the past decade, the fundraiser has brought in \$605,000 for the HASC-affiliated National Health Foundation, NHF Board Chair Jess Womack said at the event.

NHF takes on a range of projects supporting health care for underserved communities. They include the Pathway Recuperative Care program that assists homeless patients with transitional housing, a Health Academy and a Teen Parenting program.

A light moment occurred early in the tournament when event organizer George Mack's ball ended up — alone — in the hole during the simultaneous putting event. Mack's ball collided with at least one other and "caromed

in" like a billiards ball, he recalled later.

With a score of 72, Ryan Sader of Toyon Associates, Inc. posted the tournament's low total. Shery Shemirani carded the women's low score with a 92. A team made up of HASC President Jim Barber, Ron Knapp of Toyon Associates and Steve Moreau and Jeremy Zoch (both of St. Joseph Hospital) posted the low-gross team aggregate with a 331.

Closest-to-hole honors went to Sandy Smith (No. 3), Trahan Whitten (No. 5), Joe Blatchford (No. 11) and Joey Kragelund (No. 16).

Next year's tournament is slated for Monday, Nov. 14 at Red Hill Country Club in Rancho Cucamonga.

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Association Welcomes New CEOs

The association welcomes the following chief executives, who are newly-appointed to positions at Southern California hospitals.

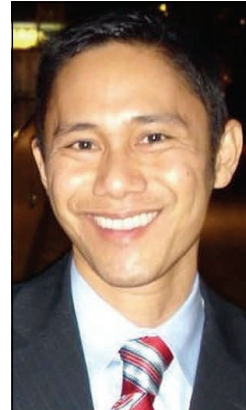
Mary E. Kingston

Mary Kingston, FACHE, is Chief Executive, South Bay Community at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro and Torrance. Kingston served as Chief Operating Officer/Administrator at the Torrance location since 2011 — and previously in leadership roles at St. Joseph Health-Orange and with Memorial Care Health System.



Alex Villarruz

Alex Villarruz, MT, CPHQ, MHA, is CEO at HealthBridge Children’s Hospital in Orange. Villarruz previously served as COO at Barlow Respiratory Hospital and in various roles at Tenet Health, UCLA Medical Center, Providence Saint John’s Health Center and St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach.



Hot Off the Press

HASC Board Chair Gary Wilde’s report following the Sept. 24 Board of Directors meeting has been published on the association’s website. To read the report, visit www.hasc.org/chairs-report/chairs-report-21.

Access is restricted to HASC members.



Chair Gary Wilde

Wilde’s report includes an update on proposed freestanding emergency department legislation.

Other updates spotlight HASC’s and CHA’s Reforming Health and Health Care initiatives, a list of new board officers for 2016 and a fundraising tally for area contributions to CHPAC.

L.A. County Expands Jail Behavioral Health Staff

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved four specialized positions designed to improve behavioral health services inside its jail system.

The new positions include a correctional health director, director of substance use dis-

drawn to “safety-net providers” like jails and hospital emergency departments, due to lack of other support or opportunities available. Each successful transition may prevent a future incarceration, as well as future hospital admissions for mental health or

this direction, including an August plan by District Attorney Jackie Lacey that would release non-violent jail inmates to community-based treatment.

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-Jaime Garcia, HASC Regional Vice President

order treatments, care transitions director and program director for jail mental health.

A management team will be charged with integrating all health services in the county jail system.

Experts contend that those with mental illness or substance abuse issues may be

substance-abuse issues.

HASC recognizes that increased outpatient services will be a vital component of any plan that seeks to prevent or reduce incarceration of people with mental health and/or substance-use disorders.

The association has applauded other recent steps in

reduce repeated incarceration and over-utilization of ED services,” HASC Regional Vice President Jaime Garcia said after Tuesday’s meeting.

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Lean Course Earns CPHQ Approval

The association's Lean Fundamentals for Healthcare Certificate Course has earned continuing education accreditation from the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ).

The development, announced last month, means that participants in HASC's Lean Fundamentals will earn 24 continuing education hours, or credits, towards Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) recertification. A total of 30 continuing education hours are required in each 2-year recertification cycle.

Enhancing safety and ensuring better outcomes are the course's goals. Lean concepts can help improve focus, problem solving, follow-through



Health care professionals attended a HASC-led lean course in 2014. *HASC photo*

and people skills, all of which can reduce errors and improve performance. The course also helps practitioners improve the patient's overall experience.

