

THE TENNESSEE OPTICIAN

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Last Chance for Hours Nashville November 13th!

The last continuing education session for 2011 will be in Nashville on Sunday, November 13, 2011. This year the hours will be at Skyline Medical Center off of Briley Parkway.

The speakers this year are LeDonna Buckner for contact lens hours and Jackie O'Keefe Lincoln for spectacle hours.

Registration for the Nashville hours will end on Monday, November 7, 2011. You can register by calling headquarters, using the internet form, or faxing in the form on the back of the newsletter.

Skyline is located at 3441 Dickerson Pike in Nashville. To get to the medical center go to I-65 North, then take exit 90A US-31W, N/US-41, N/Dickerson Pike the medical center will be on the right.

This is going to be a great CE session with experienced speakers. We hope you will all join us.

*Nashville CE hours
will move to
Skyline Medical
Center
3441 Dickerson
Pike, Nashville, TN
37207*



Schedule of Events

7:30am—Sign in/Registration

8:00 am—Contact Lens Indications and Contradictions – LeDonna Buckner 1 NCLE Hour

9:00 am—Speaking the Same Language As Your Consultant – LeDonna Buckner 1 NCLE Hour

10:00 am—Materials, Designs and Fitting Philosophies of GP Lenses – LeDonna Buckner 1 NCLE Hour

11:00 am—Contact Lens Fitting Using Corneal Topography – LeDonna Buckner 1 NCLE Hour

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm—Dispensing to the Elderly – Jackie O'Keefe 1 ABO Hour

2:00 pm—Eyewear Adjustments...A Hands On Approach – Jackie O'Keefe 2 ABO Hours

4:00 pm—Optical Jeopardy – Jackie O'Keefe 1 ABO Hour

Important Dates :

November 7, 2011—
Registration Ends for
Nashville CEs

November 13, 2011—
Nashville Chapter Hours

March 5, 2012—
Registration Ends for
Memphis CEs

March 25, 2012—
Memphis CEs

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TDOA homepage.

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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,

This year seems to be moving along quite rapidly. The convention has come and gone and we are headed toward the last quarter of the year. I hope everyone had a great summer and all is well.

For me this year has had it's highs and its lows. News of the loss of fellow opticians and their family members caused me some time in somber thought about how fragile life is and the time we spend here is short. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Our fellow optician and association board member Bea Hall has struggled with illness this year but is doing well. She was a trooper through the convention. Even though she was not feeling well she still came and put in time and a half working to help make the convention successful. Thanks Bea, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

I also want to thank the vendors who supported the convention. Without them we could not have such a successful event. Please take the time to thank them for their support personally and through the purchase of their products.

This year we added some new members to the board of directors. From Johnson City we have Mikki Daniels and Diane McMurray. I am looking forward to working with them and hearing their input into the direction the association should go. If you have any ideas, questions or thoughts I know they will be glad to hear from you. These ladies are your representatives so feel free to give them your input. Also check out the directors from Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga and contact them from your part of the state.

Looking toward the end of the year the association is hosting one more chance for CE's this November in Nashville. This may be the last chance for you to obtain the hours you need to keep your license current. Contact Mellissa at headquarters to register.

Keeping Opticianry Strong in Tennessee,

Greg DeCrow
TDOA President

Gatlinburg Convention A Success!

This year's annual convention was held in Gatlinburg at the Park Vista Hotel. Members who attended enjoyed courses by Ed DeGennaro, Jane Buckland, Diane Drake and Jerry Ann Himes. The convention started off rocky when Ed DeGennaro was delayed due to flight cancellations. Thanks to technology we were able to broadcast him live from the airport to do his hours on Saturday morning.

The TDOA also held a silent auction during the courses on Saturday and Sunday to raise money for the association. The money raised will go toward speakers who are not sponsored and to secure nice venues for future events. The silent auction was very successful and raised \$1115.50.

The association intends to have another auction in 2012 so if you have items to donate they will be welcome. Please send them to Mellissa at headquarters or to your nearest board member.

Also during the convention elections were held for new officers. The Sergeant at Arms position went to Charlie Bowman. The following were re-elected: Kathy Hawkins

(Director Nashville), Larry Christopher (Director Memphis) and Randy Dishmon (Director Knoxville). Then two new directors were elected for the Johnson City area, Diane McMurray of Kingsport and Mikki Daniel of Elizabethton. The board has grown and this year we are excited to have new opinions and new perspectives to add to the group.

On Sunday Jerry Himes, along with Karen LeQuire representing Carl Zeiss Vision/Cumberland Lab Nashville, introduced the iProfiler by Zeiss. The iProfiler plus combines a wavefront aberrometer, autorefractor and corneal topogra-

phy in one device. Jamie Baker from Kingsport, TN said "It's always fascinating to see ophthalmic technology in progress."

Overall the convention was a fun time. Everyone received a goodie bag, got to bid on auction items, enjoyed a beautiful hilltop hotel and had a good line up of courses to choose from. Thank you Gatlinburg for your hospitality in hosting a great event!

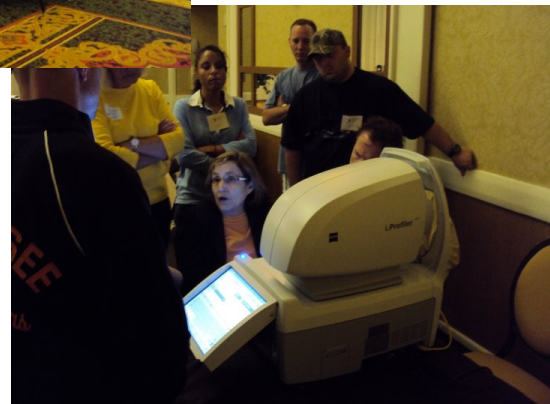
Jane Buckland awards Bob Boles the 2012 Membership in TDOA he won in a drawing.



Diane Drake presents her hours on Sunday.



Saturday's luncheon was sponsored by Southern Optical/Essilor



Jerry Himes in a hands on session in Gatlinburg.

TDOA Optician of the Year Joy Beth Foster Wins Top Honor

At the 2011 Convention in Gatlinburg Joy Beth Foster was named Optician of the Year. Joy, who works for the Johnson City Eye Clinic, was nominated for her hard work as the current vice-president of the TDOA and her past work in helping to create the Johnson City chapter of the TDOA.

Joy is always working to help Tennessee opticians any way she can. She is on four committees within the board and was

the chairperson of the 2011 Convention committee.

She was presented the honor at the luncheon on Saturday by the past optician of the year, Greg DeCrow. Her family, including her new grandson, were there to cheer her on.

The optician of the year is a licensed optician in the state of Tennessee who is of service to the optical profession.



Joy Beth Foster receiving her Optician of the Year award from the former winner, Greg DeCrow.



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Help Wanted:

Pediatric Ophthalmologist in Memphis, TN in need of a licensed dispensing optician for a privately owned optical shop to become a part of our strong, fun team. Must love to work with children, have a great sense of humor and attention to detail. Knowledge of contacts helpful, but not necessary. This is a full-time position. to lukaszeskicr@yahoo.com or fax to (901)681-4052



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Don't forget:

**Pre-registration for the
Nashville Hours with
headquarters ends on
November 7th.**

**Remember to go to
Skyline not Baptist!!**

I would like to attend the TDOA Chapter Hours

_____ **Nashville November 13, 2011**

_____ **Memphis March 25, 2012**

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