

THE TENNESSEE OPTICIAN

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TDOA Annual Convention



Welcome to Nashville Tennessee! This year's TDOA Annual Convention will be held in Music City at the Airport Embassy Suites Hotel.

The Embassy Suites is located just one exit away from the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and OpryMills Mall area.

Nashville is also the home of many famous attractions such as the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum and the historic Ryman Auditorium. For information on Nashville go to www.nashville.citysearch.com For hotel reservations and information call 615-871-0033 or go to www.embassysuites.com

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 26

Embassy Suites Airport
3:00pm—5:00pm

Saturday June 27

Please note the first two hours of the day are not ABO approved courses, therefore they will not count toward ABO certifications but they do count as ABO credit toward Tennessee licenses.

8:00am - 9:00am
"The Latest Techniques in Eyelid Rejuvenation"
1 Hour Deborah Sherman, M.D.

9:00am - 10:00am
"Evaluating Eyelid Lumps and Bumps"
1 Hour Deborah Sherman, M.D.

10:00am - Noon
"Ocular Prosthetics and What You Should Know"
2 ABO Hours Patrick Adkins, BCO

Luncheon Noon to 1:30pm

1:30pm - 2:30pm
"Patient Evaluation and Lens Selection"
1 NCLE Hour Phyllis Rakow

2:30pm - 4:30pm
"Cosmetics and the Contact Lens Wearer"
1 NCLE Hour Phyllis Rakow

4:30pm - 5:30pm
"Troubleshooting Contact Lens Problems"
2 NCLE Hours Phyllis Rakow

Sunday June 28

8:00am - 9:00am
"Fitting and Dispensing Pediatric and Children's Eyewear"
1 ABO Hour Diane Drake

9:00am - 10:00am
"Customer Service 101+, When That's Not Enough!"
1 ABO Hour Diane Drake

10:00am - Noon
"Problem Solving for Uncommon Prescriptions"
2 ABO Hours Diane Drake

Luncheon Noon to 1:00pm

1:00pm - 2:00pm
"Mini-Scleral and Scleral Lenses for Today's Patients"
1 NCLE Hour LeDonna Buckner

2:00pm - 3:00pm
"Contact Lenses for the Astigmatic Patient"
1 NCLE Hour LeDonna Buckner

3:00pm - 4:00pm
"The Irregular Cornea: Tools, Techniques and Patient Management"
1 NCLE Hour LeDonna Buckner

4:00pm - 5:00pm
"Presbyopia - Are You Listening to Your Patients Needs?"
1 NCLE Hour LeDonna Buckner

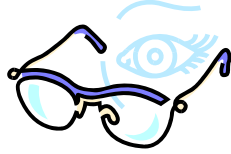


TDOA heads to Music City!

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Check out the website for forms, legislative information, classified ads and board member contact information..

If you are ABO/NCLE certified ask for your certificates at our event before each course after you sign in.

Someone will be passing out certificates and stamping them after each course is over. Double check the certificate to ensure you have the correct course. We have a limited number of certificates. If there are none available for the course you need please give your name and the course name to the attendant and we will mail one to you.

A Message from the President...

Dear Fellow Opticians.

The first half of this year has been exciting. The House and Senate bills we worked on to extend the termination date of the licensing board finally made it through to the Governor's desk before the close of legislature. I want to thank all of you who put forth the extra effort to make phone calls and visits to Nashville to speak with the representatives. I believe that this extra time and effort was well spent. Thanks also goes to those who were able to get the Doctors of Optometry and Ophthalmology to write letters in support.

Please take time to review the pictures from Capitol Hill Day. I think you will find them interesting. These people took extra time off from their jobs and school to be there so if you have time please give them a special thank you.

Remember this year our convention will be in Nashville and our year end CE hours will be in Knoxville. Pre registering is another way you can help to keep the TDOA strong. This way Headquarters will have everything organized and prepared for you on the day of the event.

