



Annual Meeting

INCOMING SSVMS PRESIDENT MARGARET PARSONS attended medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans - so it's no surprise she chose Mardi Gras as the theme of this year's Annual Meeting, on January 18 at the Sheraton Hotel.

Sacramento neurologist Dr. David F. Dozier, Jr., received the society's highest honor, the Golden Stethoscope Award. He was recognized as embodying the spirit of unselfishness, compassion and empathy that are the hallmarks of a physician chosen for this award. His father, Dr. David F. Dozier, Sr., received the award in 1970.

The Medical Honor Award, given for achievements that have brought a contribution of great significance to medicine or community health, went to Dr. Richard Pan, a pediatrician at the UC Davis Medical Center and 2004 SSVMS President. Dr. Pan has been a leading advocate for insuring all children in our region.

County Supervisor Richard Dickinson was presented the Medical Community Service Award for his leadership in local health care policy. He is an advocate of expanding health care coverage for all children, a leading proponent of maintaining county health services for the indigent, and a staunch advocate and ally with medicine to improve health in Sacramento County.

Lisa Smith was the recipient of the Dedicated County Alliance Member Award, and Marilyn Skinner was presented the Dorothy Dozier Helping Hands Award.

BloodSource presented SSVMS with its highest award, the Bennett Sculpture, in recognition of the Society's support of the organization.

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