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THE EYE OPENER

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Cover Photo: Coppermine River
Kugluktuk, NT

Having survived my first winter in Saskatchewan, I was so glad, as I'm sure you were too, when the snow finally melted! Thankfully, many of you have assured me it was an extra long and harsh winter. Summer in Ireland is maybe a week at most of fine sunny weather and the rest of the time is cloudy, rainy and damp and generally doesn't get above 20 degrees. However this year, they have been experiencing an unexpected heat wave and have had a month of sunshine and almost 30 degrees. It is wonderful to wake up to blue skies here every morning and enjoy some long awaited heat. We are looking forward to exploring more of Saskatchewan over the coming months, but we have had a chance to visit Regina and Moose Jaw. There are so many places we want to visit and the summer is flying by!

I have had the pleasure of speaking with a most of you over the phone during the licence renewals and it was lovely meeting the few of you who called to the office in Saskatoon to renew your licence. It was also great that I could attend the NACOR licencing exams in June and meet our new opticians. As most of you know, I am in the office in Saskatoon from **10am until 3pm, Monday to Thursday**, so if there is anything I can do for you, please drop in or give me a call. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Council, who have been so kind and helpful to me since I joined the SCO team.

I really hope that all of you decide to come to the convention at the Saskatoon Inn in September. Clarence and Jessica have been busy organizing the whole weekend and we are looking forward to building on last year's success and expect a great turnout. There are some great speakers lined up, details of which can be found on page 10, with a possible 10 con-ed credits available from the weekend.

We have also been lucky to secure **Double Vision** as our Saturday night entertainment. They are Canada's only identical twin magic act and have quite an impressive résumé. Take a look at their website at:
www.doublevisionmagic.com.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

June Costine

REGISTRAR'S DESK

After one of the toughest winters on record, I'm sure we were all looking forward embracing the warmer weather of summer. Unfortunately even after such a long tough winter, it seems Mother Nature has decided to keep it going by adding copious amounts of rain that is causing havoc both in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Please join with me in sending our heartfelt prayers and best wishes to everyone in Alberta and Saskatchewan that have been affected by the flooding.



It seems that the issue of cosmetic contacts is still a major concern, and even after being declared medical devices, and being added to Health Canada's regulations of controlled goods, complaints continue to roll in. The college continues to issue letters of warning as complaints are received however; prosecutions are on hold at the moment until the legislation is clarified in the courts with regard to a procedural issue. The college experienced a recent set back at the Court of Queens Bench when the Judge ruled, that we were in the wrong venue and, even though our legal counsel mounted a valid defense to the contrary, the case was sent back to the lower courts to be heard. While the delays are frustrating, it seems the old adage that the wheels of justice turn slowly is actually quite true. Our legal counsel has now received the Queens Bench ruling and has been in contact with the Department of Justice and Attorney General to obtain their assistance as we move forward. In that regard, we have now received input from the Department of Justice and expect the matter to be concluded fairly quickly, after which, the college will move forward with the backlog of cases awaiting prosecution.

As well, a number of housekeeping amendments to the Regulatory Bylaws have been put forward to the Ministry including, the addition of provisions for Prior Learning Assessments. The ability to do prior learning assessments will assist the college in assessing the knowledge, skills and abilities of immigrants and others with prior knowledge and experience in the field of opticianry, that may apply to the college for licensing. The amendments have been finalized, and have now been sent to the Minister of Health for approval, and should come into affect shortly.

All the very best for a great summer everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM this fall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Sorensen'.

Kenneth H. Sorensen
REGISTRAR

**Members are reminded that all opticians practicing in Saskatchewan,
no matter what the duration, are required to be
licenced in accordance with the Act.**

**Please advise the SCO office of any changes to your
employment or home contact information.**

Double Vision

Comedy Magic with a
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PERFORMING AT THE
**2013 SASKATCHEWAN
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**SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH
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A MEMO TO THE MEMBERSHIP ON CON ED REQUIREMENTS

The SCO encourages all members to keep up to the industry by continuously learning new skills and keeping abreast of new products and processes and will continue to sponsor annual conventions that offer enough con-ed credits for you to maintain the minimum balance required for re-registering.

