Rambling from Bill

By the time you get this, we will have probably have had our annual picnic. This is always a great time as some people come who don't normally come to the regular meetings. There is always a lot of food to go with our hamburgers and hot dogs. No one goes home hungry. This year another amputee group is going to join us with about 15 amputees and their families. We should have about 60 people there which should be great fun. Get to meet new people and give hugs to the old. Bill Lindahl, our game provider, will have things there that all enjoy. There is even a rumor that Jake Beardon might drop in to see us. She has been among the missing lately and we will be glad to see her again.

In April I think we will get to see Scott and his dog Hobart again before Hobart graduates and gets further training to become a Canine Companion.

I wanted to give a special thanks to Laurel, Ernie and Lizzie. They come to the meetings regularly and add a lot to the discussions. Also, Lizzie always brings her treasure chest filled with coins (Thank you Ernie) for the camp fund.

It was a pleasure to have Scott Hornbeak come and speak about Cal State Dominguez Hills P & O school. Scott is doing a major remodel of his house in anticipation of retiring sometime soon. He is stepping down as Director of Cal State and going back to teaching there. As an aside, I have always said that you have to remodel every 5 years to test your marriage. If you can survive that, you can survive anything.

Many of our members have come to speak to us and share their unique information. Gil Aguilar and organ transplant, Laurel Glover and her trip to the national conference and Dick Fuller and his work with others who are addicted to pain meds. Our group has a wide variety of people and we look forward to everyone contributing.

Best wishes for happy holidays if I don't see you before.

Speaker's Of The House

Hobart

Canine Companions

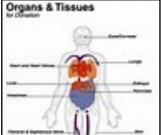
Scott Bourdelais



Scott Bourdelais and his dog Hobart in training. When Scott receives a new puppy it takes 3 to 6 months to train them about 30 verbal commands. There are six training facilities and 1,000 dogs in training at anyone time and there are 10 to 14 graduating teams per quarter. The majority of service dogs are black and yellow Labrador Retrievers. They are bred to be calm and gentle. Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit organization provider of assistance dogs started 41 years ago.

www.cci.org

Gil is a long time member and treasurer of our FAST group and amazing person.



As a 17 year recipient of an organ transplant Gil had an amazing story of his personal experiences before and after he received his donor



liver. Gil said that there are over 120,000 people waiting for a transplant. Gil mentioned that the liver is the largest human organ and said that there are as many as 10 other organs that can be transplanted and are all in great need. Gil asked all of us to take part in the organ transplant program.

www.organdonor.gov

Gil Aguilar





Laurel Glover — Valued member of our amputee support group F.A.S.T.

Laurel and here husband reported on their trip to the Amputee Coalition National Conference in N.C. They reported that there were many sessions on various topics such as fitness, athletics, yoga, swimming, rock climbing, etc. Laurel mentioned that there are 2,100,000 amputees in the USA and 185,000 are added each year and that vascular disease is the number one cause of 55% and trauma is the the second at 46%. Next year's conference is in Louisville, KY August 3-5.

Scott Hornbeak from CSDH P&O School

Scott updated us on the new organizational change at the CSDH P&O School. Scott said that Mark Muller has been named the new Director of CSDH P&O School. Scott also gave us a good review of the Medicare requirements and audits that are now implemented throughout the prosthetic industry. Scott was also excited to tell us about the 3-D printing technology called "Additive Technology".

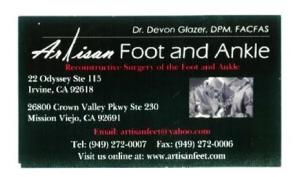


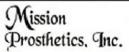
www.csudh.edu



Dick Fuller—Another valued member of the amputee support group F.A.S.T.

Dick spoke about the many obstacles he had to over come since his leg amputation nine years ago. After receiving his new leg made by Stan Patterson Dick was able to be a lot more active. During the next six and a half years of rehab Dick's next challenge was to over come addiction to pain medications. Dick said that after going through rehab three times he has become a better person and has now found his dream job of working with people going through detox.







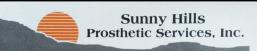
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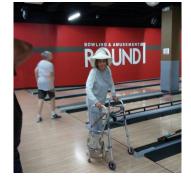
























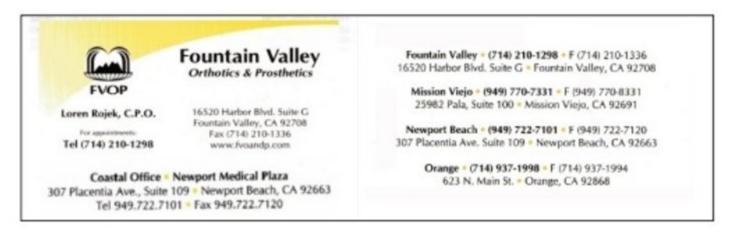






Dec. 10

Holiday Party



Calendar for 2016

Feb. 27	Bowling Round 1, Main Place, Santa Ana	
March 12	Rudy – Armstrong Gardens	
March 26		
April 9	Rick Myers - Child amputees and families	
April 23	Frederick Ranjbar – Prosthetist and FAST advertiser	
May 14	Dr. Dean Peppard – Dr. of Chiropractor	
May 29		
June 11	Rick Myers - Prosthetist and FAST advertiser	
June 25	Randy McFarland – Prosthetist and FAST advertiser	
July 9	Canine Companions Scott Bourdelais and his dog in training Hobart	
July 23	Gil Agular. Subject: Organ donation	
Aug. 13	Bowling	
Aug. 27	Laurel and report from Conference	
Sept. 10	Scott Hornbeak from CSDH P&O School	
Sept. 24	Dick Fuller	
Oct. 8	Picnic	
Oct. 22		
Nov. 12	Camp No Limits speaker	



If my body were a car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as good as it once was and a few parts are loose or fell off. I slip and slide and skip and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it—-

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter.....either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Author: unknown.

Seeking Models for Prosthetics Program California State University Dominguez Hills

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- We wish to employ patient models who have: Below Knee, Above Knee, Hip, Symes, and/or Arm amputations for the Prosthetics school in Los Alamitos. There are 4 BK, 3 AK, and 3 Arm projects available every Fall and Spring.
- Patient models would need to be available in late September November, and February –
 May for the Fall or Spring semesters.
- Students will evaluate, measure, cast and fit each model for a custom fit prosthesis.
- Unfortunately, no prosthesis may leave the teaching facility, as we are not a service facility.
 All of the projects will be stripped down after each fitting.
- Models need to attend <u>all</u> of the dates (cast, fit and critique) that make up a project. You will be paid \$60.00 for each day based on a four hour visit, \$75 for a 6 hour visit (lunch provided) and \$50 for critique days; one check will be paid out after each project ends. (NOTE: Above Knee patients receive \$65 for four hour sessions).
- This is an opportunity to assist in the training of future prosthetists.
- We offer a pleasant atmosphere where you can socialize and communicate with other patient models.

If interested, please sign up and we will contact you:

Name:	Prosthetist:	
Phone #:	Type of Prosthesis:	
Email address:		

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