

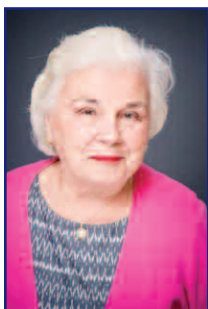


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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...***



Mary Fitz

**T**he end of the 2015-2016 ARCS year is fast approaching and I am so pleased to look back on these last eleven months and remember the many accomplishments and pleasures we've enjoyed. In the September *Insider* I quoted a verse from St. John of the Cross which said "If a man wishes to be sure of the road he's traveling on, then he must close his eyes and travel in the dark." It makes me chuckle to re-read this verse and remember the fear and trepidation I felt as I began this past year.

I certainly felt blind and vulnerable taking on this President's job, but there were so many of you who stepped forward, took on a task and completed it in a most efficient and successful way that the road opened wide and was most welcoming .

This ARCS walk is not a lonely job. We have walked this year together; we've completed our tasks; we've worried, laughed, and made mistakes; but we persisted in our responsibilities and we can congratulate ourselves in a job well done. Friendships have grown deeper and more meaningful as we dedicate our time and efforts to a significant mission...the ARCS Mission. Each year at the Scientist of the Year Dinner I am re-invigorated by the promise of our young Scholars. I know that the time that I dedicate to this organization has far reaching consequences and it makes meaningful contributions to our future. Why would anyone not want to participate? I think it may be the fear of traveling the road blindly; of not knowing; of not wanting to make a mistake; of not making a commitment. The prize and pleasure is at the end of this road. So I hope you will find a place to serve this coming year.

There is one last task to complete for the year, and that is the June 9th General Meeting at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Toni Nickell will be hosting us at that venue. It will be an opportunity to say thank you to those who have served us so well over the past year and welcome and install our incoming Board and Directors. The speaker will be Dr. James Nieh from UCSD who will speak on honeybees. I hope to see you all there.

*Mary Fitz, President, SD Chapter ARCS Foundation*

## **ARCS GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**Host: Toni Nickell • Speaker: Dr. James Nieh, UCSD  
Fairbanks Ranch Country Club**



## ***Josh Isaacs, Administrative Assistant***

**A** new and critical member of our ARCS organization is **Josh Isaacs**, who was hired as Administrative Assistant to ARCS San Diego's Executive Board in February of this year. He has been most helpful in sending out invitations, handling reservations, setting up the "Square" which we used for the first time for donations at the Scientist of the Year Dinner, and managing computer issues as they arise. Plans are currently being made for Josh to send out the Membership Dues Request drawn up by the Membership Committee, so you will be sending your checks to Josh or he will be managing your PayPal payment. When you receive an e-mail from Josh Isaacs, rest assured he is one of us.



***Josh Isaacs & Mary Fitz***

Josh is a graduate of Cal Poly State University with a degree in Business. He is creating his own business in music production and sound. Josh has come to us due to a recommendation by Peggy Hanley, who has been a long-time friend of his mother and has known him since he was knee high to a grasshopper. (How's that for investigating employees thoroughly.)

Josh was in attendance at the Reservation table at the Scientist of the Year Dinner, helping to field any unexpected problems. He was also monitoring the audiovisual aspects of the dinner, as he had put together the fine PowerPoint that highlighted our donors, universities, and Scholars throughout the dinner and reception. He was very impressed with the quality of the evening; his comment after the dinner was, "This has been an amazing event you ARCS women have put on."

We are happy to welcome Josh to our organization.

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## ***New Members of the Galaxy***



**KRISTIN BOYD** moved to San Diego in 2001. She grew up in Nevada, and also spent time living in Washington D.C. She received a B.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations from UC Santa Barbara and a teaching credential from National University.

After working in both the non-profit world and the private sector, Kristin has found a passion for fundraising and science education. She serves on the board of the Grant School Community Foundation. This year, she founded the Annual Mission Hills 5K: a community building event to raise funds for science programs at Grant K8 School. In addition to fundraising activities, she volunteers for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Kristin has previously served on the board of the North Coast Auxiliary Unit of Rady Children's Hospital.

