AOA AND AOA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Business Briefs
(references the American Board of Optometry and AOA member Dr. Gary Jacobs)

Ventura County Star | Staff | 12/21/2013

Dr. Gary Jacobs has become certified by the American Board of Optometry after passing a board certification examination in July.

Jacobs also has enrolled in the board’s maintenance of certification program. The 10-year process is designed to allow the optometrist to show he is dedicated to keeping current in optometry.

Jacobs’ office is at 300 E. Esplanade Drive, Suite 560. For more information or an appointment, call 485-5831.

Body & Soul Newsmakers: 12/21/2013
(references the American Board of Optometry)

Traverse City Record-Eagle | Staff | 12/21/2013

Dr. David Canon of Traverse Vision in Traverse City has been board certified by the American Board of Optometry and now has the title Diplomate, American Board of Optometry (ABO).

Dr. Canon completed an accredited residency or a series of rigorous postgraduate activities. He then passed a computer-based examination on issues spanning the scope of practice of optometry. He has enrolled in the ABO’s 10-year Maintenance of Certification program designed to allow the doctor of optometry to demonstrate dedication to keeping current in the field of optometry and delivering quality patient care.
Drop Off Toys for Tots at Vision Center
(mentions American Optometric Association; references AOA member Dr. Bodkin)

Moultrie News| Staff | 12/21/2013

The Vision Center at Seaside Farms announces that they have once again partnered with Toys for Tots as an official drop-off location. Bring in a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Charleston area Toys for Tots and they will thank you by giving you $50 toward your complete eyewear purchase. Help them surpass their goal of 150 toys and bring a smile to a child’s face this Christmas.

Dr. Bodkin owns and practices at The Vision Center at Seaside Farms located at 1956 Long Grove Drive in Mount Pleasant. Dr. Bodkin is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry and a member of the American Optometric Association.

How Can University Educators Help Children's Vision? Katie Johnson Works With Graduate Students in Interactive Media and Design to Develop Vision Screening Tool
(references AOA members Dr. Karen Preston and Dr. Ben Winters)

StreetInsider.com| Staff | 12/21/2013

Under the guidance of Professor Bill Erdly, four graduate students in the department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Washington-Bothell are working with educators in Shoreline and Yakima to develop a teacher-friendly computer tool for vision screening.

Working with Katie Johnson, author of Red Flags for Primary Teachers, Dr. Mary Pellicer, M.D., Dr. Karen Preston, O.D., and M. Helen Spencer of the WA state Council on Aging and former Americorps director in Yakima, Washington, the graduate students are developing software for this project. The UWB portion of the project continues to gain steam as they review existing techniques, technologies, research issues, project planning, and looking at funding possibilities.

(features the IU School of Optometry and AOA member Dr. Stacy Lowdermilk)

The Tribune-Star| Staff | 12/21/2013

Dr. Stacy Lowdermilk has joined the Union Associated Physicians Clinic health care team in the Optometry Department.

Lowdermilk earned her doctorate of optometry from Indiana University School of Optometry. Her clinical interests include family ocular health exams (infant-geriatric); contact lens fittings: single vision, astigmatism, bifocal and mono vision; and diagnosis and co-management of cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and LASIK.

“I’m thrilled to be practicing in my hometown where I’m able to do what I love because I love what I do,” Lowdermilk said.

Lowdermilk is a graduate of Terre Haute North Vigo High School and Indiana State University. Lowdermilk
completed her doctorate at Indiana University in Bloomington. She resides in Clay County.

For more information, call 812-242-3700.

End of a Career
(references AOA members Dr. Julayne Miller and Dr. Matt Mitchell)

Bluffton News Banner | Staff | 12/21/2013

Dr. Jim Van Winkle, left, was honored Thursday, Dec. 19, at Bluffton Family Eye Care for his retirement from optometry. Pictured with him at his reception are Dr. Julayne Miller and Dr. Matt Mitchell, colleagues of the eye care practice.

An Eye On Business for Over 50 Years
(features the Chicago College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry; references AOA member Dr. Samuel Arbital)

Syosset Jericho Tribune | Sheri Jacoby | 12/21/2013

This is a milestone year for Arbital Vision Care. December not only marks the 20th anniversary of the South Oyster Bay Road office in Hicksville (on the boarders of Plainview, Syosset and Woodbury), but also marks the 55th anniversary of Dr. Samuel Arbital, OD, FAAO, opening his innovative home-office practice limited to the fitting of contact lenses in Plainview, the 30th anniversary of daughter Dr. Lori Arbital, OD, joining the practice and the 20th anniversary of Optician son Scott Arbital adding distinctive eyewear to the mix.

