

Newsletter

VISION SCREENING VOLUNTEERS IN HIGH DEMAND!! TRAINING PROVIDED.

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OAC/OCC/OEC/NACOR/NACO/NEC... What Do The Acronyms Mean??

Opticians Association of Canada - The OAC is an advocate for Canadian opticians. Their members are individual Canadian Opticians who are represented at the OAC Board table by individuals from the Provincial associations. The OAC works with both provincial associations and individual Opticians on an issue-by issue basis providing them with resource. The OAC watchdogs legislation in all provinces to make sure it doesn't contain conditions that would disadvantage Opticians. Basically the OAC tries to provide its members with what they need whether that means undertaking large national projects or individual counseling and a shoulder to lean on.

National Association of Canadian Opticians Regulators - NACOR provides an opportunity for the provincial regulatory bodies to get together to discuss standards and guidelines, professional competencies, and through the national examination committee it provides standardized regulatory examinations for provincial regulatory bodies who wish to use the service.

National Accreditation Committee of Opticians - NACO - exists as a sub-committee to NACOR, dealing with accreditation and examinations.

National Examination Committee - An extension of NACO, the NEC has an objective of developing an examination that will be accepted across Canada. Currently, the National Exam is used in nine provinces

and it has been administered on more than forty occasions.

Opticians Education Committee - The OEC consists of teaching institutions that believe it is important to share insights about content and formats of education for Canadian opticians. As an example, prior to the creation of the OEC, when opticians decided they wanted to move in the direction of increasing their scope of practice, they needed to approach the teaching institutions individually about developing a training program to support the initiative. Had the OEC been in place the OAC, speaking for the provincial associations, would have made a presentation to the OEC requesting its members' support in the development of training programs. One of the functions of the OEC has been to validate the teaching institution accreditation process that has been developed by NACO.

Opticians Council of Canada - The OCC is a unique forum for the OAC, NACOR, NACO, NEC, and OEC to sit at the same table and discuss issues of mutual interest - sometimes developing a policy that all parties agree to. For example - we need to have a common definition of what an optician does. It would be nice to have a common policy on Ortho 'K'. You should know that the integrated structure that has been developed in Canada seems to be unique and has been commented on with admiration by provincial governments and national opticians bodies in the U.S.

Don't forget to register your team for the
 OOM Annual Golf Tournament !

Vision Screening Committee NEEDS YOU!!

The Opticians of Manitoba Vision Screening Committee is in desperate need of volunteers. The committee is scheduled to go to Lavalee School on September 5th and Greenway School on September 18th, 19th & 20th to perform Vision Screening Tests on young students. The show must go on, but can't without your help!

A minimum of 8 full day spots for staffing is required for these events to take place. Individuals are asked to volunteer any amount of time that is suitable to their schedules, whether it be a few hours or a full day. Training is provided to all individuals who wish to volunteer.

If helping young children see better isn't enough incentive to make you come out and volunteer, the OOM also provides continuing education credits for these events. Individuals interested, please contact Nada Lefko at 982-3237.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Recent Graduates of the Optical Programs

2007 Graduates

Eyeglasses

Biljana Bukvic
Elizabeth Brodt
Janice Cruz
Senada Hajdarevic
Janice Harder
Terri Hildebrand
Melissa Huybrecht
Awndrea Jessop
Leonard Keith
Kristin Lyss
Zirka Maystoric
Heidi Regier
Kerric Schick
Rachel Thiessen
Kevin Tran

Contact Lenses

Pamela MacKay

High Mark Award Winners

EG1-Jennifer Heaman
EG2-Awndrea Jessop
AP1-Romelia DeGuzman
CL2-Pamela MacKay

Congrats!!

NATIONAL EXAMINATION HIGH MARKS

Congratulations also goes out to *Melissa Huybrecht* and *Pamela MacKay* for achieving the highest marks in the recent sitting of the National Eyeglass and Contact Lens Examinations written in Manitoba.

Attention Student Supervisors/Mentors

If you are undertaking the mentoring of a student optician here are a few tips that might help you out.

1. Read the Supervisor's Handbook thoroughly. It will help you understand your responsibilities.
2. Read the Student's Handbook thoroughly. This will clue you in as to what skill sets the student is expected to perform and allows you to set a schedule that targets times when you will teach each skill.
3. Review the Practicum Level Requirements with the Student. This will ensure you are both on the same page in regards to practical requirement expectations.
4. Give the student as much practice as you can using the lensometer. Focus on duplicating a prescription as well as on lens verification. Duplicating a prescription is a much tougher test of skill than verifying. With verification the student has an expectation of what to look for. With duplication the student is starting with no expectation.
5. If you are mentoring a contact lens student it is your responsibility to make certain the student gets some supervised fitting time in. Contact lens students have to log a specific number of fits including gas permeable fits. Not every dispensary does gas permeable fits. If your dispensary falls into that category have the student speak with the contact lens instructors and/or the OOM Education Department.

