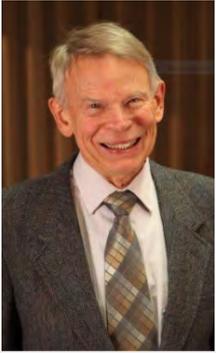




Western Neurosurgical Society Newsletter

May 2022



My Dear Fellow Members of the Western Neurosurgical Society

I want to welcome you all to our 68th Annual Meeting at the Fairmont Orchid on the Big Island of Hawaii.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2022!

The Fairmont Orchid is an AAA Four Diamond sanctuary that is uniquely Hawaiian: 32 pristine oceanfront acres along the Kohala Coast of Hawaii Island. You can enjoy the private white-sand beach, snorkel the clear aquamarine waters and watch the Hawaiian sea turtles pass beneath as they head for the rocky shore for the afternoon sun! The property has tropical gardens scented with plumeria, gardenia and pikake. You can learn how to hula and play the ukulele, or paddle with a navigator on Pauoa Bay.

The Fairmont Orchid is like an old friend to the Western. We had a fabulous meeting there in 2018. We also met at the adjacent property, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel, in 1990, 1993, and 2000. From an historical perspective, the Mauna Lani tract of property was developed by Francis Hyde I'i Brown in the 1920s. Francis was a true Hawaiian whose ancestry went back several generations. A great golfer, he held course records for Pebble Beach and The Old Course at St Andrews. He sold the Mauna Lani property to the Tokyu Corporation in the 1970s and the Mauna Lani Resort was built in 1983. The two 18-hole championship golf courses were named in honor of Francis Hyde I'i Brown. In 1990 the Orchid was carved out of the Mauna Lani property and constructed. In 2002 the Orchid was purchased by Fairmont Hotels and Resorts. The Mauna Lani, where we have held our meetings three times in the past, has been recently purchased by Auberge Resorts and extensively remodeled.

The opportunities for sport and recreation on the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday are extensive. As mentioned above, there are two excellent golf courses at the adjacent Auberge Resort with a 15% reduction in fees. There is a tennis pavilion on the Orchid grounds with 10 courts. Helicopter tours can be arranged with prices from \$300 to \$600 per person, depending on the length of the flight. Snorkel, scuba, and snuba diving are available at the Orchid, and a special treat is swimming with manta rays at night.

The grounds and gardens at the Orchid are extensive and beckon those who enjoy walking and hiking. The trails vary from 1.5 to 6.5 miles long. Workshops such as lei making, and Hawaiian story telling are available. Because of Covid, children's programs are now cancelled, but might be reinstated by the time we meet in September.

As always, we will start with a terrific Opening Reception on Friday evening, September 9th, where you can meet and greet your friends and colleagues, many not seen for a year or more. Program Chairperson, Phil Tausky, and his committee, will have an outstanding scientific program that will challenge and enlighten all our members. In a few weeks you will receive an email from Secretary-Treasurer Marco Lee with a pathway to registration and reservations.

Mara and I are so looking forward to seeing all of you in Hawaii this coming September!

David Pitkethly, President, Western Neurosurgical Society



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Dear WNS Members, Applicants, and Guests:



We are excited to return to Hawai'i for the 68th Annual Meeting. This will be an in-person event following last year's very successful meeting in New Mexico. This year, there is further confidence that we shall be able to travel and meet safely and in the most beautiful setting possible. The middle of the Pacific Ocean has certainly a way of impressing upon us the tranquility and natural beauty life has to offer. This will be particularly appreciated during such tumultuous times.

We are fortunate indeed to return to the Kohala Coast, at the Fairmont Orchid. On the last page is the link for the hotel booking. You will need to do a double take when you see the rates. These rates were negotiated back in 2018 by our very own President, during very different times. It is simply not possible to attain such fabulous rates nowadays for a quality venue like the Fairmont, which offers the same rooms now at nearly four times what we will have to pay. Dr. Phil Tausky and his committee have organized a brilliant program, with both seasoned member and new member candidate speakers covering a wide range of neurosurgical topics. In particular, there will be mini symposia on cerebrovascular conditions and spine trauma. We will also be celebrating the 2022 Cloward medalist, Dr. Gary Steinberg, who has pioneered restorative neurosurgery, bringing lab based research to clinical trials. The second Prolo lecturer will also be very exciting as we welcome the first classicist to address our society on professionalism and ethics. Dr. Nigel Nicholson, from Reed College, will give a unique perspective of how the classical world still informs us to this day. In addition, we will be transported out of this world by our local interest lecturer, Dr. John O'Meara, Chief Scientist of the Keck Observatory that sits atop Maunakea on the Big Island. His lecture promises to delight and inspire us all. As usual, the meeting is jointly provided with the AANS and attendees will be eligible for CMEs.

