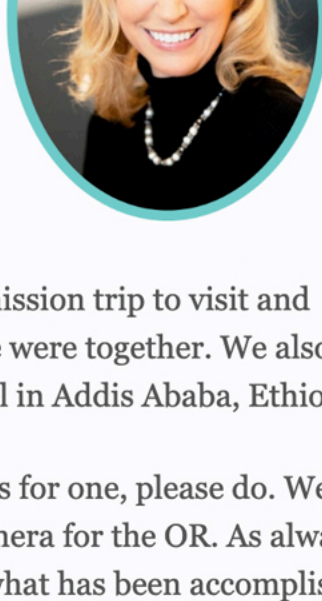




Hello

Our Ohana (Family) has been busy this fall, and like other past newsletters, I have many exciting updates to share! Ohana One released ["The Future Looks Bright" video](#), and if you haven't seen it, I encourage you to do so. It is a good glimpse of what the future of Ohana One will look like and the newer technology coming our way.



Over the summer, many members of the Ohana One team went on an extended mission trip to visit and operate alongside our friends in Mozambique. It had been a couple years since we were together. We also used the time, while we were "in the neighborhood" to do a site visit to ALERT Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The team launched a very well-received webinar series and if you haven't joined us for one, please do. We have another one coming at the end of the month where we feature a non-wearable camera for the OR. As always, the Ohana One volunteer mentor surgeons are the driving force behind much of what has been accomplished, and I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to each of them for their ongoing support of Ohana One.

There are some exciting new partnerships and projects under development, and I hope to be able to share them with you soon. Already underway, Ohana One has been proudly working with three of our partner orgs. - InterSurgeon, Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS), and Foundation For International Education In Neurological Surgery (FIENS), to offer strategic development support and partnership development. In this edition of the newsletter, we are pleased to highlight InterSurgeon as one of our proud partners and friends.

In addition to all of this, I would like to give a special shout-out to our Board of Directors. They are a truly incredible group of volunteers, and they have been very busy guiding our Ohana as we grow and move into the future.

Best,



**Marchelle Sellers**  
Executive Director

## Ohana One Launches New Webinar Series

Ohana One has launched a new webinar series focusing on the experiences of our surgical teams and the remote technologies they use as a part of our Surgical Sight Smart Glass Program. Our August and September webinars were fantastic, and we are so excited to share a bit more about them!

At our August webinar, we invited our Ohana One President, Dr. David Kulber, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery, Cedars Sinai Medical Center And USC Keck School of Medicine, and Dr. Pedro Santos, MD, FCS-Plas COSECSA, Plastic Surgeon at Matola Provincial Hospital, to share their experiences with using the VUZIX smart glasses and TeleVU software to supplement their surgical training. We also heard from the CEO and Founder of TeleVU, Ryan De'Larami, on what's new with TeleVU.

At our September webinar, we invited Dr. Christopher Conner, MD, Plastic Surgeon, and Dr. Seif Nuru, MD, at the St. Gaspar Referral Hospital Itigi in Tanzania to share some of the cases they have accomplished using the smart glasses and Help Lightning, another one of the virtual softwares. They discussed how using the remote technologies helped Dr. Conner support Dr. Nuru through Cystic Hygroma, Gastrocnemius Repair, and Amniotic Band Syndrome cases. Thank you to Scott Hildebrandt, the Director of Customer Success at Help Lightning, for sharing the newest updates with the Help Lightning software! You can watch the webinar [here](#).

We have some great presentations happening for future webinars. Future webinars will include our new Ohana One App called the "OO," new advancements in the augmented reality virtual softwares, and learning from surgical teams of each specialty involved in our Surgical Sight Smart Glass Program. You can register for our October 28th webinar Beyond the Wearables! [here](#).

## Mission Trip Recap

Over the summer, an Ohana One team traveled to Mozambique and Ethiopia for surgical mission trips! You can read updates from this jam-packed experience over the next few InSights newsletters.

We spoke with Ohana One Board Secretary Kylie Tanabe, PA-C, for insights into their stay in Mozambique. An Ohana One operating team made up of Dr. David Kulber, Dr. Marvee Turk, Dr. Peter Deptula, Kylie Tanabe, PA-C, and Dr. Michelle Dee assisted in the operating rooms while nurses Sandra Rodriguez and Katie Osborne collaborated with Mozambican nurses and tended to patients.

