

Wednesday Morning News: March 4, 2009

New Member Gifts

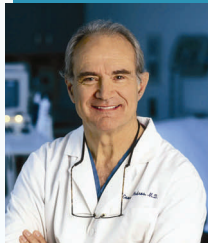
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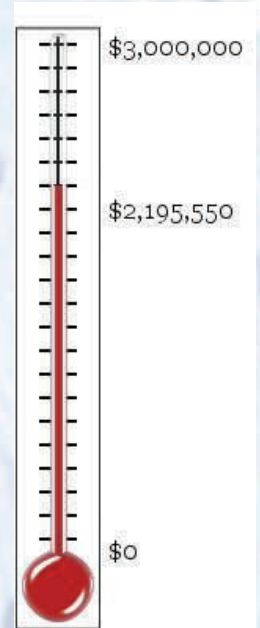
The campaign office would like to thank the following members for recently documenting their gifts to *Open the Pathway*:

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| • William Baker, MD | • Farouq Samhoury, MD |
| • Scott LeMaire, MD | • Enrico Ascher, MD |
| • Joseph Magnant, MD | • Robert B. Smith III, MD |

Donor Spotlight—George Andros, MD



George Andros is the founding partner of Los Angeles Vascular Specialists and an SVS member since the 70s. His group has been doing endovascular surgery since 1984 and they continue to strive to incorporate its capabilities with traditional open surgery for each individual patient. He currently serves on the Board of the AVA, the editorial board of the *JVS*, and as the medical editor of the *Vascular Specialist*, the SVS newspaper.



As a leader in the vascular community, what do you feel is the most important aspect of *Open the Pathway*?

- Each of us is a steward for our profession of medicine and for our specialty. Supporting vascular surgery is not something that can wait.

What motivated you to financially support the campaign at such a generous level?

- I am constantly reminded of what Chi Chi Rodriquez, the great Puerto-Rican golfer said about giving: “The only thing you take with you is what you leave behind.”

What would you say to other SVS members who are considering contributing to the campaign?

- There is no specialty that provides as much challenge and satisfaction as vascular surgery because of the broad spectrum of patients we care for, and the variety of diagnostic and therapeutic tools we have at our disposal. Their continued development depends on us.

Any Final Thoughts for your colleagues?

- Vascular surgery will give you great rewards. For every year since you left your fellowship, why not consider donating the cost of one meal, about \$35, to the AVA? After 10 years that would be a modest yearly donation of \$350. Do it every year. It will nourish your future.

For more information on *Open the Pathway*, please view our website at www.vascularweb.org/AVA/Pathway