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The latest news and updates from the Opticians Association of Washington

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Not Your Dad's OAW

The OAW is changing and it is definitely not your dad's OAW. We have a strong and rich heritage, but we cannot rest on our past to carry us into the future. There is a new generation of leaders that is working across all committees to improve our education opportunities, grow our membership ranks, and work with the legislature in Olympia to ensure that our licensure is protected.

Some of the changes we have made are to Membership Dues. We understand that annual dues are due right after some major holidays and that it can be a barrier for some to join so we will for the first time offer OAW as a subscription in 2021. Just like your favorite streaming service, you can now pay your dues with an automatic payment of \$15.00 a month. Being a subscriber gives you all the same benefits you enjoyed as a prepaid member so there really is no drawback to becoming a subscriber in 2021. Be sure to tell your fellow opticians and encourage them to join today!

Speaking of talking to your fellow opticians that aren't current members, have we got a surprise for you! In another first, we will be offering members a gift membership with their paid membership. Think of it as a buddy pass like you get at the gym. You can bring a friend and they get to see all the new things we are offering at OAW and encourage them to join as a paying member themselves.

How the program works:

- You must pay your annual membership dues in full no later than 31 December 2020.
- You will receive a certificate that you can gift to a fellow optician. The gift membership will have all the same benefits as a regular member.
- **The recipient of the gift membership cannot have been an OAW member within the past ten years.**

You, our OAW members, are our best ambassadors. We need you to spread the word of the benefits of membership to your cohorts. It is also important to remember that you do not have to be an LDO in Washington to be a member. We have various memberships for non-licensed associates, retirees, students, apprentices, and affiliates so let's spread the word!

We want to hear from you! Suggestions or feedback should be directed to the OAW Board. You can find all the ways to contact us on our website at www.OAW.org

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JEFFREY ZEITLER- Jeffrey is the current President of the Opticians Association of Washington. He has served on the board since 2016 including one term as Membership chair. He has been active with several other committees including Legislative as his focus is in protecting licensure in Washington State. Jeff graduated from Seattle Central College, School of Opticianry in 2012 and began his optical career. He brings his experiences from working for independent ECPs, labs, and his current position at a corporate optical to his position as President. He is passionate about being an optician and loves meeting and working with people to help them look and see their best.



NICOLE ASKARIAN- Nicole is the current Vice President of the OAW. She has been a member of the OAW since 2014. She graduated from Seattle Central School of Opticianry in 2016. She is passionate about giving back to the community and is the executive vision director for the Seattle King County Clinic. She enjoys learning languages and trying new food.



LEE LAVIGNE - Lee began his optical career in 1996 in central Texas with Walmart Vision Center. He relocated to Washington in 2010 and earned his LDO in 2015. During his twenty-four years in the industry he has worked for corporate and independent optical offices and has been an optician, lab technician, office manager, and independent frame representative. Having worked in a non-licensed state, Lee has seen the value that education and licensing brings to our profession and the public that we serve. He has also witnessed the detrimental effects that come when there are no requirements for education whatsoever. Lee loves being an optician and takes great pride in helping people see their world as best as they can. He is honored to be an OAW Board member and looks forward to giving back to the community that has helped him grow as a professional more than he ever imagined it could.

OAW Chapter News

Even though the various chapters of the Opticians Association of Washington have not been meeting in person due to COVID-19, they are still working to bring the CE credits to opticians across the state. Every month since July (excluding October due to Fall Convention), there has been an ABO and a NCLE continuing education class online via Zoom. Each chapter has taken turns hosting these classes. The credits are free for OAW members, and \$15 per credit for non-OAW members. These Zoom CE classes will continue through at least the end of December 2020. There are currently chapters in Central Washington, Snohomish, South Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Walla Walla. If anyone is interested in starting a chapter in the area that they live and work in, please contact Donna Hatch or myself. We'd be happy to help you start up a chapter in your area!

Follow the the OAW on Facebook to find out about upcoming chapter meetings near you!



A Message from Modern Optical

Dear Opticians Association of America Members:

Modern Optical proudly supports the Opticians Association of America and its philanthropic endeavors through the Vision of Hope Foundation. Our new giving program is easy, offering great potential for maximum impact. Effective immediately, Modern Optical will donate 5% of all OAA-Modern Optical orders back to Vision of Hope.

To register your account for this automatic ongoing program, please contact your Modern Optical liaison, Cheryl Evans. Cheryl: 800.323.2409, ext 503 or CEvans@modernoptical.com

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November 8, 2020



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October 25, 2020- Apprentice Training



Vancouver Chapter - Nicole Flanagan

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Snohomish Chapter - Alisa Pronzato

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Walla Walla Chapter-



MODERN OPTICAL
INTERNATIONAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT
18

OAW Fall Education Day 2020!

NOV
05

1-NCLE Hosted by the Snohomish Chapter

NOV
18

1-ABO Hosted by the Spokane Chapter

DEC
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1-ABO Hosted by the Spokane Chapter

DEC
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1-NCLE Hosted by the Vancouver Chapter



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HAPPY

HOUR

A VIRTUAL MEETUP TO
SUPPORT EACH OTHER

Every third Sunday of the month!

Visit our Facebook page for more info
@OpticiansAssociationofWashington



ONLINE!

FALL EDUCATION DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

Attendees must be checked-in/logged on to Zoom by 7:45am

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| 8:00-8:50a.m. | Can Your Contact Lens Practice Co-Exist with the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic? <i>Ladonna Buckner</i> | 1 NCLE |
| 9:05-9:55a.m. | Your Roadmap to Success: Fluorescein Interpretation <i>Ladonna Buckner</i> | 1 NCLE |
| 10:10-11:00a.m. | Prism: Everything You Need to Know <i>Phernell Walker</i> | 1 ABO |
| 11:15a.m.-12:05p.m. | Eyezen Start Lens <i>Todd Lossone/Essilor</i> | 1 ABO |
| 12:15-12:35p.m. | L U N C H B R E A K | |
| 12:35-1:25p.m. | Fundamentals of Progressive Lens Design <i>Todd Lossone/Essilor</i> | 1 ABO |
| 1:40-2:30p.m. | Level 3 Technical Ocular Complications Associated With Contact Lens Wear <i>Dr. Scott Keating</i> | 1 NCLE |
| 2:45-3:35p.m. | Piggyback Contact Lens Fitting <i>Professor Robert Russo</i> | 1 NCLE |
| 3:50-4:40p.m. | Pediatric Contact Lens Fitting <i>Professor Robert Russo</i> | 1 NCLE |
| 4:55-5:45p.m. | The Solution Dilemma <i>Professor Robert Russo</i> | 1 NCLE |



There will be exciting vendor presentations and give-aways between classes!

ATTENDEES MUST ATTEND ALL COURSES TO RECEIVE CE CREDITS.

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