With Deepest Sympathy...

Marina Christine Vitelli (October 15, 1967 – July 31, 2007). It is with deep sorrow after a courageous and lengthy battle with cancer Marina passed away on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the Riverview Health Centre. She was a loving wife and mother. Marina was born and raised in Winnipeg. She graduated from Grant Park High School in 1985. She was an excellent student and loved sports. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with her Bachelor of Science Degree. Marina joined King

Optical, shortly thereafter Marina was selected regional sales manager for Calgary and British Columbia. She then went on to the position of national sales manager for all of Canada for 15 years. Marina was an integral part of the Optical Community in Manitoba and across Canada. She will be deeply missed. A funeral service was held on August 7th. In lieu of flowers those who wish may donate to an Education Trust Fund for her children and can do so through the Scotia Bank at 1-9 Killarney Avenue.

**THE OPTICIANS OF MANITOBA
CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSION
AND
GRADUATION CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Continuing Education Sessions

Location:	West Ballroom, 5th Floor Fort Garry Place 83 Garry St. Winnipeg, Manitoba	
9:15 – 10:15	Transitions Optical Healthy Sight Counseling for Children 1.5 EG	Tim Schmidt
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	Conflict Management and Resolution 2EG/CL	TBA
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch Break – Lunch will not be provided	
1:15 – 2:15	Bausch & Lomb Determining the Best CL Options with Today's Lens Care Realities 2 CL	Dr. Michelle Elliott
2:15 – 3:15	Nikon Optical Demystifying Freeform Lenses 2EG	TBA

Graduation Ceremony

Location:	Hotel Fort Garry Broadway Room	Tickets: Members \$ 45.00 Guests of Members \$ 35.00 Corporate Table of 8 \$ 275.00
	Time: Cocktails 6:30-7:00 Dinner and Ceremonies 7:00-9:00	

Dress: *Semi-Formal*

Your official invitation and Confirmation of Attendance form to the Graduation is in this Newsletter. The Council of the Opticians of Manitoba hope you will join in honoring our recent graduates, celebrating their success, and officially welcoming our newest members into the optical community.

Vision Canada 2007

October 12, 13 & 14, 2007

Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre
Kelowna, British Columbia

Register early to increase your chances
of winning a set of alpine or x-country
skis AND a trip to the 2010 Winter
Olympics in Vancouver!

Saturday, October 13th, 2007

Lecture Schedule

- 8:00-8:50 AM Refracting and Beyond - Part One: Refracting Lane Workshop **3 EG/CL Credits**
8:50-9:45 AM Refracting and Beyond - Part Two: Where Do We Go From Here? **3 EG/CL Credits**
9:50-10:50 AM Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Manager: Leadership Is The Key **2 EC Credits**
3:10-4:30 PM Student Monographs and Corneal Mapping Techniques **3 EG/CL Credits**
4:30-5:30 PM W.A.V.E. Technology & Higher Order Abberations - Troubleshooting Technology **2 EG Credits**

Workshop Schedule

9:00 AM-4:00 PM NAIT/OAC Eyeglass Student Workshop - This workshop will be run by Manitoba's own Harold Klause, and will focus on verification and neutralization as well as other practical components of the program. This workshop is open to all students enrolled in the NAIT/OAC Eyeglasses Programs.

Sunday, October 14th, 2007

Lecture Schedule

- 10:00-11:30 AM Motivational Lecture: Climb Beyond Your Summit: Assess Your Personal and Professional Dreams and Ambitions, Then Go For It! **3 Other Credits**
1:15-2:05 PM Age Related Macular Degeneration **2 EC Credits**
2:20-3:10 PM From The 60's to 60 - The Expanding Role of the Optician **2 EG/CL Credits**
3:15-4:05 PM Visual Fatigue and Detection: The Opticians Role **2 EG/CL Credits**
4:10-5:00 PM Telling the Best Story - Benchmarks and Best Practices The Evolving Role of the Optician **2 Other Credits**

Workshop Schedule

9:00 AM-4:00 PM NAIT/OAC Contact Lens Student Workshop - This workshop will be run by Manitoba's own Heather Power, and will focus on RGP fittings, use of the Radiuscope as well as other practical components of the program. This workshop is open to all students enrolled in the NAIT/OAC Advance d Practice CL Programs. **6 CL Credits**
1:00 PM-4:00 PM Business Owners Workshop- Navigating Uncharted Waters: Developing A Business Strategy
The workshop will focus on developing and improving your Business Strategy. **3 EC Credits**

