

## *2009 Alumni Reunion CE*

The cool air and threatening clouds failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the doctors returning to campus for the 2009 Alumni Reunion continuing education program on June 20. Doctors graduating from 1952 to 2008 gathered for 6 hours of COPE-approved education featuring **Bob Prouty, OD '84**, **Lorne Yudcovitch, OD '96**; and **Fraser Horn, OD '04**.



*Alumni and friends get re-acquainted before the start of class*

Dr. Prouty, fresh from visiting a new granddaughter in Seattle, was the morning speaker. His talks covered new information on cataracts and IOLs, followed by a spirited grand rounds presentation.

The Alumni Association hosted a picnic lunch under the oaks where various classmates were able to reconnect over barbecued chicken and baked beans. Members of the “Fighting Iris” (Class of 1979) shared many stories about their classmates and faculty. **Larry Hedgren, OD '59**, returned from New Mexico; **Fred Fuerst, OD '59**, traveled from Loomis, Calif.; and **Bob Bederstadt, OD '59**, drove in from Portland for their



*Alcon's Brandi Morgan and Bob Prouty, OD '84*

induction into the Golden Guard to note their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Still seeing patients and keeping up with his CE was **Larry Chan, OD '54**, of Portland.



*Dr. Smythe shares a light moment with Drs. Horn and Yudcovitch*

The afternoon session was highlighted by the dynamic team of **Yudcovitch** and **Horn** with their interactive course: “Therapeutic Indications, Contraindications, and Conundrums”. With clickers at the ready, the audience responded (anonymously) to the treatment options given for a number of complex cases. Big brother **Russell Horn, OD '95**, and sister-in-law **Jacqueline Clair-Horn, OD '94**, nodded in agreement that Fraser was the showman in the family as he threw out quips along with his clinical pearls.

The Alumni CE meeting was also a time for the doctors to learn more about AMIGOS, a non-profit student organization affiliated with VOSH International. **Alli Hoppert, OD '11**, President of AMIGOS Eyecare, was on hand to answer questions and to tempt the doctors with delectable treats from the AMIGOS Bake Sale.



Our thanks to the Alcon Partner in Education program for their support of the 2009 Reunion Continuing Education. Plan to join the fun at the 2010 Alumni Reunion!



Our congratulations to the following optometry alumni who were honored during Reunion Weekend:

**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Gerald Groff '53, OD '54**

After Gerald Groff '53, OD '54 spent three years as an optometrist for the U.S. Army in Paris, France, he has been a volunteer for Aeromedicos and VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). These organizations travel to remote regions of



underdeveloped countries who have limited or no other access to medical care. During the rest of the year, he is an optometrist in Santa Barbara, California where he has practiced for more than 40 years. In 1999 Dr. Groff joined a team of medical and dental professionals and students called "Potter's Clay." The group travels each spring to Ensenada, Mexico, where they provide services to the poor. Dr. Groff says he is overwhelmed by the deep appreciation from community members who have never received vision care.



**Bill Nelson '51, OD '53**

Bill Nelson '51, OD '53 left a career in optometry to become owner of Pacific Tree Farms, a nursery of exotic flowering and fruiting plants and unusual pine trees in Southern California. He became the region's leading conifer expert, growing 90 of the world's 125 species of pine trees. He was honored with Horticulturist of the Year in 2007 by the San Diego County Horticulture Society. Upon closing the nursery in 2007, he donated more than 5,000 rare trees to botanic gardens, cities and schools.

**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**



**Scott Pike '68, OD '70**

Scott Pike '68, OD '70 is an assistant professor in the College of Optometry and was an adjunct professor before retiring from private practice at the Beaverton Optometric Group three years ago. For many years he has been involved as a volunteer for the Alumni Association, as a board member and with Reunion Weekend. He has formed a non-profit organization, Enfoque Ixcán, providing eye care and eye health education in Guatemala and is on the board of Amigos Eye Care in the College of Optometry.

*Scenes from Alumni Reunion*



*Fred Fuerst, OD '59*



*Larry Hedgren, OD '59; Ivan Cady, OD '53; Bob Beaderstadt, OD '59*



*Wid Bleything and Ivan Cady*



*L to R: The "Fighting Iris, Class of '79": Marcia Ryan, Rich Ryan, Curtis Dix, Elaine Randolph and Jim Randolph.*



*Mike Mattson, OD '80, and John Randall, OD '80*



*L – R: John Krebsbach, OD '80; Karen Cahill, OD '81; Pak Ho Leong, OD '83; Bud Statton, OD '80; and Ed Mulder, OD '72.*



*L – R: Craig Fujiwara, OD '95; Steve Larsen, OD '96; Tracie Vu, OD '96; Lorne Yudcovitch, OD '96, and Mary Button, OD '96*