The next Lean Fundamentals course will be offered in the first quarter of 2016. Details will be an-

nounced when available. Visit www.hasc.org/lean-fundamentals-course to learn more.

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Committee to Review Cyber Security on Oct. 26

The association's Security and Safety Committee will review steps hospitals can take to prevent cyber breaches and protect hospitals and their patients from cyber crime at its next meeting from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Oct. 26. This month's meeting will convene at St. Jude Medical Center, 101 East Valencia Mesa Drive

in Fullerton.

More than 45 U.S. hospitals have experienced hacker-caused data breaches this year, data compiled by the federal Department of Health and Human Services relates.

Members who want to learn more about cyber security are invited.

The scheduled speaker is Shauna Day, HASC's Di-

rector of Association Services. Day will speak about the cyber threat and HASC's CyberEdge® comprehensive protection product.

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HBA Joins Endorsed Partner Program

Healthcare Benefits Alliance® Trust is the newest member of HASC's Endorsed Business Partner program.

The HBA assists benefits brokers with access to health and welfare coverage,



including group life, disability, dental and other benefits from top-rated carriers. It also helps hospitals and health care organizations with individual underwriting, bringing experience from working with more than 800 facilities and organizations. The trust seeks to provide high-quality coverage and cost savings to customers.

The alliance's services are "broker agnostic," so there is no need to modify existing broker relationships.

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HASC Annual Meeting is Set for April

Mark your calendar for the association's annual meeting, this April 13-15 at the St. Regis Monarch Beach resort at Dana Point. The theme is "Uber-Bold: Moving Health Care Beyond Incremental Change." Learn more at www.hasc.org/2016-hasc-annual-meeting.

2015 CHPAC Campaign Goal Update

This month, the association thanks the following member hospitals that have reached or surpassed their 2015 CHPAC campaign goal as of Oct. 1.

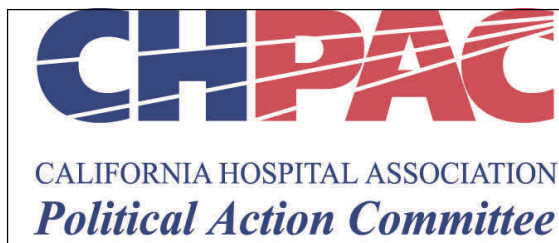
Los Angeles Region

- Catalina Island Medical Center
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Community Hospital of Huntington Park
- Foothill Presbyterian Hospital
- Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
- Los Angeles Community Hospital at Los Angeles
- Monterey Park Hospital
- Olympia Medical Center
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center
- West Hills Hospital & Medical Center

Inland Region

- Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital

- Chino Valley Medical Center
- Kindred Hospital – Ontario
- Kindred Hospital – Riverside
- Redlands Community Hospital
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital



Orange County Region

- HealthBridge Children's Hospital
- Kindred Hospital – Brea
- Kindred Hospital – Westminster

Ventura/

Santa Barbara Region

- Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital

- Ojai Valley Community Hospital
- Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital

Hospitals can reach their goals by referring hospital vendors that share likeminded values in ensuring a healthy business climate for hospitals.

Contributions from new and renewing corporate partners are credited to each hospital's annual goal.

Contributions may be made online at www.calhospital.org/political-action-committee.

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Employee Competency Workshop Invites Attendees

Space remains open for the Thursday, Nov. 5 HASC workshop titled "Developing, Measuring & Documenting Employee Competency."

The intensive 1-day session is open to HASC mem-

bers and runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

The workshop is designed for nurse and ancillary managers or directors — or any-

one responsible for meeting The Joint Commission competency requirements.

New Members Add Names to Association Roll

The association welcomes the following new members. All were confirmed at the Sept. 24 board meeting.

Located in Loma Linda,

Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital operates with 25 acute rehabilitation and 56 skilled nursing beds.

Joining as associate mem-

bers are ACO Advisors, LLC of San Pedro, Alvarez & Marsal of Los Angeles and ECG Management Consultants of San Diego.

On the Calendar



Inland Empire Area CEO Meeting

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland, Calif.

Security and Safety Committee Meeting

9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Oct. 26 at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, Calif.

HASC Board Meeting

9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the HASC Board Room 515 South Figueroa St., Suite 1300 Los Angeles, Calif.

Learn more about these and other HASC events at www.hasc.org/calendar