For those that attend non sponsored events, such as national shows in Las Vegas and New York, or optometric sponsored events, or through on line modules such as those offered by the OAC, the College is prepared to accept and honour those credit hours. However, members are reminded that all education acquired at events not sponsored by the SCO, **require prior approval** or we cannot accept them.

The pre-approval process is relatively simple, and only requires that when a member makes a decision to attend a non sponsored event, the member contacts the SCO office in Saskatoon and provide a copy of the material for review. The College will review the material being offered at the event and pre-approve those seminars qualifying for education credits. The member could also request that the sponsors of the event, forward their material directly to the college for review and approval prior to the member registering for the event. The college would be pleased to review the material being offered at the event and advise the sponsor which seminars can be approved for credits and the amount of credits to be awarded to each seminar.

Some organizations already submit their material directly to NACOR or College for consideration, and as such, members should ask when registering for seminars, whether or not the seminar has received NACOR or SCO approval for accreditation. The College is also in the process of setting up a database to contain a list of the seminars that are pre-approved by the SCO or NACOR for future reference. Members will be able to access this database through the College or the SCO website and view the list of seminars already pre-approved.

Anyone having any questions or concerns should contact the office at 306.652.0769 or by email at office@scoptic.ca.

NOTE FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

Last year's convention had a record turn out! I would like to thank Crystal Hilton, Chris Raqué and all the Opticians that made it to the convention. I would also like to give a special thanks to the speakers and sponsors as without them we would not have a convention.

The cost to attend the convention has stayed the same for over 10 years. I see this remaining the same for the future. The convention is getting better and better each year. All we need is the support of our members to attend this worthwhile weekend and we can continue to grow. If you have any comments or suggestions for the convention, please contact the SCO office.

See you at the Saskatoon Inn on Sept 28th and 29th,

**Clarence Mott
Convention Chair**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations and welcome to each of our newly licensed opticians and contact lens practitioners. To be a professional optician can be a very rewarding career. Some see it as a retail career, some see it as a quasi-medical career, some see it as an opportunity to enhance people's lives by providing them with better vision. Most see it as a blend of all of the above.

The frame and lens products available are constantly changing. Frames are consistently getting larger and then smaller and then larger again. The materials used to manufacture frames and lenses are changing. Over the past decade, the age old process of manufacturing lenses has taken on a complete new direction. The technology used in today's manufacturing labs is so advanced that we can manufacture lenses to a level that we never even dreamt possible before.

There are new lens designs constantly being developed, and there are technological advances that will either worry us, or keep us in awe of what is to come. The most successful opticians will be the ones that keep up with the technology. And even more successful will be those that can embrace the changes, while always keeping their patients best interest first and foremost.

Behind the scenes you have few people that donate their time to manage the affairs of your College. Your council members don't do this for any kind of recognition or notoriety, they do it because they care about our profession, and they hope their contributions can make a difference in some small way.

At the Annual General Meeting this year in Saskatoon, you will be asked to elect (or re-elect) three council members. If you care about the direction your profession is going, and if you have a couple of spare hours a week, I encourage you to consider taking a position. Should you have any concerns about the College, or if you are interested in taking a seat and have questions, please contact any one of your current council members. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Saskatoon this fall.



Paul Johnson
President

WINNERS OF THE SCO BURSARIES FOR 2012-2013



Kassaundra Neumann - *Highest Mark Year Two Eyeglass*

Susan Erickson - *Highest Mark Year Two Advanced Practice*

Contact Lenses

A VISION UP THERE

Jan 25/13, It is -45° Celsius -50° Celsius with the breeze, but the sky is clear, I have never seen a blue, so blue. I am in Chesterfield Inlet, you know, just north of Rankin Inlet. The people are busy, coming and going on foot and on snow machines. They are dressed warm, almost as warm as their hospitality.



