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Installation of President and Officers

Honoring

Troy Elander, MD

as the 140th President of the
Los Angeles County Medical Association

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Bel Air Bay Club



LACMA's 140th President **TROY ELANDER, MD**

Dr. Troy Elander, LACMA's 140th President, is an ophthalmologist in private practice in Santa Monica. He was born in San Francisco during his father's ophthalmology residency and was raised in Los Angeles. He attended Williams College in Massachusetts where he earned Phi Beta Kappa and Magna cum laude honors. He then went to Cornell Medical School in New York, followed by an ophthalmology residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York and a corneal fellowship at Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco.

Dr. Elander returned to Los Angeles in 1990 to work alongside his father in private practice in Santa Monica. While building his practice in his early years, he worked extensively throughout LA County—from UCLA to West Hills, Verdugo Hills, South Central, for Health Care Partners in Downtown and Montebello, and Glendale.

He enjoys teaching and helping fellows, residents, and medical students at the Jules Stein Eye Institute—including cataract phacoemulsification and medical student introductory courses, as well as attending the cornea clinic for University Ophthalmology Associates. He also serves on the American Academy of Ophthalmology Cornea Compass Panel. He is also a member of the Medical Executive Committee for the Santa Monica Surgery Center.

International ophthalmology and preventing curable blindness have been important to Dr. Elander from the beginning of his career. While still in college, he traveled to Abak, Nigeria for one month to assist his father in ophthalmic surgery. During residency, he spent a month in India at the Aravind Eye Hospital, the world's busiest. Dr. Elander continues to volunteer his talents with Orbis International, a non-profit group dedicated to teaching ophthalmologists in the developing world. He has traveled to Armenia, Bangladesh, India, China, the West Indies, and Uganda to share his corneal surgical skills. In Uganda, he performed the country's first corneal transplant. He regularly confers with doctors in these countries regarding patient care.

Dr. Elander met his wife, Diane, while they attended Williams College. They have three children, Samantha (18), Annie (15), and William (9). Samantha will attend Wake Forest University this fall, Annie will be a Junior at Palisades High School, and William will attend his last year at Marquez Elementary School. His wife, among her many skills, is an accomplished Food Stylist and recipe developer.

Dr. Elander spends his free time reading, running, and coaching whatever sport his kids are currently playing. He is an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal church in the Pacific Palisades.