Eye Health: Seven Tips for Making Better Care of Eyes Part of Your New Year’s Resolutions
(bylined by AOA member Dr. Dawn Stratton; references the AOA, the Kentucky Optometric Association and the Illinois College of Optometry)

KyForward.com | Dr. Dawn Stratton | 12/23/2013

Are you planning your New Year’s resolutions? In addition to the most common ones of eating healthier, working out and spending money wiser, will you be resolving to take better care of your eyes? I hope so! Here are seven tips to ensure a year of eye health:

American Optometric Association Names Jon Hymes Interim Executive Director
(references American Optometric Association)

Vision Monday | Staff | 12/23/2013

ST. LOUIS—Following the resignation of Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, (as reported by VMail Dec. 11, 2013), the Board of Trustees of the American Optometric Association (AOA) has named Jon Hymes as interim executive director and Renee Brauns as ...
Dr. James R. Gaustad
(references the American Optometric Association and AOA member Jim Gaustad; features the Illinois College of Optometry, North Dakota Optometric Association, National Board of Examiners of Optometry and International Association of Board Examiners of Optometry)

Grand Forks Herald | Staff | 12/24/2013

James Robert Gaustad, 87 of Grafton, North Dakota, passed away at Unity Hospital in Grafton, on Saturday, December 21. He was born on January 28, 1926, in Jamestown, North Dakota, to John G. and Frances (Hauser) Gaustad.

He was their only child. He grew up in Jamestown, graduating from Jamestown High School in 1944. He was drafted into military service and honorably discharged in June of 1946. He then attended Jamestown College where he met his wife Elizabeth (Sally) Gieselman. He transferred to the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, graduating in June of 1949. He and Sally were married on September 25, 1949, in Mohall, North Dakota, and moved to Grafton to open his first optometric practice. He continued his education with post graduate work at Ohio State University, Purdue University and Indiana State University.

Fort Worth’s New Bishop Popular with Local Catholics
(features the University of Houston School of Optometry and San Antonio’s University of the Incarnate Word’s Rosenberg School of Optometry)

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram | Staff | 12/25/2013

The Roman Catholic Church did not have to look far to find the new bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth.

Monsignor Michael Olson, who was ordained 20 years ago at Fort Worth’s St. Patrick Cathedral and was most recently the rector at the University of Dallas’ Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, was chosen in November to replace Bishop Kevin Vann.

Nanofilm Recommends Eye Health Resolutions for 2014
(mentions American Optometric Association)

StreetInsider.com | Staff | 12/26/2013

Nanofilm, maker of Clarity® lens care and Defog It anti-fog products for eyewear, is urging Americans to remember eye health in their 2014 New Year’s resolutions. Consumers, eyecare professionals and workplace safety professionals are invited to post ideas to Nanofilm’s Clarity Optical Blog at http://www.nanofilmproducts.com.

“There are going to be 365 days of wonderful sights in 2014,” notes Jodi Groh, Nanofilm’s Director of Marketing. “Resolutions to take care of your eyes and eyewear are a smart way to see a happier, healthier new year.”

Nanofilm offers a list of suggested eye health resolutions for 2014.
Computers and SMART Boards are a common staple in today’s classrooms, and with programs like “bring your own device” to school, smartphones and tablets are also seeing increased use in schools. But the use of technology can also take a toll on students’ eye health and vision if proper precautions aren’t followed.

According to the American Optometric Association’s 2013 American Eye-Q survey, 85 percent of parents indicate their children use electronic devices up to four hours per day.

Wendi Cheatham’s daughter was having trouble reading in third grade. A trip to the eye doctor revealed that her eyes weren’t properly tracking words and objects.

After some treatment, her daughter went from being on grade level or just below in her school studies to above grade level by the end of the school year, Cheatham said.
Main Street Optometry is partnering with two of its frame vendors to provide glasses for veterans.

Under the program, for every frame purchased from qualifying L’Amy America or A&A Optical brands, a frame will be donated to a veteran through a participating charity.

Mike Burns, practice manager of Main Street Optometry’s two locations in Dexter and Pinckney, said this was a great way to give their customers a chance to give back.