For two days, these teams volunteered in Maputo, Mozambique, where they assisted with twelve complex surgeries and provided care to 30 patients, most of whom had suffered severe burns. '

Next, the Ohana One team traveled to Matola, Mozambique, and were reunited with Dr. Pedro Santos, the very first Surgical Sight Program Surgeon. Together they operated on four patients over the course of one very long day while the nursing team supported Matola's nursing staff and treated dozens of patients.

It was great to work alongside Dr. Pedro Santos after being apart for so long. Kylie shared, "Pedro has a lot of knowledge to give, and he's such an amazing leader. It's been really fun seeing him at this point in his career where he's teaching and is really great at it. He's giving back to the next generation of surgeons."

The most exciting aspect of this mission trip was how these teams utilized smart glasses and TeleVU's immersive reality tech during every procedure. This allowed many healthcare professions to gain a fuller understanding of the mentee/mentor process in the Surgical Sight program. The Ohana One team was able to experience the mentee's and the mentor's perspective of this program, find areas for improvement, and celebrate the impact of the program.



Photos of our talented film crew courtesy of Kelly Fogel Photography

We were seriously thrilled and honored that director Jay Roach, cinematographer Bill Pope and documentarian Sharon Oreck, all Ohana One Board members, were able to join this mission trip to help shoot and produce a documentary on Ohana One's work in Africa. Together with local crews they captured some amazing footage. We are so excited to see all the footage. The documentary will share how a group of dedicated surgical practitioners with a vision to use emerging technologies in medical education are transforming global medicine. Please look for more on the documentary over the next couple months.

We can't end this recap without a heartfelt thank you to FIGS, Qatar Airways, and the generous donors who provided funds to make the mission trip possible, your support brought life saving medical care to those who needed it!

# Sharon

BOARD MEMBER

# Oreck

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4 Questions

Sharon Oreck. is one of the newer members on the Ohana One Board of Directors. She has jumped right in and has been busy with Ukraine relief efforts, telling the Ohana One story, and being a strong and vocal advocate for the organization

**What aspect of Ohana One are you most proud of?**  
The Social justice aspect that is inherent in providing surgical access to under-resourced communities and countries, is by far, the element that most attracts me to this work.

**What do you wish people knew about Ohana One?**  
The story that is really compelling to me is the relationships between the doctors from all these different countries. There are these deep abiding friendships that are being cultivated in a neutral territory that is medicine. Being able to create a safe digital and virtual space where people can learn and advance their skills is something special. There is so much potential with the relationships that are being formed, combined with the technologies Ohana One is adapting for surgical education. This is groundbreaking work.

**What special skills or passion do you bring to Ohana One?**  
The skills that I have honed over the past four decades of networking, analyzing, and researching along with my documentary film work allowed me to come in and say we need to document the amazing things that are happening here.

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Read the full interview [here](#).



Photos of Sharon on the recent mission trip: Courtesy of Kelly Fogel Photography

## Country Profile Mozambique

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Mozambique's population is around 33 million individuals. It is a low-income country, and it places 3rd in the ranking of poorest countries in the world. Mozambique is growing at a rate of 2.93% every year. The fertility rate is high at 4.89 births per woman. Mozambique faces several challenges with population growth because the country is very poor. Some of these challenges include ensuring access to health care and education.

The country has many cases of communicable diseases such as malaria, and hepatitis A and B, among others. It also has high rates of HIV. One of the factors that accounts for the prevalence of diseases is access to doctors and health resources. Mozambique has a very low physician density, of only 0.07 per 1000 individuals or about 2,360 physicians. It also has a very small number of surgeons, 115, to serve the country's population. Mozambique only has 4 medical schools in total which is one of the reasons for the lack of doctors and surgeons.

Most of the surgeons live in the capital Maputo, which limits access to surgery since more than 70% of the population live in rural and remote areas, and about 90% of the physician workforce is in the capital. With such limited resources, Ohana One's Surgical Sight Program is an innovative and critical resource within Mozambique.

Currently, there are two Mozambican Surgeons in the program, and we are actively working with more surgeons to bring them into the program.