Outside of the scientific program, there will be ample time at last to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We know that it has not been easy during the pandemic and for many, this may well be your first scientific meeting since the pandemic started. It is good to interact in person once again. There are ample opportunities to have fun with family and friends around the resort and on the Island. Activities abound at the resort and we have also negotiated special prices for WNS group activities on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons (9/10 & 9/11), including a private charter to sail the Pacific Ocean, anchoring in a particularly beautiful spot for snorkelling, helicopter rides around the Big Island, gentle guided hikes that highlight the Island's past and immersing in Hawaiian culture through hands on arts and craft lessons.

We have no doubt that the 68th annual meeting will be engaging and exhilarating. It will also be special as it will be the first meeting for probably most members without the presence of our dear friend, Dr. Randy Smith. We will be celebrating the life of this remarkable man, sage marshal of the society, and friend to all. We are honored that Mrs. Florence Smith and fellow member, daughter of Randy, Dr. Christine Smith, will be able to come and help us pay tribute to Randy.

On behalf of Dr. Pitkethly and the entire executive committee, we look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting.

Marco Lee MD PhD
WNS Secretary Treasurer

Hawaii Activities Saturday 9/10

From Jason Hauptman, M.D.
Locals Arrangement Chair

Mauna Lani Sea Adventures Sail and Snorkel

Join us for a relaxing sail along the beautiful Kohala Coast of the Big Island. As we approach one of our secluded snorkel sites along the Kohala Coast, our helpful staff will provide instructions and then equip you with all you need for a spectacular snorkeling experience. Our healthy reefs offer hundreds of species of fish, graceful sea turtles and a variety of marine life for you to explore. For sunbathers in the group, you are free to lounge on board and soak in some rays while our staff serves up cold drinks and snacks.

Historical Hike and Petroglyph Visits with Ukele and Olelo Hawaii/Oral History

Join us for a gentle, fascinating hike to explore the ancient petroglyph fields with an experienced guide and learn about Hawaiian treasures. Our Hui Holokai Ambassador, will teach some of the amazing Hawaiian traditions including ukulele songs and Olelo oral tradition.

Kohala/Hamakua Helicopter Coast Tour

Witness the spectacular Hamakua coast's beautiful towering sea cliffs. Discover remote winding valleys and majestic tropical rain forest. Access many areas inaccessible by any other means. One of the most spectacular aerial tours anywhere. Waterfall enthusiasts will encounter a parade of some of the most beautiful cascades on earth. Sunshine Helicopters is one of the most experienced aerial tour companies on the Big Island with an outstanding safety record. Participants will be shuttled to the Hapuna Heliport, just 10 mins from the Fairmont Orchid.

Hawaii Activities Sunday 9/11

Helicopter Ride with Sunshine Helicopters offered on both Saturday and Sunday



Historical Hike and Royal Fish Pond Visit, Hula Lesson and Coconut Frond Weaving

Join us for a gentle historical hike to explore Royal fishponds, shelter caves and learn about Hawaiian treasures. Relax under a shady coconut palm tree with our Hui Holokai Ambassador and learn some of the most beautiful Hawaiian traditions and cultural techniques including coconut frond weaving and hula lessons.



IN MEMORIAM

Robert Weyand

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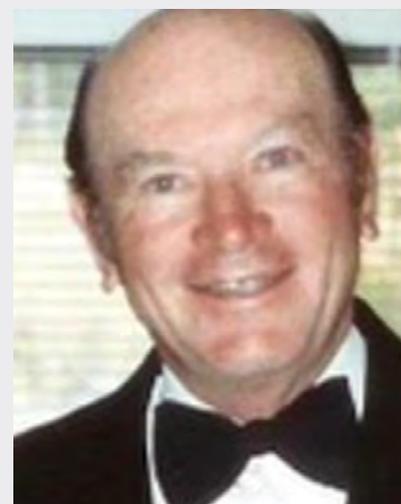
Western Neurosurgical Society President 1990

