

VIRGINIA BADGER, MD



Virginia Badger died last October at the age of 83. She worked as a Physical Therapist and earned a Masters degree in Biology prior to attending Women's Medical College in Pennsylvania. She interned in Chicago at Cook County and took Orthopaedic Residency at University of Illinois. She was an original member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Study Group, one of the precursor societies of POSNA. She was medical director of the St Louis Shriners Hospital, the first woman to hold such a post in any Shriners Hospital. She was a Colonel in the Army Reserves, and went into the military full-time in 1979, serving in hospitals in Tacoma and El Paso. Though diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1998 she remained an outdoor enthusiast and avid environmentalist until sustaining a hip fracture a few years ago.



Pediatric Orthopaedic Society Group

LIEBE SOKOL DIAMOND



Liebe Sokol Diamond was born in 1931 with ring constriction syndrome of both hands and feet. She was educated in the Baltimore public schools, then graduated Magna Cum Laude from Smith College in 1951, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1955; then completed a Pediatric Resident at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. Following that, as a true pioneer, she was the first female resident in any specialty at the University of Pennsylvania, completing her orthopaedic residency in 1960. She was invited to the first formative meeting of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Study Group, and was the first President of the Ruth Jackson Society. She is still active in the departments of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Maryland, and within the last month presented Grand Rounds for the Pediatric Department.

FOUNDATION OF POSNA  
1<sup>ST</sup> WOMEN  
POSNA MEMBERS  
1984



MARY CLARK, MD



HELEN HORSTMAN, MD



MARY MORDEN, MD



LEELA RANGSWANY, MD



**POSNA**  
PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY  
OF NORTH AMERICA

# Women Pioneers in POSNA

1992 1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN BASIC SCIENCE PAPER AWARD WINNER



Deborah Bell Stanitski, MD

1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN BEST POSTER AWARD WINNER, SUZANNE YANDOW

2002 2015

1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN PRESIDENT



Lori Karol currently serves as the first female president of our society, POSNA, which is the culmination and logical fitting progression of an impressive career committed to the organization and the field of pediatric Orthopaedics in general. Lori's training began as a proud member of Big Blue nation, during her accelerated medical track at University of Michigan. Her training continued in Michigan at Wayne State residency, and then her fellowship at TSRH, where she ultimately returned on staff in 1994 and is currently an Assistant Chief of Staff after beginning her career at UC Davis.

Lori's commitment to POSNA includes service on the Membership Committee (2002-2007), Communications Council (2003-2009), Education Committee (2005-2009), and the long range Planning Committee (2009-2014) before joining the presidential line. This is in addition to her commitments which include significant involvement in the SRS (where she has served on 8 different committees), as well as IPOTT, ICEOS, serving as the deputy editor for JAAOS and a reviewer for JPO, JBJS CORR, JCO, and JRRD. In her spare time, she has contributed to the orthopaedic literature

LORI KAROL, MD

Lori has masterfully balanced the calling of a pediatric Orthopaedic surgeon. She is a surgeon and physician: universally loved by her patients and families, to whom she provides tender, diligent, expert care. More importantly, Lori has been happily married to her husband Bob for over 25 years and they have 3 lovely daughters, Molly, Leah and Abigail. She has not only coached them in softball and volleyball, but she and Bob have led them successfully onto happy early adulthoods, currently at the Universities of Texas, Clemson, and Michigan. Finally, her partner and friend John Birch would like to add that she is probably the first and only POSNA president to survive a gamekeeper's thumb jumping into the hot tub with her husband!

ROSHEN NAMDAR IRANI, MD



Dr Irani was born in Iran and was raised in India. Her physician father encouraged her to pursue a medical career. She attended the Grant Medical College at the University of Bombay and took residency at DC General at Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia under Dr. Jesse Nicholson, the first CHOP Orthopaedic Chief. She was a member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Study Group, one of our founding societies, and one of our 1<sup>st</sup> women pediatric orthopaedists. She practiced in Philadelphia with the St. Christopher's group, the Thomas Jefferson Medical Center, and in private practice.

Dr. Irani was the 1963 winner of the Kappa Delta/OREF Clinical Research Award for her project "The Pathologic Anatomy of the Clubfoot" with her mentor, Dr. Mary Sherman. In 1976 she wrote one of the original papers on immediate hip spica cast treatment of femur fractures in children. This is from her article, showing a child who required immediate spica following compartment syndrome from well-leg traction.

Dr Irani was raised in the ancient Zoroastrian faith, and though educated in Catholic schools, she remained faithful to her creed. She was a friendly with the Jesuit clergy Old St Josephs church near her home in Philadelphia. A single woman with no close family, she willed her home to the use of Old St Joseph's. She made the pastor promise that there would be no Christian service in her memory.

LAURA L. TOSI, MD



Laura L. Tosi is the Director of the Bone Health Program at Children's National Medical Center and Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pediatrics at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Her clinical practice focuses on the orthopedic care of children and young adults with physical disabilities and/or issues related to bone health. Dr Tosi is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and she received her orthopaedic training at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The dedication Laura has to her patients, research, and trainees is inspiring. She is always full of energy, willing to help her peers, and available for advice.

