

THE SKIN CANCER INSTITUTE

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Catalina State Park PYS

When Jim Boyer won a Protect Your Skin (PYS) sunscreen kit at our annual Skin cancer Prevention Friends (SPF) luncheon last year, he had the great idea to donate it to Catalina State Park! Thanks to Jim's generous donation, park visitors now have access to sunscreen when they visit.

Enjoying the outdoors is a wonderful way to spend time in Tucson, but wearing sunscreen is a must! The PYS kit allows outdoor venues like Catalina State Park to supply their guests with the much needed sunscreen for their visit.

Many other places around Tucson have become PYS partners over the years, such as The Pima Air and Space museum, Saguaro National Park, Tucson Botanical Gardens, and more!



PYS sunscreen dispensers at Catalina State Park



Sun Safety Day

This spring, Project SASS (Students Are Sun Safe) collaborated with UA medical students to host students from Tucson High on the UA Health Sciences campus. The high school students learned about skin cancer prevention and sun safety. They also visited several of our research labs and talked with UA students studying in health professions.

Sheila Marquez, the teacher for the Tucson High class, said: "The experience of going someplace is overwhelming for some students, and grows their brain in a novel way that they don't get from being in the classroom."

SASS Alumni is Paying it Forward

Megan Stoermer is a science teacher at Marana High School. She took the UA SASS class ("Students Are Sun Safe") in 2013 and interned with the SCI in 2014.

Megan was pleased to invite the current SASS students to come and present sun safe messages and skin cancer education to her class this fall.

This is a perfect example of how programs like Project SASS are important for educating future generations in sun safety and skin cancer prevention!

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In Memoriam

The SCI lost two wonderful people in May. Join us in saying “goodbye” to Dr. Tim Bowden and Dr. Paul Myrdal. Both were good friends and dedicated researchers, working to make advances in cancer prevention.



Dr. Timothy Bowden helped establish the SCI, and was a professor emeritus at the Cancer Center and a founding member of the Cancer Biology Graduate Interdisciplinary Program.

Skin cancer was the focus of much of Dr. Bowden’s research. His lab investigated cancer preventive agents, including drugs that could be applied to sun-damaged skin to reduce skin cancer risk.

Dr. Bowden mentored more than 100 students over the years. He will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives he has touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tim and Diane Bowden Cancer Research Fund, 520-621-5590.



Dr. Paul Myrdal joined the UA College of Pharmacy in 2000 as an Associate Professor in Pharmacy Practice and Science.

Dr. Myrdal's primary area of interest was anticancer drugs. He worked closely with The Cancer Center for years as the Director of the Drug Development Core for the Skin Cancer Program Project Grant. He recently won the SCI’s seed grant to evaluate synthetic membranes for topical skin cancer prevention.

Paul was respected and loved by his colleagues and students, and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dr. Paul B. Myrdal Memorial Fund for Pharmaceutical Education, 703-875-3095.

Save the Date

Melanoma Walk 2018

Saturday, Nov. 3rd. The Walk opens at 3:30. See you there!

Thank you to our newest SPF members:

Steven Marder

Linda Rudloff

Jane Sedlmayr

Become a Skin cancer Prevention Friend (SPF):

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