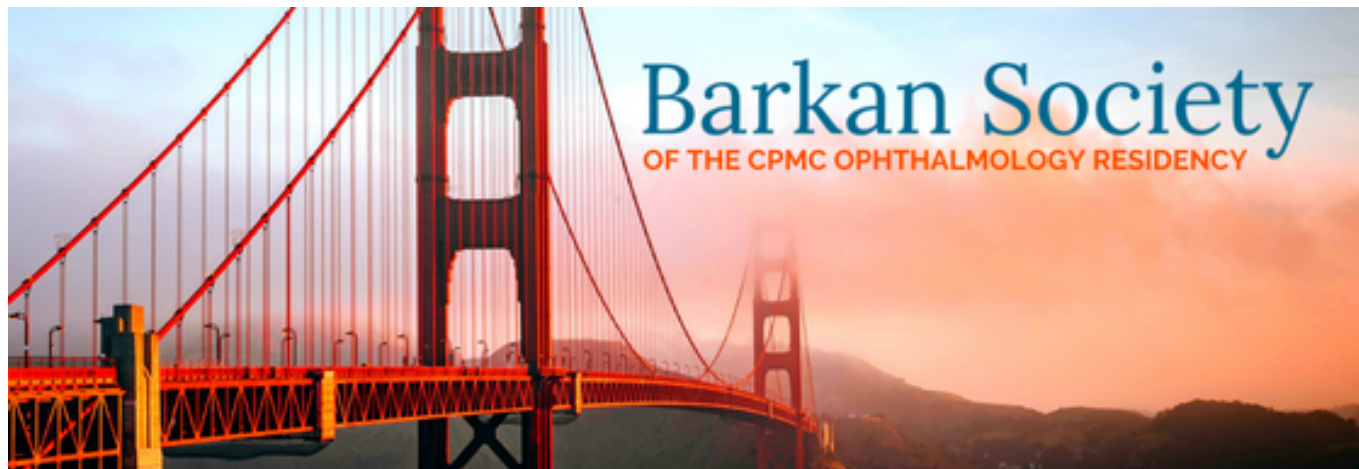


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## November 2023 Barkan Society Newsletter

Dear Alumni, Residents, and Faculty,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the moments that have shaped our year and the invaluable connections we've fostered within the Barkan Society community. This season of giving is a poignant reminder of the strength and warmth that emanate from our collective spirit.

We were delighted to recently host the AAO Visionary Reception, a truly remarkable gathering that brought together over 120 Barkan Society Alumni, residents, faculty, and friends. Set against the backdrop of the Pacific Vision Eye Institute in the heart of San Francisco, it was a wonderful reunion that echoed with shared memories, laughter, and the spirit of collaboration.

One of the highlights of our newsletter is our 'biography spotlight,' where we celebrate the achievements and stories of our residents, faculty, and alumni. This month, we are proud to feature Dr. David Demartini. His journey and contributions inspire us all. We want to express our deep gratitude for your continued support of The Barkan Society. We wish you and your family the happiest of Thanksgiving holidays ahead.

Please remember to visit the website – [BarkanSociety.com](http://BarkanSociety.com).



With warmest regards,

Bob & Bernd

Barkan Society  
Co-Presidents

**Barkan Society**  
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# AAO Visionary Reception



On Friday, November 3rd, during #AAO2023 in San Francisco, Pacific Vision Foundation hosted the AAO Visionary Reception. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends old and new. We spent this year's conference discussing advancements in tech, **#womeninophthalmology**, and embracing the next generation of ophthalmologists in our ongoing fight against blindness.  
Thank you to all who attended!

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## Spotlight: Dr. David Demartini

This month, we're excited to highlight Dr. David Demartini, an outstanding ophthalmologist who retired in 2021 after 38 incredible years in practice, and who is a proud alumnus of the Barkan Society's class of '79.