On weekends, Kristin and her husband, Steve Boyd, can often be found on the soccer and rugby fields of San Diego cheering on their two young sons.



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### **DARLENE DAVIES**

We welcome Darlene back to active status in our chapter. She has rendered distinguished service, both professionally and volunteer-wise, to our community. In her professional field of Speech and Hearing, she has chaired that department at both Children's Hospital and the Naval Hospital, and is Faculty Emerita at SDSU.

She is official Historian for the Old Globe Theatre, and has twice won first-place journalism awards from the San Diego Press Club. Darlene wrote for *Ranch and Coast Magazine* for 22 years, where she was Editor of Arts and Culture. She has co-produced 15 videos for Mingei International Museum.

Darlene has sat on many local boards, including the Horton Plaza Theatre Foundation, Old Globe, ARCS, and City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. She has chaired multiple local galas, has been honored as Mortar Board Distinguished Alumna and Salvation Army Woman of Dedication, and received the Friends of Balboa Park Millennium Award and SDSU's Monty Award.

Her exemplary service has resulted in both a city and a county "Darlene Davies Day," and a Resolution of Commendation in the California State Senate entered by Senator Kehoe.

Darlene has a son living in New York.



**DEBBIE DAY** is a San Diego Mercy Baby, grew up in Chula Vista and has lived in Point Loma since 1969. She has three girls and 5 grandchildren.

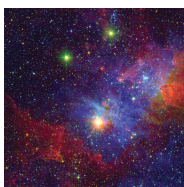
Building on early work with the law firm of Aylward & Kintz, Yuba Natural Resources, the San Diego Symphony and the Engineering & General Contractors Association, Debbie retired in 2013 as Vice President Engineering Construction & Industry Relations with the Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter.

Debbie always looks forward to family gatherings, travel, musical theater, and time for cooking, gardening, reading and walking the trails along San Diego Bay. She is Past President, San Diego Rotary, a member of The Wednesday Club of San Diego, a LEAD San Diego Graduate, Past Chair, City of San Diego Citizen's Equal Opportunity Commission, Past Board Member of St. Paul's Senior Homes & Services Foundation, the Balboa Theatre Foundation and Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary.

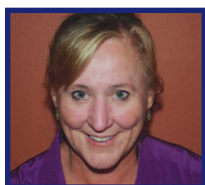
Since retiring, Debbie has especially enjoyed more time with family and friends. She looks forward to being an active member of ARCS.

Debbie is sponsored by Doris Ellsworth and Berit Durler.

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**JENNIFER LYLE** received a BA from Occidental College and holds an MBA from Georgetown University. She joined the New York office of SS&C Technologies, a financial services and software company, in 1990 and moved to San Diego to establish a West Coast presence in 1995. She continues to work for the company as a consultant and project manager.

Jennifer is married to Jeff Lyle and has two daughters, one a sophomore in college and the other a senior in high school. Jennifer has lived in Solana Beach since moving back to San Diego and starting a family. Jennifer is following in the footsteps of her mother, Adrienne McCullough, who was a member of ARCs for a number of years.

Jennifer was active in the Junior League of San Diego for many years beginning in 1995 and then again starting in 2013. She served on a variety of committees and was the Membership Council's volunteer of the year. She has also been a volunteer for Casa de Amparo since 2013, a non-profit that focuses on the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect in San Diego. Jennifer has primarily worked on this organizations annual fundraiser "Meet the Chefs".



