The South Carolina Association of Opticians

Insight

2023 Newsletter

The Summer Continuing Education meeting will be held June 10-11, 2023 In-Person at: Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia, SC 29210, 803-252-8700.

There are 4 hours of ABO CECs, followed by **1 hour NCLE CEC** each day.

NOTE The Sunday hours will be a repeat of those given on Saturday.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST CE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REGISTER!

Apprentice CEs will be offered on Sunday June 11th.

From the President:

I hope everyone is doing well. The next SCAO education meeting will be June 10 &11,2023 at Embassy Suite Greystone in Columbia. We ask all those planning to attend to please go to scoptician.org to register in advance. This will be the last meeting that is planned for SCAO education this year. Registration opens each day at 7am each day. Phernell Walker will be presenting 4 ABO hours followed by 1 NCLE hour given by B.W. Phillips. We are fortunate to have these national speakers for this event. On Sunday, Keith Hayes will be teaching our 4 hour apprentice class. If enough members were to show interest in a 2 hour lensometry class for that weekend, Grant Brown would be glad to instruct one. Please register by calling 843-795-7917 prior to May 10, 2023. The cost for this class is $75. The space limited because we supply lensometers, tools and material for this class so we ask you to call as soon as you can. After the education we will be having our annual business meeting. To run for a position on the board, you must be a SC licensed optician in good standing. To serve on the executive board you must have been elected to serve on the board. At this meeting, all board positions will need to be voted upon and elected. All interested members who wish to run for a position must have your intent to run emailed to David Gosnell prior to 45 days before our annual meeting as required in SCAO by-laws.

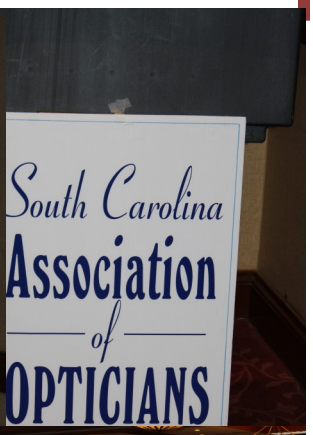
Thank you for allowing me to have served as your president. I feel so fortunate to have been able to have met so many great people in our profession both in our state and nationally. It is time to turn the position over to a new face with fresh ideas and energy. I'm excited to see what the future holds for SCAO. Please get involved with this great association and together we can build on what vision our forefathers founded. Thank you to all who have served this association in the past. Once again thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a great organization. Ronnie

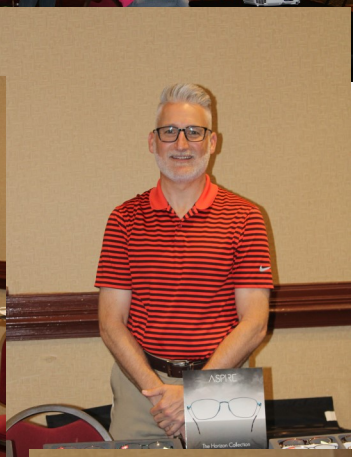
The SCAO will offer a 2 hour ABO approved Basic Lensometry Workshop if interest is requested There will be a limit of ten participants per class. Each participant will have hands-on instruction with their individual lensometer. We will learn how the lensometer works and then read and measure single lenses and full pairs of single vision, bifocals, and progressives. We will end with measuring basic prism. Contact Ronnie Harbert at 1.843.795.7917 for info and to reserve a spot.

Continuing Education

If you've made reservations but are not coming; notify the association.

Lensometer classes both Basic and Advanced are available. Contact Ronnie Harbert @ 1.843.795.7917





We want to give a shout out the selfless volunteers who made Opening Eyes on May 7, 2022 a great success! The SCAO sent out a request for volunteers to assist at the annual Special Olympics games held at Fort Jackson. Four of our licensed opticians showed up to help!

Deanna Learmonth, Sharon Oxendine, Crystal Pritchard and Jayne Sommers volunteered their time along with others from the community, Kaitlyn Bradberry, Nicole Morin, Bill Paschal and Jakota and Hayden Wall. They along with Dr. Bernadine "Bernie" Donaldson provided eye care for 48 athletics at the event. The Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Foundation Opening Eyes program is changing lives in communities across the globe by providing comprehensive eye assessments, prescription eyewear, sunglasses and sports goggles to Special Olympics athletes and people with intellectual disabilities in general. After going through different testing stations, the exam information is reviewed and a decision is made if the athlete needs a new pair of prescription glasses or sport goggles.

Through the generosity of our corporate sponsors Essilor (lenses) and Safilo (frames), athletes choose from a selection of eyewear. Athletes who do not need any corrective lenses received plano sunglasses also provided by Safilo.

In South Carolina, Opening Eyes began in 2006. There are two opportunities in South Carolina for athletes to participate. One during the autumn games (location may vary), and at the annual state games at Fort Jackson, SC. We work together with other health disciplines under the Healthy Athletes umbrella to provide eye care to these athletes, many of whom would not receive it otherwise. Opening Eyes has been providing eye care to Special Athletes in South Carolina since 2006. Volunteers are always appreciated, especially those with some experience in eye care. If you are thinking about volunteering, you may contact Bernadine Donaldson, OD, Clinical Director for South Carolina at (864) 923-9111 (cell, may also text) or send her an email at drdonaldson@yahoo.com. She can get you on their email list about events that are coming up.

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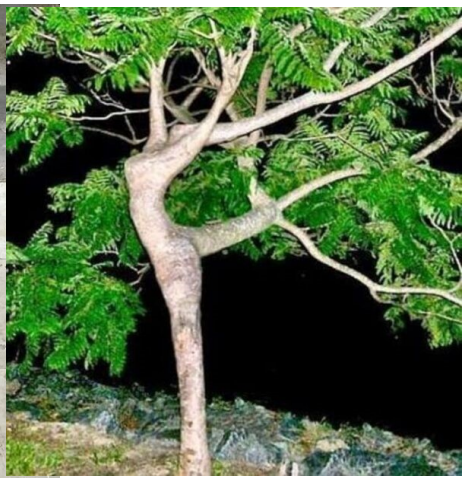
Can we trust our eyes?????



They take such good care of us!!