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Eye Mission of the Pacific

John M. Corboy M.D.
Foundation



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Welcome to Winter of 2023



Dr. John Corboy, founder of the Eye Mission of the Pacific and the Hawaiian Meeting

Thanks to all our friends for taking time to follow us. We are so excited for the new year. We are so looking forward to 2023 and our attendance at the annual Hawaiian Eye Meeting to be held in Kauai in January. Our new foundation will be in attendance. We continue to receive great support from our good friends at Slack Inc.

This year we welcome a brand-new sponsor, Carl Zeiss Meditec for the annual **Philip M. Corboy M.D. Memorial Award for Distinguished Service** in Ophthalmology. The award this year goes to Dr. David F. Chang, the thirty-fourth recipient of the award. Dr. John Corboy along with his son Matthew Corboy will present the award named for his father and grandfather respectively. The award is to be presented during the meeting's general session on Monday January 16th.

Our founder, Dr. John Corboy started this meeting over 40 years ago for two primary reasons: **One**, to provide a meeting that featured alternative content that was beyond just clinical. This included "Lifestyle" sessions where ophthalmologists could share thoughts on their personal lives outside the practice. "Banyan Tree" sessions where attendees could meet with discussion leaders on multiple topics were also held. **The Second** reason was to raise money to fund eye missions to areas in the Pacific Rim.

Though mission work has been paused the past few years, we are preparing to start within this next year. As areas of the Pacific open to outside help we plan to be there for them. The need is tremendous for people of the region in need of eye care. After a 3-year pause, we anticipate the need will be great.

*"Island by island, throughout the Pacific, we help people see",
Dr. John Corboy.*

Help us, help them!



Our Mission

Eye Mission of the Pacific serves people of the Pacific who suffer from vision loss. The foundation provides dedicated volunteer eye surgeons and support staff who bring their expertise, talent, and loving care to those who may have no other treatment options.

Founder Dr. John M. Corboy, a world-known ophthalmologist from Hawaii began mission work over 40 years ago. Through his efforts, thousands of patients in the region have received treatment.

Eye Mission of the Pacific has a clear goal: Island by island, throughout the Pacific, we help people see.

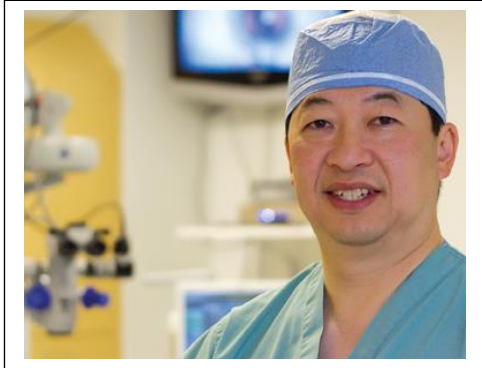
Eye Mission of the Pacific is a major supporter of the Lancaster Course of Harvard University which trains ophthalmologists in training. This highly regarded course is open to US and International ophthalmic residents. This seven-week course is intended to provide contemporary and extensive coverage of the basic sciences and clinical sciences in Ophthalmology. Founded in 1946, the Lancaster Course has provided training for ophthalmologists from all over the world; many teaching hospitals supplement their residency training programs with the Lancaster Course.

Did you know?

All Eye Mission of the Pacific board members have mission experience. One member attended his first mission at age 14!



EMP Board Member Frederic Tiplady visits the pediatric oncology ward, Hue Central Hospital, Vietnam.



David F. Chang M.D. receives the Philip M. Corboy Memorial Award

Eye Mission of the Pacific was proud to present Dr. David F. Chang as the recipient of the Philip M. Corboy M.D. award for Distinguished Service in Ophthalmology for 2023. Dr. Chang is the 38th awardee of this honor which was first given in 1986.

The Philip M. Corboy, M.D., Award for Ophthalmology was established in 1986 and has been presented at the Hawaiian Eye Meeting each January since then. The Award became the Philip M. Corboy, M.D. Memorial Award in 1992. Thirty-seven awards have been presented to the most deserving in ophthalmology. One of the best-known American ophthalmologists, Dr. Chang will be presented the award during the 2023 meeting held on the Island of Kauai this January.

