

# October 5 Monthly Meeting Features Distinguished Guest Faculty

## Carol Shields, MD



The October 5 monthly meeting attracted a record attendance of 80 members who welcomed world-renowned ocular oncologist Carol Shields, MD, Director, Oncology Ocular Service, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. Thank you to Pamela Rath, MD, President of the Society, for inviting Dr. Shields and to Johnson and Johnson Surgical Vision and Thea Pharma Inc., for support of the program.

Colleagues and family members were in the audience to welcome Dr. Shields back to Pittsburgh and to reconnect. Saloni Kapoor, MD, Resident at the UPMC Vision Institute, presented an interesting case for commentary by Dr. Shields.



Dr. Shields graduated from the University of Notre Dame with the highest honors. She attended medical school at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor Award and was the first female ophthalmologist in the world to receive the prestigious Donders Medal for excellence in ophthalmology from the Dutch Ophthalmologic Society in 2003.

She maintains a rewarding professional life, managing patients with cancer of the eye. Her special interests include pediatric eye cancer such as retinoblastoma as well as adult eye cancer such as melanoma, conjunctival tumors, and orbital tumors. Dr. Shields has contributed extensively to the field of retinoblastoma with research regarding clinical features of retinoblastoma, treatment of retinoblastoma, and risks for retinoblastoma spread. Dr. Shields has pioneered the use of intravenous chemo reduction, intra-arterial chemotherapy, subtenon's chemotherapy, and intravitreal chemotherapy.

She has authored or coauthored 12 textbooks, over 1400 articles in major journals, over 300 textbook chapters, given over 700 lectureships, and many awards. The 5 most prestigious honors include: The Donders Award (2003) given by the Netherlands Ophthalmological Society every 5 years to an ophthalmologist worldwide who has contributed to the field of ophthalmology. She was the first woman to receive this award. The American Academy of Ophthalmology Life Achievement Honor Award (2011) for contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

After the Business meeting, the POS welcomed State Representative Arvind Venkat, MD. He serves as State Representative for the 30th Legislative District, which includes part of Hampton Township, and all of McCandless, Franklin Park, Ohio Township, Emsworth, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, and Kilbuck.

Members and guests appreciated the opportunity to engage with and listened to remarks by State Representative Venkat, who is the first physician in the general assembly in over 60 years. Thank you to Sharon Taylor, MD, FACS who invited

State Representative Venkat. Featured in the photo above is State Representative Arvind Venkat, MD (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with Sharon Taylor, MD, FACS (immediate past president, Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology); Pamela Rath, MD (President, POS); Kenneth Cheng, MD (Legislative Chair, POS).



Sara Hussey, CAE, MBA, Executive Director of the Allegheny County Medical Society attended the meeting to greet members of the POS. In her opening remarks, Pamela Rath, MD, President encouraged POS members to support and join the Allegheny County Medical Society. In the photo on the left, Pamela Rath, MD with Sara Hussey, CAE, MBA.

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There is no meeting in November as the [American Academy of Ophthalmology](#)'s national meeting will take place November 3-6,