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Annual Meeting

IT RESEMBLED LAS VEGAS, but the main event was the inauguration of Charles H. McDonnell, III, MD, as the 2009 President of SSVMS. And the location was actually Sacramento's Hyatt Regency, where nearly 200 persons attended the SSVMS Annual Awards, Installation and Dinner on January 16.

Dr. McDonnell, a radiologist, succeeds Dr. Margaret Parsons, a dermatologist.

The Las Vegas theme was carried out complete with impersonators of the famous "rat pack" - Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop and, in this case, Marilyn Monroe (rather than Peter Lawford).

Winners of awards (see photos below) included:

Dr. James A. Margolis, who received the Society's highest award, the Golden Stethoscope. Dr. Margolis, a child psychiatrist, has practiced in Sacramento County for 38 years. He has volunteered his time with SSVMS's SPIRIT and Adopt-a-School projects.

Dr. Margolis has taught medical students and residents as a clinical professor at the UC Davis Medical School, and has been honored by the National Ski Patrol for his work as an instructor in outdoor emergency care.

Dr. Ruth Haskins, who won the Medical Honor Award for a contribution of great significance to community health. She has practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Sacramento since 1993, and has her own solo practice in Folsom. Dr. Haskins serves on the county Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Committee; the Western Career College's Medical Assisting Program Advisory Board; the Medical Board of California Midwifery Advisory Council; and on CMA's Council on Legislation,

Michael Fuller, the chief executive officer of BloodSource, who was presented the Medical Community Service Award, for a non-physician who has made a significant contribution to a medical or public health problem. Mr. Fuller has been in leadership positions at BloodSource for more than 20 years, including 12 years as chief operating officer. BloodSource has grown to approximately 600 employees, serving 40 hospitals in 25 counties. In addition to two office and laboratory buildings at the former Mather Air Force Base, it operates 4 regional centers, 11 fixed satellite centers, and mobile units.

Sylvia Enoch, who received the Dedicated County Alliance Member Award; and Marla Bommer, who was presented the Dorothy Dozier Helping Hands Award.

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