During his residency, Dr. Demartini was fortunate to train alongside eminent colleagues such as Dr. Richard Harper and Dr. Richard Bennion. Another pivotal figure in his professional journey was Dr. David Vastine, the cornea specialist for the residency program and his attending at Highland. Dr. Vastine played a crucial role in shaping his skills and knowledge, influencing him to such an extent that after completing his fellowship, Dr. Demartini returned to join him in practice for the next 35 years.

The Barkan Society provided Dr. Demartini with a nurturing environment, fostering relationships with influential mentors and leaders. Among them were luminaries such as Dr. Bill Spencer, Dr. Bob Stamper, Dr. Bill Stewart, Dr. John Cavendar, and 'captain of the team' Dr. Bruce Spivey. Additionally, Dr. Demartini expresses gratitude to volunteer faculty members, including Dr. Ed Tamler, Dr. Bill Ferguson, and Dr. Bill Miller. A special acknowledgment to the Fung, Webster, Allen & Abbott attendings, whose generosity in sharing expertise and knowledge significantly contributed to the residents' training over the years.

Dr. Demartini's journey from Barkan Society alumnus to a seasoned ophthalmologist is a testament to the impactful relationships and comprehensive training that define the society's legacy.



Dr. Demartini now loves spending time golfing, gym work outs 4 times a week, lots of repairs and enhancements to his home, rehabilitation of his 1973 BMW 2002 (which he drove as a CPMC resident!) and most precious, with his 6 year old grandson. He and his wife share a passion for wine and wine tasting, Mediterranean food, and vigorous walks. He sends everyone the best wishes always, and hopes they all got as much joy, feelings of accomplishment and good will as he did from being a part of the CPMC family. "It all goes by so fast and I probably did not appreciate it as much as I should".

## Giving Tuesday

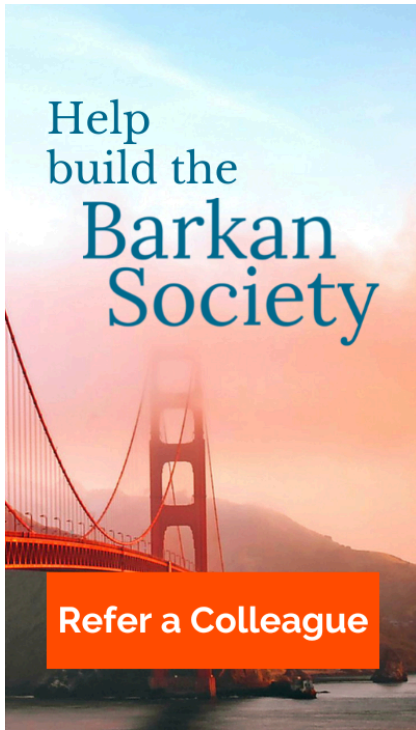
Thanks to supporters like you, we are making a significant impact on the lives of many individuals in our community by offering sight-restoring surgeries. Sadly, thousands of people in our region experience severe vision problems, most of which can be treated. However, several challenges prevent them from accessing sight-saving care, including financial difficulties, long wait times, and limited access to specialized care. The aging population, shortage of ophthalmologists, insufficient surgical facilities, and a nationwide nursing shortage contribute to a crisis of access to eye care for the most vulnerable populations.

As **#GivingTuesday** (November 28th) approaches, we urge you to donate - every contribution both large and small goes a long way in saving sight and improving lives.

**Please give today.**

**Make Your #GivingTuesday Donation**

**Help Us Build the Barkan Society Community!**



A reminder that all individuals with current and past affiliation with the CPMC Department of Ophthalmology are eligible to be members of the Society, not only current residents and former resident graduates. We particularly welcome faculty, former fellows and other contributors to the educational mission of the Barkan Society and the Department of Ophthalmology.

Know someone who might like to become a part of the Barkan Society? Please **let us know** and we will reach out and see if they would like to connect. Thank you for helping to build our community!

**Join us on Facebook, too!**

Scan this QR code or click to join the **Barkan Society Facebook Group** and stay up-to-date on all things Barkan, collaborate with fellow alums, share ideas, employment and business opportunities, and more. Join today!



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