The TDOA is your voice in the state. We are always interested in your comments and suggestions. Contact can be made by calling, writing, faxing or emailing Mellissa at Headquarters or calling one of the Officers or Board of Directors in your area. If you wish a reply to your comment or suggestion, please indicate that in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

Greg DeCrow

TDOA President

Vote for the Optician of the Year

To vote on the 2009 TDOA Optician of the Year you can go to the Forms page on our website www.tdoa.org and fax or mail it in or you can call or email headquarters with your votes.

Fall Hours In Knoxville

The TDOA last chance hours will be held on Sunday, October 25th in Knoxville in the Woods Auditorium at the UT hospital. These will be the last hours provided by the TDOA in 2009.

The following time schedule of courses may change please check the TDOA website closer to the event.

8:00am - 9:00am
 "You Deserve a Medal for Handling Patient Complaints"
 1 ABO Hour Jackie O'Keefe Lincoln
 9:00am - 10:00am
 "Optical Jeopardy!"
 1 ABO Hour Jackie O'Keefe Lincoln
 10:00am - Noon
 "How to Add a Safety Eye-

wear Program to Your Business or Practice"
 2 ABO Hours Jackie O'Keefe Lincoln
 Lunch on your own
 Noon to 1:00pm
 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 "HIV/AIDS: Infectious Disease and the Eye Care Professional"
 2 NCLE Hours Jane Buckland

3:00pm - 5:00pm
 "Contact Lens Alternatives to Refractive Surgery"
 2 NCLE Hours Jane Buckland
 Please pre-register for these hours using the form on the back of this newsletter.

Opticians Day on the Hill a Success

On April 1st TDOA board members along side volunteers took to Capitol Hill in Nashville to talk to legislators about extending our licensing board.

The opticians spoke with every available legislator, staff member and citizen present about the impor-

tance of a licensed optician.
 Senator Ophelia Ford and Representative Susan Lynn made a point to stop by the table and speak to everyone.
 As a result of this day of recognition the House and Senate voted to extend the

Tennessee Licensing board for a further six years. The bill was signed by Governor Bredesen on May 20th.
 Please take time to thank all of the volunteers listed who gave their time to help out on Hill Day.

- Thank you to those who showed up on Hill Day:
 Kathy Hawkins
 Greg DeCrow
 Felda Stacey
 Janet Pasinger
 Cindy Wright
 Larry Christopher
 Jane Moore
 Mike Goggin
 Bill Maurice
 Steve Dietze
 Darrell Lassiter
 Lisa Vetitoe
 Chris Milam
 William Abrams
 Tammy Eason
 Tammy Buckley
 Barbara Coles
Roane State Students:
 Megan Blevins
 Stephanie Taylor
 Martha Ellis
 Danielle Petrey
 Joann Hoskins



TDOA Treasurer Felda Stacey with Representative Gary Moore



Licensing Board Chairperson Kathy Hawkins, Representative Susan Lynn, TDOA Treasurer Felda Stacey, Darrell Lassiter and Jane Moore



Licensing Board Chairperson Kathy Hawkins, Senator Ophelia Ford, TDOA President Greg Decrow and TDOA Board member Janet Pasinger.



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I would like to attend Continuing Education Hours in:

CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE JUNE 27TH AND 28TH _____
KNOXVILLE OCTOBER 25TH _____

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CHECK ONE: _____ LDO _____ ASSOCIATE

_____ APPRENTICE _____ STUDENT DPO OR REGISTERED APPRENTICE # _____

FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR CONVENTION ONLY

I WILL BE ATTENDING : _____ SATURDAY _____ SUNDAY _____ BOTH CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

I WILL ATTEND TDOA LUNCHEON: _____ SATURDAY _____ SUNDAY _____ BOTH

(COMPLIMENTARY TO ALL TDOA MEMBERS)

_____ I WILL BE BRINGING _____ # OF GUESTS TO THE LUNCHEON @ \$15.00 PER PERSON.

VISA _____ MASTERCARD (CIRCLE ONE) # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

SEND THIS FORM TO THE TDOA ADDRESS ABOVE NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.