For more information, visit the Vision Canada website at www.vision-canada.ca or call 1-866-377-3636

2007/2008 Council Members

Executive Committee

President - Anne Passalis
Vice President - K. Heather Power
Treasurer - Joanne Deley
Secretary/Registrar - Laurie Humphreys
Legal Counsel - Bill Gange
Public Member - Lillian Allan
Chief Administrative Officer - Maureen Harrison

Council Members

Sandra Blanchette
Robert Groshak
Jeffrey Kerr
Joceline Krzyszczyk
Nada Lefko
Lorna Matthews
Todd Smith

LAUNCH OF A NEW OPTICIANS OF MANITOBA WEBSITE

On September 5th, 2007 the Opticians of Manitoba will be launching their NEW website! The website has been given a snazzy new design and will be flooded with updated information including, but not limited to: continuing education, legislative submissions, news releases, registration information, upcoming events, student resources and classified ads.

**CHECK IT
OUT!!**

We want the new website to be a helpful
resource tool for you.
So check us out on September 5th
and let us know what you think!!



THE OPTICIANS OF MANITOBA

Invite You To Participate
In Their

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

River Oaks Golf Course
Lot 63 Waverley...South of the Perimeter
September 10, 2007

TEE OFF TIME: 11:30

FEES: \$50.00 PER PERSON (includes golf & barbeque)
\$25.00 PER PERSON - barbeque only

The tournament will be a Manitoba Scramble format, and teams must include 2 men and 2 women, please register as a team. Deadline for registration is September 4, 2006. Registrations should be sent to:

Opticians of Manitoba
2706-83 Garry St.
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 4J9

Registrations must include a cheque to cover your team's fees. If you have any questions contact Dennis Vandale at 947-0344

Everyone is welcome so be sure to tell your staff, spouses, etc.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

GOLFERS: _____

BARBECUE
ONLY: _____

FEES: GOLF & BARBECUE - \$50.00 PER PERSON
 BARBECUE ONLY - \$25.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO THE OPTICIANS OF MANITOBA

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
the
Commencement Exercises for the
Recent Graduates
of
The Opticians of Manitoba
Eyeglass & Contact Lens Dispensing Programs

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2007

Dress: Semi-Formal

Tickets: Members \$ 45.00

Guests of Members \$ 35.00

Corporate Table of 8 \$ 275.00

Location: The Fort Garry Hotel

Broadway Room

222 Broadway Avenue, Winnipeg

Time: Cocktails 6:30-7:00

Dinner and Ceremonies 7:00-9:00

Please select from the following three menu items:

Roast Chicken Breast with a Savoury Focaccia Stuffing & an Apple Cider Jus

Baby Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Market Vegetables

OR

Roast Crown of Pork with Sausage & Apple Stuffing

Baby Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Market Vegetables

OR

Spaghetti Squash Lasagna with Garlic Rosemary Cream Sauce

Salad:

Mixed Greens with Balsamic & Sundried Cranberry Vinaigrette

Dessert:

Mini Chocolate Grand Marnier Mousse Cake

(Alternate dessert choice provided for individuals with allergies)

RSVP Required by September 14th, 2007

*(Please fill out the enclosed Confirmation of Attendance form and return to the
OOM office via facsimile, email or mail.*

If registering a Corporate table, please call the OOM office to register at 982-6060)

The Opticians of Manitoba

2007 Graduation Ceremony

*Broadway Room, The Fort Garry Hotel
Saturday, September 29, 2007*

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

- * A confirmation of attendance form must be filled out for each member or graduate.
- * If you are bringing more than 3 guests, please contact the OOM for an additional form.

Attendee

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Ticket: (check the one that applies)

- 2007 Graduate (N/C) 2007 Course Instructor (N/C) OOM Council Member (\$35) OOM Member (\$45)

Meal of Choice: (check only one)

* all meals include mixed greens and dessert

- Roast Chicken Breast Roast Crown of Pork Spaghetti Squash Lasagna

Do you have allergies and require an alternate choice for dessert? (check if applicable) Yes

Guest # 1 (\$35)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Meal of Choice: (check only one)

* all meals include mixed greens and dessert

- Roast Chicken Breast Roast Crown of Pork Spaghetti Squash Lasagna

Do you have allergies and require an alternate choice for dessert? (check if applicable) Yes

Guest # 2 (\$35)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Meal of Choice: (check only one)

* all meals include mixed greens and dessert

- Roast Chicken Breast Roast Crown of Pork Spaghetti Squash Lasagna

Do you have allergies and require an alternate choice for dessert? (check if applicable) Yes

Guest # 3 (\$35)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Meal of Choice: (check only one)

* all meals include mixed greens and dessert

- Roast Chicken Breast Roast Crown of Pork Spaghetti Squash Lasagna

Do you have allergies and require an alternate choice for dessert? (check if applicable) Yes

PAYMENT

Method of Payment: (check one) Cheque/Money Order* VISA Mastercard

* if paying by cheque or money order, please mail this form along with your payment

Credit Card Number _____

Name on Card _____ Expiry Date _____

RSVP required by September 14th, 2007

Please return this form to the OOM office via mail, email or facsimile.