Robert Devere Weyand, M.D., known as “Dr. Bob” and “Bobby,” was born March 24, 1923, and passed away April 12, 2022. A proud third generation Californian, born in the Sacramento Valley town Arbuckle. His youth was spent in California, as well as Chehalis, Washington. In 1934, his family settled in Berkeley, CA. He had an extraordinary, accelerated academic career, graduating from Berkeley High school at age 16, and receiving a B.A. degree from University of California Berkeley at age 19,

while completing first year of med school at UCSF. He completed his medical school formal training in 32 months and served as a clinical clerk until graduating with his medical degree in 1945. While at Cal Berkeley, he lettered as a miler on the Cal track team. A true son of California and lifelong Golden Bear backer, he was proud to be a product of the California public school system.

Prior to joining the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a First Lieutenant, he interned at S.F. County Hospital. In July 1946, Dr. Bob was assigned to the 98th General Hospital in Munich, Germany, and served as an Orthopedic specialist until March 1948. During this period of time, he studied neurosurgery at the University of Vienna and married Camille Salatino, an Army Physiotherapist. Upon discharge from the Army, Dr. Bob opened a medical clinic in North Lake Tahoe in the summer of 1948. He then moved to Rochester, Minnesota to begin his Neurosurgical Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic earning an M.S. in Neurosurgery from the University of Minnesota. While at the Mayo Clinic his two sons, John and Richard, were born.

He established his Neurosurgery private practice on Pill Hill in Oakland, California, remaining for 46 years until his retirement in 1998. A brilliant and innovative neurosurgeon developing techniques that are currently in use. He taught Neuroanatomy at UCSF and was on the clinical teaching staff until 1998 and continued to participate in Neurosurgery Grand Rounds until his death. He served as President of the Alameda County Easter Seal Society, and Chief of Neurosurgery at Highland, Children’s, Peralta, and Merritt Hospitals; and also served as Staff President at Children’s and Merritt hospitals. Vice-President of the Western Neurosurgical Society in 1986 and President of the Western Neurosurgical Society in 1990. He also served as an officer in the Neurological Society of America and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons as well as consultant in Neurosurgery to the USAF were among his achievements.



Roger Allen Slater M.D., USMC

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Roger Slater passed away at home from natural causes on October 14, 2021 at 90 years of age. He was born January 16, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois and baptized at Kedvale Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Oak Lawn. Roger graduated from Chicago Christian High School and Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In what he referred to as a great “impulsive” act of his life, he joined the Marine Corps. When the Korean war ended, he was honorably discharged, accepted into medical school and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1958.

While originally planning to be a family practitioner, he was ultimately offered a residency in the neurosurgical program at U.C.L.A. and Long Beach Veteran's Administration Hospital. He served a clerkship at the Neurology Institute at Queen's Square in London from 1966-1967. He frequently attributed his successes to the outstanding combined neurosurgical mentorship of William (Bill) Porter MD and John Douglas French MD.

Roger was a respected neurosurgeon in the Long Beach and surrounding areas in a successful medical practice anchored by Long Beach Memorial Medical Center where he was elected to serve as Chief of Staff. He was frequently recognized as a pioneer in his field leading what became acknowledged as a ground-breaking advancement in surgical practice with the early development of stereotactic robot assisted radiosurgery techniques. He was a natural leader and was committed to advancing his profession through active participation in the Western Neurosurgical Society and American College of Neurological Surgeons.



