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# South County Senior Summit

***“The State of  
Aging in Orange County”***

**Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 3  
July 24, 2015**



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# Agenda

<b>8:00</b>	Registration / Breakfast / Booths	Lobby & Dining Rooms
<b>9:00</b>	Welcome	Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
	Invocation	Kathryn Freshley <i>President, Golden Rain Foundation</i>
	Flag Salute	Shari Horne <i>Councilwoman, City of Laguna Woods</i>
	Opening Remarks	Senator Pat Bates
<b>9:10</b>	Orange County Aging Trends	Karen Roper <i>Director, OC Community Services</i>
<b>9:15</b>	Senior Services in South County and Food Insecurity	Dr. Marilyn Ditty <i>Chief Executive Officer, Age Well Senior Services</i>
<b>9:40</b>	The Future of Public Health Programs for Seniors	Michael Schrader, MBA <i>Chief Executive Officer, CalOptima</i>
<b>10:00</b>	Break / Vendor Booths	Lobby & Dining Room 1
<b>10:45</b>	Opportunity Drawing	
<b>10:50</b>	The Latest Information on Brain Aging and Memory Loss	Jim McAleer, MPA <i>Chief Executive Officer, Alzheimer's Association OC</i>
<b>11:10</b>	Lessons from the Oldest-Old: The 90+ Study"	Dr. Claudia Kawas <i>Professor, Department of Neurology University of California, Irvine</i>
<b>11:40</b>	Aging, Attitude, and Altruism	Dr. Kerry Burnight <i>Professor, Department of Geriatric Medicine, UCI CEO, Ageless Alliance: United Against Elder Abuse</i>
<b>12:10</b>	Q&A Panel	Karen Roper, Dr. Ditty, Michael Schrader, Jim McAleer, Dr. Kawas, Dr. Burnight
<b>12:35</b>	Closing Remarks/Opportunity Drawing	Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
<b>12:45</b>	Lunch / Vendor Booths	Lobby & Dining Rooms

# Speaker Biographies

**Karen Roper, MBA** has worked for the County of Orange for over 34 years. She has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Business Administration. Most of Karen's career has been devoted to the development and implementation of housing, human service programs, and systems of care that improve the quality of life for the residents of Orange County. In her role as Director of OC Community Services, Karen oversees the following: Office on Aging, Veterans Service Office, Community Investment Division/Orange County Workforce Investment Board, Orange County Housing Authority, Homeless Prevention Division, and the Housing & Community Development Division. Karen is also Executive Director of the Orange County Commission to End Homelessness and the H&CD Housing Commission.

**Marilyn Ditty, DPA** is a distinguished expert in the field of Gerontology and a devoted advocate for older adults at the local, state, federal and international level. She currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Age Well Senior Services, a nonprofit that provides vital services to the elderly in South Orange County. Dr. Ditty has received numerous accolades for her dedication to improving the welfare of older adults and has spoken at numerous international conferences.

**Michael Schrader, MBA** is Chief Executive Officer of CalOptima. CalOptima administers health insurance programs, including Medicare and Medicaid (called Medi-Cal in California) for the low income. In 2014, the National Committee for Quality Assurance ranked CalOptima in the top 10 percent nationally and #1 in California for health plans that offer Medicaid. CalOptima also operates a PACE Center, an adult-day care and primary-care clinic, for frail seniors. Prior to CalOptima, Mr. Schrader was Chief Operating Officer for both the Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan in Massachusetts and CenCal Health in Santa Barbara, CA. Mr. Schrader holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of California Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Arizona. He serves on the board of the Local Health Plans of California.

**Jim McAleer, MPA** is a 30-year veteran of non-profits, with 11 years at the Alzheimer's Association Orange County. He co-chairs the OC Aging Services Collaborative and sits on the State Olmstead Commission on Long Term Care. Mr. McAleer is a passionate advocate for seniors.

**Claudia Kawas, M.D.**, is the Al and Trish Nichols Chair in Clinical Neuroscience and a professor of Neurology and Neurobiology & Behavior at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Kawas is a geriatric neurologist and researcher in the areas of aging and Alzheimer's disease, the determinants of successful aging, longitudinal and clinical pathological investigations, clinical trials, and most recently, studies in cognitive and functional abilities of the Oldest Old (over 90 years of age).

**Kerry Burnight, PhD** is a professor of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at the University of California, Irvine, where she has served for 15 years. Dr. Burnight is the Director and co-founder of the nation's first Elder Abuse Forensic Center, where her team of law enforcement officers, physicians, attorneys, and social workers have served over 1,000 older adults. Her research focuses on the medical forensic aspects of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, and innovative approaches to addressing and preventing abuse. She founded the national, non-profit grassroots organization Ageless Alliance in 2012 to bring people of all ages together to take a stand against elder abuse. Dr. Burnight was recognized for her work by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2011 (U.S. Victims of Crime Award) and has appeared on the Dr. Phil Show and Headline News.

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