



Jim R. Meier, M.D.
Class of 2017

Jim Meier graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1955, where he was a life member of CSF, played tennis as a junior and a senior, was in the school band as a freshman, editor of the Nugget Yearbook as a senior, and president of CSF. Outside of school, Jim was a member of the Boy Scouts, YMCA, and a master counselor in the Order of Demolay.

Following graduation from OHS, Jim attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, where he earned his BA degree in 1959. He then attended UCLA School of Medicine earning his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1963. In 1963-64, he did an internship at Harborview Hospital/ University of Washington, Seattle. Following his internship he served in the United States Army Medical Corps. After completing his education, Jim served in the United States Army Medical Corps for two years in Rothwesten, Germany, attaining the rank of Captain and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

He returned to UCLA/Wadsworth VA Hospital where he completed the second year of the residency program in Internal Medicine. From there he enrolled in the three-year residency program in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University. In 1970 he joined the Ob-Gyn clinical faculty at Stanford Medical School. The same year he cofounded the Department of Ob-Gyn at San Mateo General Hospital (now San Mateo Medical Center) where he was chief of the department from 1974-2006. Jim was Chief of the Medical Staff twice in 1985 and again in 1988 and served on the hospital Board of Directors from 1984-1991. He helped found the San Mateo Health Foundation in 1989 and was on the board until 2001. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His practice consisted of gynecologic surgery and high-risk prenatal care, delivering more than 10,000 babies. Jim taught medical students and residents and is currently an Adjunct Professor Emeritus at Stanford where he was twice voted Outstanding Clinical Professor.

In 1991, Dr. Meier and his wife established the Stephanie Meier Scholarship in honor of their daughter who passed away at 19. The scholarship is awarded annually at Stephanie's high school to an academically qualified minority girl to prepare her to enter a college or university.

In April 2010, Dr. Meier was honored by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors at their Moonlighting with the Stars event, for his 40 years of service and received Certificate of Congressional Recognition from the United States House of Representatives for outstanding service to his community.

To quote United States Representative Jackie Speier, *"Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. James Meier, a dedicated physician in my district who has devoted his career to providing quality care to a generation of the poor and less fortunate in San Mateo County. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Meier for 30 years and have witnessed his passion and dedication to his work."*

"Dr. Meier took a three-month temporary assignment at the San Mateo Medical Center and stretched it to more than 40 years and counting." "He is without question a hero of healthcare in the county and state."

"He has worked through the lean years when the county board of supervisors nearly voted to close the hospital. Dr. Meier played a lead role in forming the San Mateo Medical Center Foundation which has helped garner the needed public support to keep the hospital functioning as a provider of high quality medical care."

Jim and Penny, his wife of 54 years and a former teacher, have a long commitment to educational issues and have been involved with several nonprofit education foundations. They enjoy expedition travel to experience and photograph nature and wildlife and to learn about other cultures. Jim's interests include photography, cooking, beekeeping and California history. He still works two days a week at San Mateo Medical Center and is a member of numerous professional organizations including Rotary Club (where he is a Paul Harris Fellow), the Commonwealth Club, the California Historical Society and is a lifetime member of the Butte County Historical Society.

His daughter Kristin and her husband Malcolm live in Palo Alto with their three children: Marisol who is 15, Dashiell who is 13 and Rafferty who is 11.