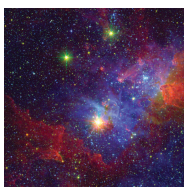
## ***Our Bright Stars Sparkle at the Scientist Scholar Recognition Event, April 1, 2016***



**A**ttendance of ARCS Scholars at the SSRE was 57 of the 61 current Scholars, and among them was Danielle Grotjahn, the Scholar speaker. She emphasized how much the financial aid given by ARCS Foundation helped her. This elite group of students is selected by their faculty for their exceptional promise to contribute substantially to their fields of study to complete degrees in science, engineering, and medical research. Nineteen of them proudly displayed their research on poster boards at the event and were enthusiastic while explaining their field of study to the attendees. We have 38 of the 61 current Scholars returning for the 2016-2017 academic year and look forward to seeing their research displayed at next year's event along with our new Scholars.

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### *Members of the Galaxy Expand Their Horizons at the Scientist Scholar Recognition Event*

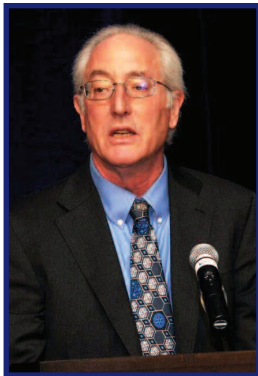
**T**hank you to Helga Moore and her committee for choosing Dr. Lawrence Goldstein as our 2016 Scientist of the Year honoree. He was a brilliant choice. Everyone who has had the opportunity to know and work with him could not give him enough glowing compliments.

Mary Fitz, thank you for the wonderful Honorary Committee ... all those brilliant minds asking to be included for Dr. Goldstein. What an honor to have Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Laureate and President of the Salk Institute, in attendance. She is not only brilliant but charming.

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***Dr. Lawrence Goldstein,  
Scientist of the Year  
Dinner Speaker***

Marti Panarisi and Joan Evangelou, along with June Chocheles, made the calls that brought all the topnotch corporate underwriting to our event. We promise to try to live up to your achievements in the future, and are so grateful for your support again this year.

Dearest members of ARCS, thank you for your support along the way. All the members who had scheduling conflicts sent their obligation in and in many cases added an extra donation for the Scholars. Thank you; not one reminder had to be sent.

Alice Brown, with liaisons Robin Luby, Kim Doren, Perry Colapinto, and Deborah Mandabach, were indispensable in making sure their Scholars registered for the dinner and brought their posters for display. UCSD had 32 Scholars attending, SDSU 14, USD 6, and TSRI 5, plus four guests of the Scholars — a wonderful turnout. They were so happy to be there and proud to be presented to all the guests. Many of our members sponsored a Scholar's dinner cost for the evening; thank you for your generosity.

Joy Brown, thank you for keeping the registration of guests and all those nametags and table assignments straight, and further thanks to the members who volunteered to help the guests and welcome them to our celebration.

I want to share with you that we had wonderful support from the faculty members of our four universities; forty-six of them attended. Josh Issacs, our administrative assistant, set up the Square for Scholar donations and Sharon Arbelaez's granddaughter and friends visited the tables. We are grateful for their participation.

We have a few invitations and programs left, if anyone would like to keep one. Connie Adelman, Mary Lou Quick, Nancy Bildsoe, and the underwriting team were very busy making sure everything was correct



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before printing. Janet Allison ordered the 40 flower centerpieces, which were just the perfect size and bright and colorful; 31 were purchased.

There will always be a few things that do not go exactly as planned, and I hope you were not too inconvenienced by them. We will hope that next year's location will have convenient parking, or valets who write down where they parked your car.

The profit for the evening was \$43,476.70 which will be added to our 2016-2017 Scholar Fund.

Thank you everyone for making the evening such a success.

Sincerely,

**Marge Hebert, *Chairman***

## ***Message From Your Outer Space Editor***

Thank you everyone who submitted articles during the year for inclusion in our four Insiders. I especially want to thank Nancy Bildsoe and Robin Luby for being the proofreaders. Both of these ARCS members wrote articles and Nancy Bildsoe helped me with suggestions that improved the Insider. This is my last Insider and you should receive the next Insider about August or September. Please help the new editor by submitting articles and suggestions of items that could be included.

Sincerely, **MARTI SHOWLEY**  
2015-16 INSIDER EDITOR