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President's Message

We had a NYSOA conference call on the evening of April 26 that covered some interesting topics.

Our Orals Bill should be coming up for a vote early in the summer. The NYSOA will have a Lobby Day May 5th in Albany. If you do not participate in any Lobby Days, it is still very important to meet with your representatives at their local offices.



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MEETING NOTICE

May 11, 2010

Speaker:

Mark Comaratta, M.D.

&

Henry Lee, M.D.

Topic:

Diagnosis and Treatment of Intraocular Tumors

OCT - Clinical Pearls

6:00 Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

Choice of Salmon,
Double Ribbed Pork Chop
or Vegetarian

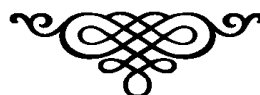
Marriott Hotel

Millersport Highway

**R.S.V.P. required For Dinner by May 6th to Sandy
with dinner choice:**

Buffalo Niagara Retina Associates

631-3300



Scoping the Town

Shawn Clancy, Joe Biondolillo, Tom Kaminska, and Jeff Calhoun attended the Vision Source North American Conference in Denver. They were able to go out and watch a Sabres playoff victory. Maybe the Sabres would've had better luck if they watched all games from Denver.



Mike Honeyman's wife is graduating from the Ophthalmic dispensing program at ECC. She will be working with Mike at Sterling Optical.

John Rundquist and family spent their spring break in Florida having some fun in the sun.

Council Opticians in East Aurora is relocating to Main Street and Maple.

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except July and August

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For sale: Used standard Reichert Projector and used standard AO Projector with slides. Still in good condition with wall mount, however not needed since I switched to digital charts. Please contact Jeff Calhoun at 631-9970 or advancedeyecare@oncommail.com if interested in purchasing.

Position Wanted:
Nathan Steinhafel, OD
801-592-7126
nathan.steinhafel@gmail.com.
Nathan is a residency trained OD specializing in pediatric optometry and is looking for a full-scope medical practice to join. Please contact Nathan for his CV and further info.

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- BILL WALDRON, O.D.

Installation of officers will be held in June.

Message

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The annual NYSOA meeting will be here at the Buffalo Marriott on May 15th and 16th. All members are actually invited to the House of Delegates meeting Saturday from 2-4pm and Sunday from 8:30am-Noon. The last hour will be open for discussion from any member. Please feel free to attend one or both sessions to meet your state officers and see your society at work. I think you will be impressed by the quality of the individuals looking out for Optometry's best interests.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our local meeting on Tuesday, May 11th and at the state meeting the following weekend.

-Tom

Save the Date
Installation of WNY
Society of
Optometrists
Officers and
Trustees

June 13, 2010

11:00 Brunch

Location to be

Announced

NYSOA Requests Information

During a session of the AOA House of Delegates this June in Orlando, tribute will be paid to those member practitioners that have passed away in the past year. New York would like to ensure that all of our deceased members are properly honored at this event. We do our best to keep track of such events at the office, so that we may properly recognize them within our own association and send tribute to their families, but there may be some that are missed. If any of your members have passed away since May of last year, please send their information to the NYSOA office.

Minutes from the WNYSO Meeting 04/13/10

Old Business

Jim Meffert is an OD running for congress in Minnesota. Please consider donating to his campaign since he would be a voice for optometry in congress. Our society cannot contribute since he is running for federal office. Donations must be individual. Tom Kaminska has information on donating to his campaign.

New Business

Medicare currently has a 21% fee cut for physicians; This may be delayed. ODs are advised to delay their billing for at least another week or two, that way we don't need to submit again (for the 21% difference) if the fee cut is defeated.

All members are invited to the NYSOA House of Delegates meeting on Sun 5/16/10 from 9am til 12 noon. There will be an open-mike "Town Hall Meeting" from 11-12 where any member can express their concerns. The meeting will be at the Marriott in Amherst, NY.

An NYSOA communication award is being given to a local resident, Joanna Torriano. She was nominated by Kevin Komm.

The Restasis web site from Allergan has a doctor finder. Tom and Alex used the doctor finder for 5 miles and 25 miles respectively and only found 2-3 ODs listed as prescribing doctors. Doctors were otherwise all ophthalmologists.

WNYSO Officer Nominations:

President	Jeff Calhoun
President Elect	John Rundquist
Past President	Tom Kaminska
Vice-President	Mary Ellen Loughrey
Treasurer	Joe Hargrave
Secretary	Frank Barbarossa
Trustees	Bill Waldron
	Ernest Czaplá
	Joe Biondolillo
	Leslie Long

Secretary makes the motion to accept the above nominees as officers. Motion passes unanimously.

CE-NY Continuing Education New York 2010 Course Schedule

May 23

The Thayer Hotel
West Point, NY
External eye Disease

June 13

SUNY College of
Optometry
New York, NY
Cornea Cataract &
Refractive Surgery

October 17

The Best Center
at Genesee
Community College
Batavia, NY
Glaucoma

November 7

The Lodge at
Welch Allyn
Skaneateles Falls, NY
Systemic Disease

December 5

Location TBA
Long Island, NY Retina

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www.nysoa.org