

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Alliance Members,

Well another year has come and gone and so has another meeting which proved to follow our tradition of supplying the best of continuing education and an enlightening get together.

We had very good attendance at the meeting with 36 dinners and another 8 sitting in for the lectures. I think it is fair to say everyone had a good time with carols being sung by the Milleridge Quartette, Christmas and Chanukah candy on the tables and some of the best door prizes raffled off.

A special thanks to my friend and colleague Raymond Dennis for doing such a great job with the lectures, "Everybody loves Raymond". Barry Optical with Jeff and Jackie in attendance sponsored the meet-

ing and supplied AR Coating certificates for the grab bag and Alex Forster gave a summary of new products released, which will now be a monthly feature of our meetings. Donna Heyer of Varilux supplied a nice basket full of goodies toward the door prizes and Rob from Central Optical supplied 8 bags of assorted gifts. Oh! The Alliance donated two \$50.00 American Express gift checks to the raffle as well.

Election of Officers and Directors took place with the nominated slate being put in place for the coming year; you will find the names listed in this newsletter and on the OANY.ORG website. We discussed at the meeting the possibility of changing our meeting location on alternating months to accommodate members from Suffolk and the Metro Areas. We

also mentioned again the possibility of maybe another day or alternating days for meetings, a vote will taken at the last meeting of the year.

Next months meeting, January 26th will be sponsored by Younger Optical with Herb Fletcher giving our Continuing Education lecture. Remember to get to the meeting early and meet our speakers and other members to share your thoughts.

I and the officers and directors of the Alliance hope that you had a wonderful holiday and continue to show the enthusiasm for OANY you had last year. It should prove to be momentous year for all of us.

Peter Bacotti

OANY President

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Tonight's Meeting

- Meeting Sponsored by Younger Optics
- 1 Continuing Education credit given in Ophthalmic Dispensing.
- Speaker will be Herb Fletcher of Younger Optics
- Course Title : Selling the second pair.
- Continuing Education made possible by PD Ophthalmic Group NYSED Lic 032002-032005-II in conjunction with OANY



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Next Meeting Dates

February 21st 2006
March 23rd 2006



Minutes of the Previous Meeting Anthony Rebaldo

OANY DECEMBER 22ND, 2006

Acting president, Peter Bacotti called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. He wished everyone Happy Holiday, Happy New Year and Good Health. He thanked Jeff and Jackie Baraban of Barry Optical who graciously sponsored our meeting and for their door prizes. Peter also thanked Rob Lupo of Central Optical for their generous door prizes and also Donna Heyer from Varilux for the raffle basket.

Acting President Bacotti introduced and thanked Raymond Dennis for coming down to give us our CE courses.

It was announced that our membership has grown to almost 100 members and all were welcomed into the OANY.

A motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter and was seconded. Anthony Rebaldo reported on the new law section 109-07, whereas contact lens manufacturers cannot discriminate in the sale of contacts, for example: 1-800 contacts. The new law will cut down on counterfeit optical materials. Further clarification on the new contact medical devices law can be found in the November issue of the Contact Lens Spectrum.

The New York State bills on retail and visual assessment will come up again next year. There will be changes made in the visual assessment bill, which will give it a better chance of passing. The newly formed Education Committee, Anthony Rebaldo, Judy Deucht, Chuck Abramson and assistance from our former president, Joe Monestere, will get together in filling the papers for sponsoring CE courses for credits in Ophthalmic Dispensing.

Bylaws and Ethics chairman Joe Monestere spoke on reporting unlicensed persons who are doing procedures

that only a licensed Ophthalmic Dispenser should be doing. These persons should be turned into OPD. You can call OPD directly or you can notify OANY and we will do this for you. Your name need not be given. There is a link in the website to do this.

Alex Forster spoke on new products from Younger and Varilux.

Treasurers Report: We have \$4000 in our treasury. Also Arthur Rose checked on gaining sponsorship with Prevent Sports Associates on Sport Safety Eyewear and the Heritage for the Blind to donate your old car and you can get a tax write off.

David Cohen Inter-Organizational Advisor, discussed NY Techs Ophthalmic Dispensing program name change to Vision Care Technology. This is a 4year degree specializing in Opticianry. New York Tech is also looking for instructors with a Bachelor degree and a New York State license. NY Tech is offering credits in Ophthalmic Dispensing on April 30, 06. They would like to hear from their graduates. We need to contact other organizations of our existence. More information next month.

Andrew Cullen, Business Manager, spoke on membership. If you joined before December of 2005, you are a charter member. After December you are a regular member. The dues are \$75.00 per year. Your membership year begins on the day you join. If you have an e-mail address and would like to be placed in the OANY e-mail format, please contact us.

Once our logo is established and certified it will be placed on our newsletter and other documents. If you would like to have your business listed on our website you can contact us to do so. If you have

any suggestions on our newsletter or would like to put an article in it, please contact us before Dec. 31st.

We will also continue with educational talks by ophthalmologists at future meetings.

Elections of officers: David Cohen read off the names of the nominated officers.

- President: Peter Bacotti
- Vice President David Cohen
- Secretary: Anthony Rebaldo
- Treasurer: Arthur Rose
- Directors: Robert Higgins,
Alex Forster
Debra Ballen
Joseph Monestere
- Business Manager: Andrew Cullen

A call for a vote was made 3 times. There were no other nominations. A motion was made and seconded to cast 1 vote and ballot. A unanimous show of hands on the vote for yea. No rise of hands for a no vote. All the above were elected for a 1-year term.

President Peter Bacotti reminded everyone of the logo contest that will end on Dec. 31st. The winner will be announced at the next meeting.

A list of future speakers at future meetings was announced.

- January 26th Younger Optics
- February 23rd Phyllis Rakow
- June 22nd Balester Optical
- Future discussions on Insurance and Credit cards.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Anthony Rebaldo, Secretary.



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