

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-3

AGENDA DATE: April 18, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Commendation for Mattice Harris, M.D., as the Recipient of the 2017 John Darroch Memorial Award from the Stanislaus Medical Society

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-171

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk

File No.

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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Commend Mattice Harris, M.D., as the Recipient of the 2017 John Darroch Memorial Award from the Stanislaus Medical Society.

CONTACT PERSON:

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

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Stanislaus Medical Society

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April 3, 2017

The Honorable Terry Withrow
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, District 3
1010 Tenth Street Ste. 6500
Modesto CA 95354

Dear Supervisor Withrow:

The Stanislaus Medical Society is proud to announce this year's recipient of the *John Darroch Memorial Award* (outstanding physician award) – **Mattice Harris, MD**. Dr. Harris's specialty is in Family Medicine. He has practiced in Modesto for almost 40 years, and is currently a family practice physician at Orangeburg Medical Group. Through the years, he has demonstrated an exceptional work ethic with multiple achievements that benefited his patients, his colleagues and the community.

We would like to request a resolution or letter of recognition for Dr. Mattice Harris to be presented to him at our upcoming Annual Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday May 11, 2017 at the Del Rio Country Club in Modesto. The event will begin at 6:00 PM. Please let us know if you or a representative of your office will be able to attend and be available to make the presentation for Dr. Harris. If you or your representative are not able to attend, our current President, Christopher Neville MD, will be honored to read and present any special recognition.

Attached is a copy of Dr. Harris's Curriculum Vitae and a recent Modesto Bee news article announcing his selection as this year's Outstanding Physician. Please accept our gratitude for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Joanne Chipponeri
Executive Director

JAC/dm
Encl.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mattice Harris, family doctor, honored as Physician of the Year by Stanislaus Medical Society

BY KEN CARLSON
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When Mattice Harris Jr. began his practice in Modesto, family physicians were involved with the total care of the patient.

They cared for pregnant women, took care of patients in intensive care, and assisted with surgeries. "We did a lot of things we are not doing anymore," Harris said. "Now, a lot of what we do is preventive medicine."

The Stanislaus Medical Society is honoring Harris with the John Darroch Memorial Award for Physician of the Year. The annual award goes to a physician who stands out for dedication to patient care, education and quality medicine.

Harris is a family practice physician at Orange-

burg Medical Group. In a career spanning four decades, he has served as president of the Stanislaus Medical Society (1988-89), the California Academy of Family Practice (1992-93) and the Memorial Hospital medical staff (1984-85).

After graduating from University of New Mexico School of Medicine in 1975, Harris completed a residency at what was then Scenic General Hospital in Modesto, serving as chief resident. In one of his teaching roles, Harris was education director of the Scenic General emergency room.

Harris saw other physicians come and go, including a business partner that he knew in medical school who decided to return to New Mexico. Harris and his family put down permanent roots in Modesto.

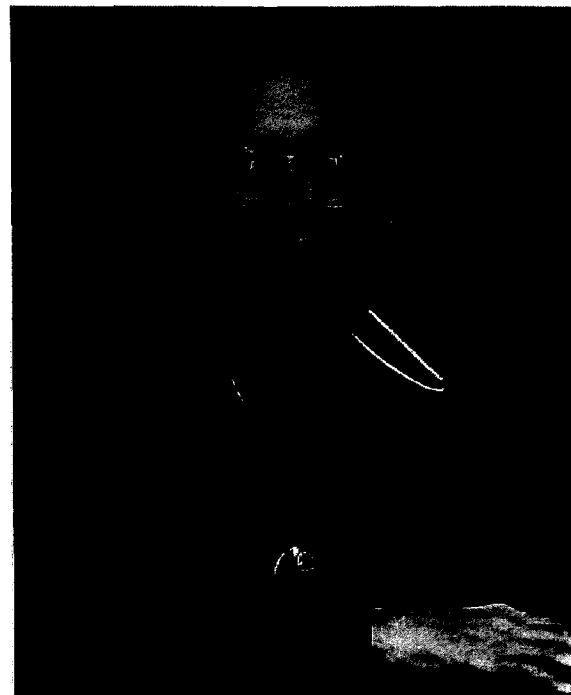
"It turned out to be a good place to raise a family," said Harris, who raised three children with his wife, Barbara. "We had other opportunities, but picking up and moving again seemed not like a good choice."

Harris has been with Orangeburg Medical Group since 1991.

In recent years, former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act broadened access to health insurance for millions of Americans. Harris and his partners were hesitant at first because it seemed insurance companies were in charge, and they didn't know if the insurance payments would be much higher than Medi-Cal rates.

Ultimately, the group participated with some of the health plans.

"I don't think it has



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Dr. Mattice Harris Jr. is a family practice physician at Orangeburg Medical Group in Modesto.

been an exceptional program," Harris said. "It has been a good program that still has room to improve.

... I would say I'm confused about the future of

medicine. We don't know what's going to happen with the Affordable Care Act."

Harris inherited his first name and career choice

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from his father, Mattice Harris, Sr., who was a physician in Orange, Texas. His 45-year-old son, nicknamed Buzzy, is Mattice Harris III.

The Modesto doctor has a pilot's license and enjoys flying when time permits. His other hobbies include golf, fly fishing and photography.

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COMMENDING DR. MATTICE HARRIS,
STANISLAUS MEDICAL SOCIETY'S RECIPIENT OF
THE JOHN DARROCH MEMORIAL AWARD

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Medical Society is proud to present Dr. Mattice Harris with the 2017 John Darroch Memorial Award for Outstanding Physician of the Year. This annual award goes to a physician who stands out for dedication to patient care, education and quality of medicine and will be presented to him on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Del Rio County Club in Modesto; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris has practiced medicine in Modesto for almost 40 years and is currently a family practice physician at the Orangeburg Medical Group; and,

WHEREAS, he lives in Modesto with his wife Barbara and their three children. He has several hobbies he enjoys. He has his private pilot's license and enjoys flying when time allows; he also enjoys golf, fly fishing and photography; and,

WHEREAS, he is a graduate from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine (1975) and he completed his residency in Modesto at, what was then, the Scenic General Hospital where he served as chief resident; and,

WHEREAS, through the years, he has demonstrated an exceptional work ethic with multiple achievements that have benefited his patients, his colleagues and the community; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris has served as president of the Stanislaus Medical Society (1988-89), the California Academy of Family Practice (1992-93) and the Memorial Hospital medical staff (1984-85); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Dr. Mattice Harris for his outstanding contributions to the citizens of Stanislaus County and congratulates him upon being the 2017 John Darroch Memorial Award recipient.