Laura has served on the Board of Directors of the AAOS, POSNA, OREF, the Academic Orthopaedic Society, and the Society for Women's Health Research. She currently serves on the Board of the United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) and the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation. She also sits on the "Own the Bone" Steering Committee of the AOA, the Medical Advisory Committee of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and the Science Board to the FDA.

Dr. Tosi is a past President of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, the professional association for women in orthopaedics. She received their Presidential Special Merit Award in 2000 for her outreach on women's health. Other awards include the AAOS Diversity Award in 2005, the National Human Genome Research Institute "Great Award" in 2012 as a member of the team that discovered the gene defect in Proteus syndrome, the American Medical Student Association Women Leaders in Medicine Award in 2013, and the Children's National Medical Center Clinical Mentoring Award in 2013.

Laura has raised two children - Jonathan and Carolyn - with her husband David. When not caring for her patients or travelling for work, Laura enjoys spending time with her family on Cape Cod in Chatham, Massachusetts.

1990 1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN BOARD MEMBER,



Arabella Iris Catherine Leet, Chief of Staff at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Honolulu, died on December 15, 2013 after a sudden illness.

Dr. Leet was born in 1965 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She attended the Winsor School in Boston, and graduated from Harvard College summa cum laude with a B.A. in anthropology.

She received her M.D. from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She came to the Shriners Hospital in March 2012 after ten years at Johns Hopkins University, where she was Associate Professor and Director of the Orthopaedic Center for Children with Cerebral Palsy at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. She was a highly accomplished physician who was known for her compassion for her young patients and their families. She was also a distinguished research scientist who conducted and published extensive research on cerebral palsy, osteogenesis imperfecta, and fibrous dysplasia. Dr. Leet was the devoted mother of Kenneth Francis Nyman; and cherished wife of Steven Nyman, both of Honolulu. She is also survived by her father, Kenneth Leet, of Honolulu; and her brother, Kenneth Leet of London and Chicago.

2007 BEST BASIC SCIENCE AWARD WINNER, ARABELLA LEET

2015 1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNER



ELIZABETH SZALAY, MD

Elizabeth was born in Los Alamos, NM. In addition to a premed track, she studied classical guitar at University of New Mexico and also obtained her medical degree from UNM. Beginning a career of numerous firsts, she was both the first female Orthopaedic resident in San Antonio and the first female fellow at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. Her medical practice took her initially to Vanderbilt and then onto Beaumont TX with her first husband. She eventually returned home to New Mexico where she married her former high school classmate Ken Gillman after reuniting at their 30th class reunion. She was an adventure travel addict and an accomplished guitarist, using her skills as part of an Irish band and playing at charitable events. She and her husband served on the board of St. Anthony's Alliance, a charitable foundation focused on medical services in developing countries.

Elizabeth was the chief of Peds Ortho at UNM Carrie Tingley Hospital and Professor of Orthopaedics at UNM School of Medicine, as the first female tenured Professor of Orthopaedics at UNM. She was academically busy, with 2 dozen publications, many on the topic of underserved native americans in her home state. She further contributed academically by serving as a

reviewer for both JPO and JBJS. Professionally, Elizabeth served the AAOS on the national Board of Councilors and the Women's Health Advisory Board as well as serving as a board examiner for ABOS.

Elizabeth was a true Samaritan, offering free care to children regardless of their ability to pay and particularly had an impact on treating Native American children in her home state. She also established a liaison with surgeons in Ecuador and participated in annual mission trips to Ecuador for almost a decade. Illustrative of her tenacity for life and passion for her career, she was able to continue to practice Orthopaedics for almost 2 years after her diagnosis of pancreatic disease. Amazingly, during that time she also published nearly a dozen articles. In honor of her care for the underserved children in Ecuador and her home state of New Mexico, Elizabeth was honored as the 2015 POSNA Humanitarian Award winner, one more first for her as a female Orthopaedic surgeon before her passing at home with family on Dec 29, 2014.



2016 1<sup>ST</sup> WOMAN PROGRAM CHAIR, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING, SUSAN A. SCHERL, MD

## HISTORY OF WOMEN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS ON THE POSNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1990-1991  
1991-1992  
1992-1994  
1995  
1996

Laura Tosi - Member-at-large  
Deborah Bell - Member-at-large  
Mary W Clark - Member-at-large  
no women on the board  
no women on the board

1996-1997  
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Lisa A Miller - Member-at-large  
Deborah S Quanbeck - Member-at-large  
no women on the board  
Frances A Farley - Member-at-large  
Laura Tosi - Secretary-elect

2001-2004  
2003-2009  
2007-2009  
2009-2010

Laura Tosi - Secretary  
Lori Karol - Communications Council Chair  
Ellen Raney - Member-at-large  
Frances Farley - BOS Representative  
Frances Farley - Treasurer-elect

2010-2013  
2010-2012  
2013-2014  
2014-2015  
2015-2016

Frances Farley - Treasurer  
Jennifer Weiss - Member-at-large  
Lori Karol - VP  
Lori Karol - President-elect  
Lori Karol - President

2015-2016  
2015-2018

Susan Scherl - Member-at-large  
Jennifer Weiss - Communications Council Chair