



Optician's Alliance of New York

Opticians Alliance of New York Inc.

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Milleridge Inn
Jericho NY

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Peter Bacotti

Dear Alliance Members,

It goes without saying that another month passed and another meeting, but it seems like the attendance and meetings only get better and better each month. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU and the great speakers and sponsors we can only improve and move ahead. By the way we had two new members sign up at the meeting.

We had very good attendance at the meeting with over 30 dinners and another 8 sitting in for the lecture. As always we had time before the meeting for discussions and just talking with colleagues and friends and after the meeting for discussions with Herb Fletcher our guest speaker.

The Milleridge Inn seems to be improving as well, the dinners and service are now at a point where it's nice to eat out there as well as have a meeting! Don't forget the fun raffles at the end of the meetings. This time we had some good wine and after dinner liquor and Herb gave

us vouchers for NuPolar lenses and polarized demonstrators, tee shirts, raffle tickets to give away. Our thanks go out to Younger Optics for the sponsorship and support they give.

We had some guests at our meeting from other parts of the State who expressed interest in joining our organization and Susan from Silhouette graced us with her presence. I was overwhelmed after hearing of new areas outside Nassau wanting to be a part of OANY and will keep you informed of the status of other chapters being formed within the State.

I announced at the meeting that OANY will have a booth at Vision Expo and will be looking into affiliations with other optical organizations. Please come visit the booth and donate an hour or so to help out while you visit Vision Expo.

You will be not be seeing the last meeting minutes in our newsletter for the near future so as to allow more

room for messages and advertising without increasing cost. The minutes are available on the OANY website (WWW.OANY.ORG) and will be available at the next meeting in hard copy. Next months meeting, February 28th will have Phyllis Rakow giving us our Continuing Education lectures of 2 credits with 1 credit either dispensing or contact lens and the other credit for contact lenses. We will also have a prominent Ophthalmologist Alexander Hatsis to start us off with a talk on Kerataconus and the Intac procedure. Remember to get to the meeting early because the business part will start at 7:45 with the lectures to follow. This will give you enough time to meet and greet our speakers and talk with other members.

I hope all of you have a great month and the Alliance looks forward to seeing you next month.

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Tonight's Meeting

- Meeting Sponsored by To be Announced
- Speaker will be Phyllis Rakow
- Course Title : When a Contact Lens wearer needs Spectacles
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Minutes of the Previous Meeting Anthony Rebaldo

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President Peter Bacotti called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. He welcomed Mr. Herbert Fletcher from Younger Optics and thanked them for sponsoring our meeting and for presenting our seminar.

Peter announced that we had good news that another group in the state is looking to join the Alliance. This shows the good we are achieving as a group and the strength we gain with members.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter and in the website by Joe Monestere and was seconded by Alex Forster. Accepted by all in favor.

The winner of our logo contest went to Junior Gonzalez from PIP Printing which is the concern that prints our newsletter and other items necessary to function as a organization.

It was announced that the OANY will have a booth at Vision Expo. And our business manager and Executive Secretary Andrew Cullen will man the booth, but we need volunteers to help, even if it is for an hour or so.

There are now 280 newsletters being sent out as well as 600 that are sent out via the internet. We are looking for subscribers to update information on the website for contact lenses and dispensing.

Vice President David Cohen gave a report on other optical organizations.

It was mentioned that Joe Monestere and Alex Forster are both Board Members of OANY.

We continue making contacts and gaining advertisements from manufacturers.

Treasurer's report: Arthur Rose reported we have \$4000 in the treasury. He also reported that we should have an involvement with assorted charities, such as New Eyes for the Needy and The Lighthouse.

Legislation and Education: Anthony Rebaldo discussed that 1-800 Contacts lost money in the third quarter of 2005. The CEO of 1-800 contacts blamed the new federal regulations on this decline of business. The State of Indiana is putting a plan together to prevent discrimination in selling contacts by manufacturers. Anthony will contact the State on the new format of the Rx forms and will make the report at the next meeting.

Bylaws and Ethics: Joe Monestere reported that we are

revising the Bylaws to include industry, sales reps as well as other Optical professionals.

Alex Forster announced the introduction of Varilux's new lens, Physio.

Business Manager, Andrew Cullen spoke on having a booth at Vision Expo. If any member who has not attended Vision Expo in the past 2 years, and attends, they will get up to 6 free CEs depending on the availability. We will be giving out pens, pads and other brochures at the booth plus Membership and OANY organization information.

Peter announced that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 28st** and the speaker will be Phyllis Rakow. There will be a 1CE contact lens credit and 1CE dispensing credit. Also we will have Dr. Alexander Haitis MD talk prior to the course on Keratoconus.

For next year we will try to put together meetings at different locations close to Nassau-Suffolk and Queens-Brooklyn. Peter is putting together a survey on the Internet for our members to rate the work OANY is doing. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Anthony Rebaldo, Secretary.



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