The South Carolina Association of Opticians

Insight

Spring 2022 Newsletter

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The Apr 30-May 1 in-person Spring Meeting has been moved to Columbia at Embassy Suites. Go to https://scoptician.org to register and be sure to select and record the day you intend to attend. If you plan to stay at Embassy Suites, let them know you're with the SCAO for discounted rooms.**

Apprentice Hours will only be offered on Sunday, May 1st. Please use the "CONTACT US" button to let us know which day you'd like to attend. Please specify date and day to avoid confusion, and let us know if you're an apprentice. If you don't specify a date, one will be picked for you.

Please only sign up once, and only sign up one person at a time, each with a unique email address to make confirmation of your registration simple.

We will be continuing to social distance due to Delta / Omicron Variants and local mandates, so seating will be limited. For more information, please visit https://scoptician.org

If interested in the Basic Lensometry Workshop; contact Ronnie Harbert at 843-795-7917.

The association will hold the Lensometry class and/or others if there is enough interest.

President's Letter April 2022

I want to thank Phernell Walker for speaking at our January meeting. He does a great job engaging his audience, his energy level and knowledge are amazing, and it's always fun to have him in South Carolina.

We are fortunate to have the O'Keefe sisters and Shannon Toler at our Spring Education this April 30th through May 1st. They were coming to Myrtle Beach but because of space, we are returning to Columbia once again. The Embassy Suites has been very accommodating to our association. Keith Hayes will be teaching our apprentices and Grant Brown will be instructing a two hour Lensometry Workshop.

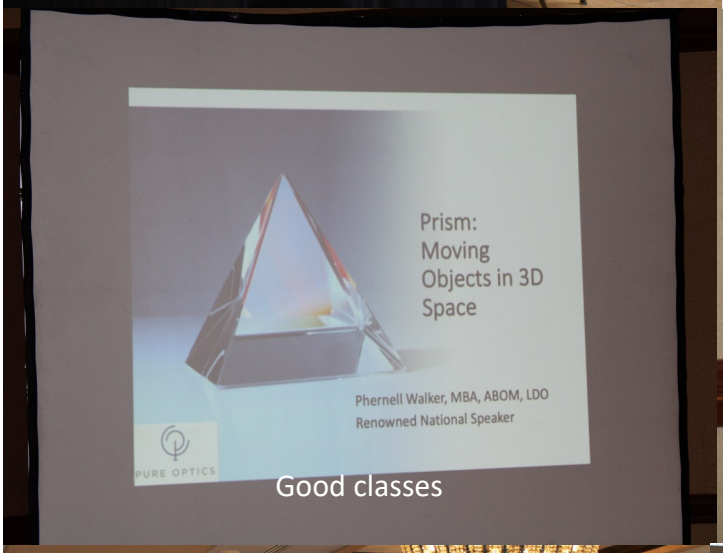
Our prayers and thoughts go out to Pete Hamlin as he recovers from an accident while riding his 4-wheeler. It has slowed him down but hopefully he'll be better soon. Also, we are so grateful that Dr. Warren McDonald has recovered so well from his illness. Thank you for allowing our board to serve this great association.

Ronnie

Important sites for all opticians:

https://scoptician.org **https://llr.sc.gov/opti/** **https://oaa.org**
https://www.abo-ncle.org/ **https://clsa.info/Home** **https://www.nao.org/**

Fearless Association Executive Board



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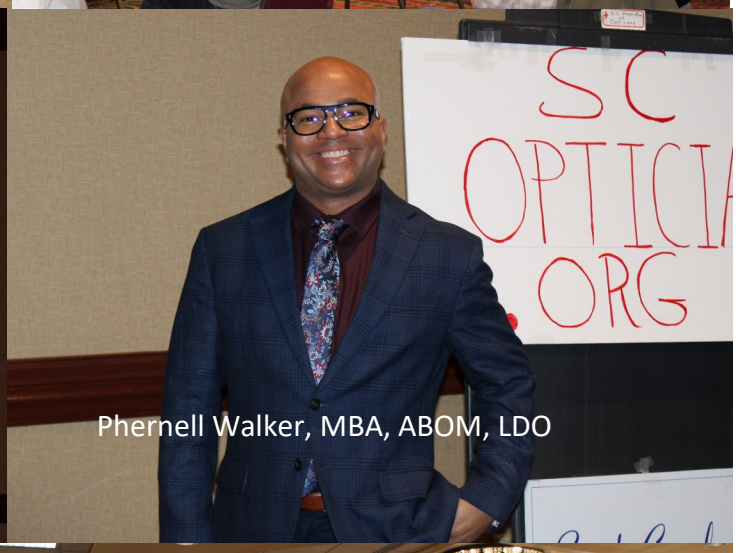