Fax. (204) 947-2519 Email. oom@opticians.ca Mail. 2706 – 83 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4J9



**VISION CANADA 2007
KELOWNA, B.C
October 12 – 14, 2007
The Grand Okanagan Resort
Registration Form**

VIRTUAL VISION CANADA
REGISTRATION
MUST BE COMPLETED
ELECTRONICALLY AT
www.vision-canada.ca
ALL INFO SECURE

One registration form per registrant. Forms cannot be processed unless fully completed

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

(THIS IS HOW YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG- PRINT CLEARLY)

Optician _____ Optometrist _____ Student _____ Supplier _____ Media _____ Other _____ License # _____

Business Name (if providing business address) _____

Street Address (H ___ B ___) _____

City & Province _____ P/Code _____ Daytime Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Fax # _____

Guest Name: _____ (Guest may not attend lectures)

BECOME AN OAC MEMBER NOW FOR BEST CONVENTION RATES AND RECEIVE 4 FREE CON ED MODULES - CALL 1-800-847-3155

Registration Options and Fees

- Fees include con ed credits and food vouchers.
- Students are N/C to the lectures & trade show BUT registration does not include food vouchers
- Students are non-licensed individuals enrolled in an optical training program in the 2007/08 academic years.
- NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2007

Trade Show Hours
Fri – 5 – 10 PM
Sat – 11 AM – 3 PM
Lecture Hours
Sat – 9 – 11am & 3 – 5 PM
Sun – 9 AM – 5 PM

YES I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND WILL ATTEND "DEVELOPING BUSINESS STRATEGIES" WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY _____
Limited to 30 - See lecture schedule for details

REGISTRATION FEES

GST number 12325 5028 RT0001

MARK YOUR EVENTS

	<u>OAC Members</u>	<u>Non OAC Members</u>
Full Weekend _____	\$100.00 + \$6.00 GST = \$106.00 _____	\$175.00 + \$10.50 gst = \$185.50 _____
Saturday Only _____	\$ 60.00 + \$3.60GST = \$ 63.60 _____	\$125.00 + \$ 7.50 gst = \$132.50 _____
Sunday Only _____	\$ 60.00 + \$3.60GST = \$ 63.60 _____	\$125.00 + \$ 7.50 gst = \$132.50 _____
Student – N/C – Student # _____	Trade Show Only (No Con Ed Credits) – N/C _____	
Saturday Night Casino (food, prizes, live entertainment, auction)		\$ 75.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Lunch Tickets per day for Students or Trade Show Only (Full Lunch Buffet)		\$ 25.00 x _____ = \$ _____
		TOTAL \$ _____

Terms of Payment: Cheque ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Name on Card: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

I authorize the Opticians Association of Canada to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

CHEQUES & MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO "VISION CANADA"

Please return form by fax to (204) 947-2519 or mail to
Vision Canada
2706-83 Garry St.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4J9
1-866-377-3636

Registration forms will not be accepted at the
Vision Canada office after Oct 5, 2007.
Registration must be done on site after this date

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Contact The Grand Okanagan at 250-763-4500 or 1-800-465-4651 and mention Vision Canada for special group rates of \$174.00.

**WIN A COMPLETE SET OF SKI EQUIPMENT – ALPINE OR CROSS COUNTRY
PLUS A CHANCE TO WIN A TRIP TO THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS
SPONSORED BY VISION CANADA AND LANCTÔT – REGISTER EARLY FOR MORE CHANCES**

REGISTER BY JULY 31 – 5 CHANCES REGISTER BY AUGUST 31 – 3 CHANCES REGISTER AFTER AUGUST 31 – 1 CHANCE

SURPRISE CHANCES DURING THE TRADE SHOW AND LECTURES

THE WINNER OF THE SKI PACKAGES FOR THE 2007, 2008 AND 2009 VISION CANADA WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES PUT IN A DRAW AT THE 2009 VISION CANADA FOR THE TRIP TO THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS. FULL DETAILS AT WWW.VISION-CANADA.CA

Any personal identifying data on this document will not be sold for commercial purposes and will be used to process your registration to this event but may also be used to contact you with pertinent follow-up information or optical related subjects.