

STRYKER CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
March 18, 2013

## SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 30, 2013.**

**STRYKER CORPORATION**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 4, 2013  
**Date:** April 30, 2013    **Time:** 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Radisson Plaza Hotel  
100 W. Michigan Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Directions to attend the annual meeting are available at  
[www.proxymaterials.stryker.com](http://www.proxymaterials.stryker.com)

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares  
in the company named above.

*STRYKER CORPORATION*  
  
*ATTN: DEAN BERGY*  
  
*2825 AIRVIEW BOULEVARD*  
  
*KALAMAZOO, MI 49002*

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**Before You Vote**

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of these nominees.**

1. Elect nine directors:

**Nominees:**

- 1a) Howard E. Cox, Jr.
- 1b) Srikant M. Datar, Ph.D.
- 1c) Roch Doliveux, DVM
- 1d) Louise L. Francesconi
- 1e) Allan C. Golston
- 1f) Howard L. Lance
- 1g) Kevin A. Lobo
- 1h) William U. Parfet
- 1i) Ronda E. Stryker

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposals 2 and 3.**

- 2. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2013;
- 3. Approval, in an advisory vote, of the Company's named executive officer compensation.