David F. Chang, MD is a graduate of Harvard College and Medical School and is clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Chang is a past president of ASCRS and has been on their Executive Board since 2009. He is past chair of the AAO Cataract PPP Panel and the AAO Annual Meeting Program Committee. Dr. Chang has chaired the ASCRS Foundation since 2015 and received the AAO Humanitarian Service Award in 2019 and the Aravind Venkataswamy Award in 2020.

Dr. Chang has received the highest honors for a cataract surgeon from the following international societies: AAO (Kelman Lecture), ASCRS (Binkhorst Medal), ESCRS (Ridley Medal), APACRS (Lim Medal), and the International Council of Ophthalmology (Krwawicz Gold Medal).

His Corboy Award lecture is entitled: **Our Collective Challenge to Reduce Surgical Waste**

For a complete story on the Philip M. Corboy M.D. award and more information on this year's winner, please visit Eye Mission of the Pacific website: www.eyemissionofthepacific.org

Our Advocates



There always must be the first one. Dr. Joseph Olk of Chesterfield MO is the official first Advocate for the Eye Mission of the Pacific. Our thanks go out to him for being the first to make an annual donation.

An Advocate is an excellent way to contribute to the fight against vision loss. In so many countries around the world, eye healthcare is not automatically provided. What we take for granted here can be very difficult to obtain in other parts of the world.

Eye Mission of the Pacific appreciates all the help we get! Please consider helping us by becoming an EMP Advocate. You can become an Advocate in a several ways:

1. Become a volunteer on one of our missions. Once the mission is complete, you will be an Advocate for the next year.
2. Become a sustaining donor of at least \$50 per month or choose to make a one-time donation of \$600 or more annually.
3. Choose to become a sustaining donor annually.

Please consider becoming an Eye Mission of the Pacific Advocate. Please follow this link and sign up today:

<https://www.eyemissionofthepacific.org/become-an-advocate/>

Did you know?

Our mission staff is completely voluntary. And our mission volunteers cover their own costs.

Our Team: Dr. Bill Hewak



Bill Hewak, M.D.



Did you know?

Mentions of eye surgery can be found in several ancient texts dating back as early as [1800 BC](#), with cataract treatment starting in the [fifth century BC](#)

You can find information about all our team on our website. In this newsletter we want to introduce you to someone who is so vital to our foundation,

The Eye Mission of the Pacific is grateful to have **Dr. Hewak** serve as the foundation's Vice President. In this role he has been instrumental in the initial formation of the foundation. He will work directly with missions and oversee work in the Pacific. Originally from Canada, Dr. Hewak grew up in the Hamilton Ontario area. He has studied in Canada, the United States, and Australia.

As an undergraduate, Bill's program of study combined Psychology and Physics and involved the manufacture of Fluorine-18 isotope for use in patient PET scans in the McMaster University Medical Center.

As a graduate student, Bill studied Epidemiology and Medical Geography. Bill's project of a novel device to monitor and display ultraviolet radiation intensity to help prevent sunburn was featured on CNN: vimeo.com/179618403

After graduation, Bill taught six-week field study courses on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, Molokai, and Oahu for Wildlands Studies LLC for over a decade.

Bill's subsequent medical studies in Australia were highlighted by contribution to research that reviewed systematically various physical interventions to interrupt or reduce the spread of respiratory viruses: <https://www.bmj.com/content/336/7635/77>. Bill was selected to join the 16th generation of the Hawaii East-West Center's Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Bill focused on the promotion of philanthropy in public health and medicine in the Pacific Region. For the independent study component of the program, Bill participated in the Harvard Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology.

Dr. Hewak has volunteered for multiple medical missions in the past, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Fiji, and Yap. Bill also represents Eye Mission of the Pacific in collaboration with UNESCO's International Day of Light.





Giving

Eye Mission of the Pacific counts on your contributions and volunteer support. Both are literally the life blood of our foundation. While our volunteers are the fuel of our engine, we still need funds for many other things: Supplies, shipping, postage, accountant services, web services and brochures to name a few. There is no donation that is too small.

We accept credit cards, PayPal, and checks. We are a recognized non-profit 501(c)3 corporation and donations are tax deductible.

Please go to our website www.eyemissionofthepacific.org where you can find the links to giving. You can also scan the QR code below on your smart phone. We thank you so much in advance.



Did you know?

90% of those with preventable or treatable vision conditions live in resource-scarce communities around the world, where access to eye care is limited by location or expense.

Source: SEE International