Photos of Ohana One's recent trip to Mozambique: Courtesy of Kelly Fogel Photography

## InterSurgeon MEMBER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Ohana One is pleased to spotlight member organization InterSurgeon. InterSurgeon offers an interactive website designed to bring individuals and organizations together in partnerships to improve surgical care globally. InterSurgeon's mission is to increase global collaboration in surgery, obstetrics, trauma, and anesthesia improving surgical capacity in low- and middle-income countries. It is an inclusive and collaborative global community actively improving surgical care.

Through their membership-based platform, they are opening doors for all members of the surgical team and other stakeholders to contribute to strengthening surgical care worldwide. This is done by sourcing expertise from previously untapped resources and creating a cycle of learning and education that empowers providers to create their own opportunities. InterSurgeon members use their website to create offers and requests to give or ask for assistance and/or resources.

Specialties include: Anesthesia, ENT, General Surgery, Interventional Radiology, Neurosurgery – both Adult and Pediatric, Nursing, Ophthalmic Surgery, Orthopedics, Plastic, Reconstructive & Burns Surgery, and Urology.

Learn more about InterSurgeon and how you can get involved on their [website](#).



# MENTORS MATTER

Ohana One's Surgical Sight Smart Glass program is comprised of volunteer surgical mentors and mentees from all around the world. These passionate professionals donate their free time to share knowledge and collaborate with their colleagues using smart glass and immersive technology. They each have their own reasons for furthering their careers in this way, but they all share the same drive to elevate surgical care.

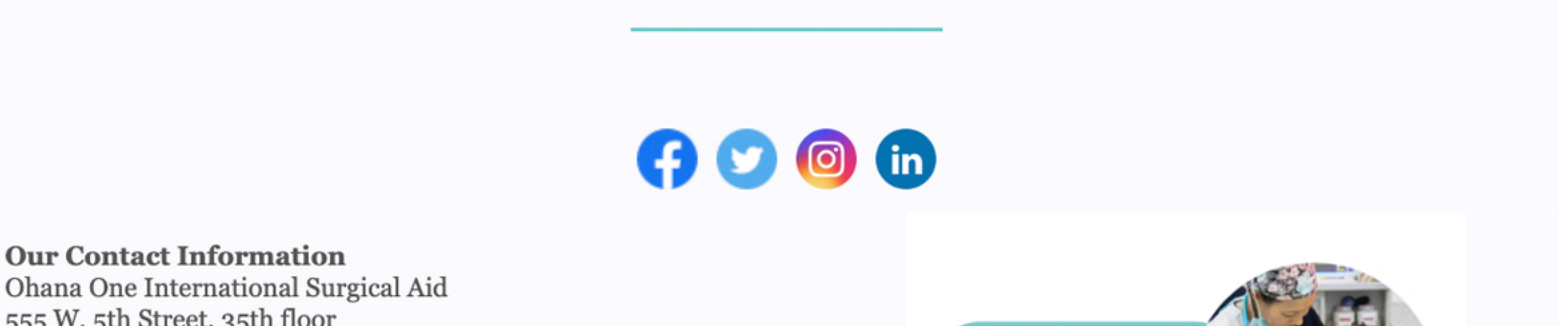
We asked a couple of the mentors in our Ohana (family) to share their reasons for mentoring through our program, and we are excited to share their insights with you.

Feeling the appreciation and impact of my role as a surgical mentor continues to be one of the most fulfilling aspects of my medical career. I am honored to have been given the opportunity by Ohana One and ReSurge to be an early adopter of the Ohana One virtual technology. I truly believe that the ever-enlarging circle of Ohana One adopters is revolutionizing the mentor/mentee surgical experience around the world." — Dr. Marshall Partington.

"I mentor because I find it so gratifying to know that I can help patients I will never meet through the eyes and hands of the surgeons I train." -- Marc Levitt, MD, Chief, Division of Colorectal & Pelvic Reconstruction - Children's National Hospital Professor of Surgery & Pediatrics, The George Washington School of Medicine

"The surprising benefit for me was that my techniques evolved and developed as a result of this international mentoring work. I became a better surgeon. When I listen to other mentors, I hear a parallel story time after time." — Dr. Graham Watson.

[Read more here](#)



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