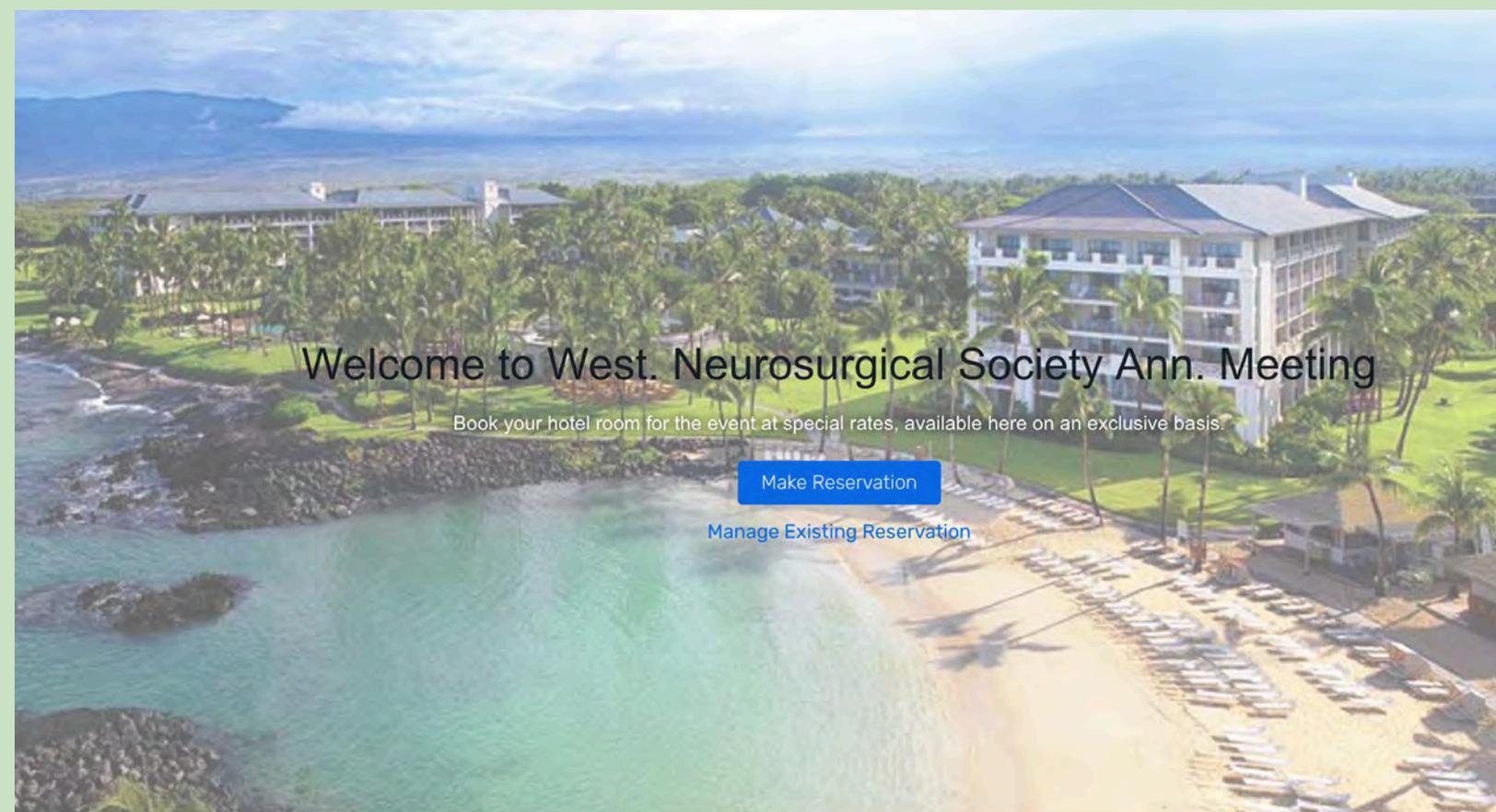
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Hawai`i



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HOTEL RESERVATION LINK

Fairmont Orchid Room Rates

The WNS site committee has negotiated fabulous rates for the Fairmont Orchid. Several room categories are available and their rates are list in the table below. Full description and pictures of the rooms are available at the Fairmont Orchid website.

Room Category	Single/Double Rate
Fairmont Garden View Rooms	\$279.00
Partial Ocean View Rooms	\$299.00
Ocean View Rooms	\$309.00
Deluxe Ocean View Rooms*	\$359.00
One Bedroom Executive Ocean View Suites*	\$549.00
One Bedroom Ocean Front Suites*	\$849.00
Fairmont Gold Ocean View Rooms*	\$549.00
Fairmont Gold Executive Suites*	\$849.00

Fairmont Gold is normally reserved for Gold members only, but special rates of these rooms have been made available to the WNS. Known as a hotel within a hotel, the Fairmont describes the experience as follows: "Enjoy the seclusion and privacy of Fairmont Gold. Fairmont Gold Experience starts the moment you arrive and is perfect for those looking for a highly personalized experience and special extra touches. As a Gold guest you'll enjoy our exclusive Gold concierge service, and private Gold Lounge - where you'll enjoy hot & cold continental breakfast, full honor bar, delicious evening canapes and (all day) tea and coffee". Please make further enquiries directly with the resort.

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