Phernell Walker, MBA, ABOM, LDO

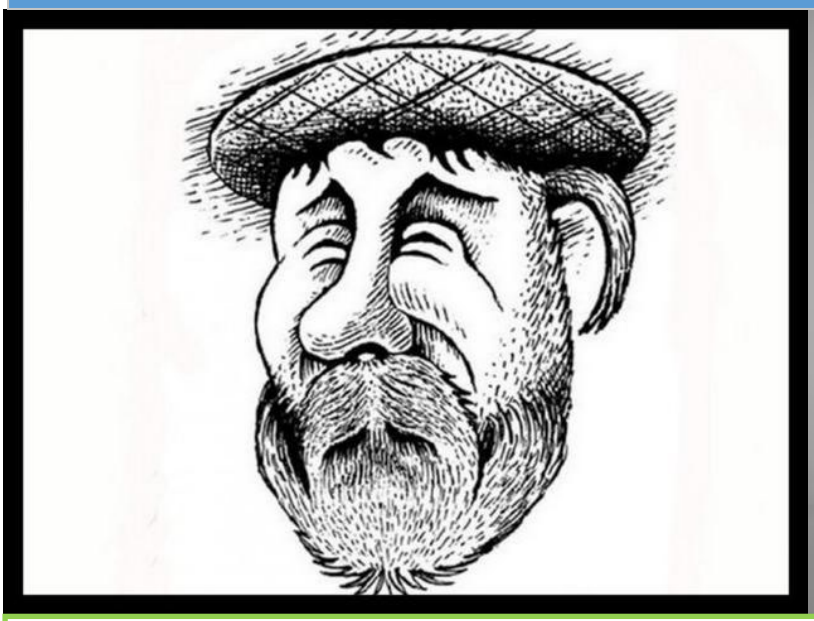
Keith Hayes and Apprenticeship class

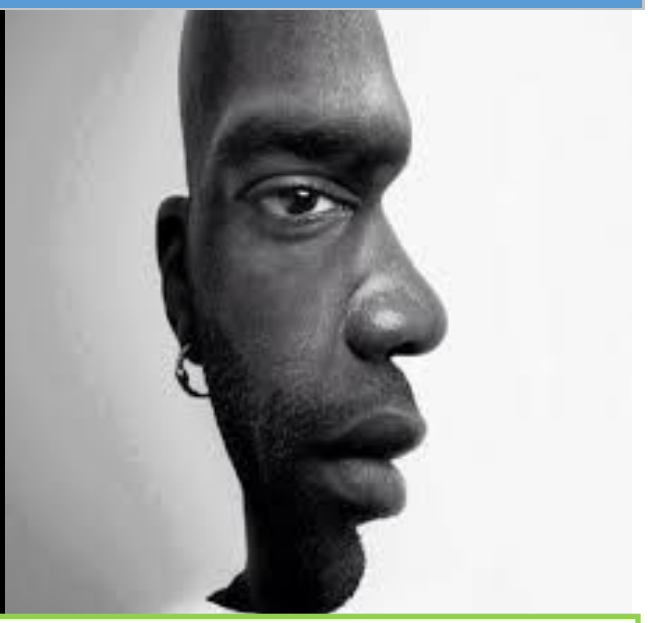
Our association is not the Board or area reps; it's all of you. To best represent you it must have your input, your ideas. If there are other ideas or needs please let your reps or the Board know.

The SCAO offers a Basic Lensometry Workshop taught by Grant Brown. It covers basic optics needed and hands on, individual practice with SV, Bi-focals and progressive single lenses and complete pairs. De-centration, seg height, horizon-tal and vertical prism are read and discussed. As a workshop, the goal is to be sure each per-son's needs are recognized.

Please take note!

All licensed opticians and apprentices must be aware or the requirement to report your change of address with the SCLLR as required by your li-cense. That DOES NOT change your address with the SCAO treasurer. You must notify the Treasurer at gosnelldan@yahoo.com to update the roles so you get the dues statements as well as all the education notifica-tions and mailings. Be sure to include the mailing and email address.





♪ " Oh say can you see?"♪ What else is in the first picture and where is he facing in the second?

A note from the Opticians Association of America:

Hello to my friends in South Carolina! My name is Johnna Dukes and I'm the new President of the Opticians Association of America. A little about me, I'm an Optician in Iowa, own my own boutique, am a writer and also do some continuing educational speaking. I am always amazed at how many opportunities this industry has given me and I do truly have a love for this field. As a working Optician, I can also tell you that I see you. I know how hard you work, I understand how difficult these past few years have been when it comes to providing service to the public. I know what you go through on a daily basis and I want to tell you how important that is when it comes to this role as the President of the OAA. I want to encourage you to get involved in your state association, even if you've never done anything like that before. I happen to know firsthand that you have some great leaders in your organization who would be willing to help you get involved if you are interested. Don't stop with your state association, get involved with the OAA also! If you haven't become an Honored Fellow please go to the OAA's website at OAA.org and sign up. The Honored Fellow endorsement allows you to vote and to possibly run for office if you so desire! The long and the short of it is that our voice is much louder when more of us are involved, so please never underestimate how much your voice matters, and how much you matter to our industry. I'm proud to be an Optician and I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent Opticians, I hope you will join me.

Johnna Dukes,

President, OAA

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