There is excitement at the local health centre, the Eye Team Is here. That is what we are referred to up here in the communities. A COMT [Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist] working under an Ophthalmologist is doing the eye exams and across the hall I have my frame samples laid out on a table, complete with P.D. ruler, tint samples and as many cleaners and accessories as I can cram into my Pelican travel case. This is my new work place, providing optical dispensing services to the small communities scattered across the Arctic.

The communities all have air service, year round, weather permitting. In summer, most can be reached by ship. This is their only link to goods and services. A CO-OP or Northern general store, are the only shopping opportunities, with internet shopping available to some communities. Prices are high, with usually only one hotel running \$225.00 to \$275.00 per night. Meals, their choice, breakfasts \$35.00, lunch \$45.00 and supper \$50.00 and you have to give them a day's notice. I pack my suitcase full of food!



Polar Vision Centres LTD has two optical dispensaries, one in Yellowknife NT and one in Iqaluit NU on Baffin Island. The Yellowknife location travels to main land Nunavut and the Iqaluit location travels to the Baffin region. Polar Vision Centres LTD is owned by Nunasi Corporation, whose shareholders are the beneficiaries of Nunavut. Our focus is to provide quality optical dispensing services to the people in these regions.

A VISION UP THERE

The government health care acts in NT and NU do not require licencing for opticians and I am the only licenced optician working up here. In an effort to raise the standard of care for the beneficiaries of NT and NU, we are enrolling five of our seven employees in the NAIT opticians training program this September.

Living in Yellowknife NT is giving me a great opportunity to enjoy the beauty and abundance of nature, which is only five minutes away, along with the warmth and cultural vitality of the aboriginal peoples.

We enjoy having company, so if you are in the area, stop by and see us, or drop us an e-mail at polarvision@ssimicro.com or visit us at www.polarvision.ca

Have a great day!



Charlie Thode LO LCLP Saskatchewan College of Opticians

CON - ED REQUIREMENTS

There is some confusion with regard to how the new Con-Ed system works. Each year at renewals, we look at the credits you have accumulated over the previous three years. You will note that this means you can now re-use credits. Because of our transition into a College, some members, depending on their cycle, were granted leniency with getting their credits. For renewals next year, we remind everyone to have their credits up to date in order to renew your licence.

Licence Renewal	Credits accumulated in years		
March 31, 2014	2011	2012	2013
March 31, 2015	2012	2013	2014

You will receive a statement of your current Con-Ed Credits twice a year. You can contact the SCO office anytime to check the your credit balance. We hope that in the coming months you will be able to check your credit balance through our website www.scoptic.ca. Credits should be submitted to the SCO office by fax, email or mail.

**You will note that you can now re-use credits
KEEP YOUR CONTINUING CREDITS UP TO DATE**



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September 28th & 29th 2013

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	Pre-Registration	At Convention
FULL CONVENTION (Saturday & Sunday Seminars, breakfasts & lunches)	\$ 125 ☐	\$ 150 ☐
SATURDAY SEMINARS includes Lunch	\$ 80 ☐	\$ 90 ☐
SUNDAY SEMINARS includes Lunch	\$ 80 ☐	\$ 90 ☐
SATURDAY DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT by DOUBLE VISION	\$ 25 ☐	\$ 25 ☐

SCO STUDENT

	Pre-Registration	At Convention
FULL CONVENTION (Saturday & Sunday Seminars, breakfasts & lunches)	\$ 75 ☐	\$ 85 ☐
SATURDAY SEMINARS includes Lunch	\$ 45 ☐	\$ 55 ☐
SUNDAY SEMINARS includes Lunch	\$ 45 ☐	\$ 55 ☐
SATURDAY DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT by DOUBLE VISION	\$ 25 ☐	\$ 25 ☐

GUEST

	Pre-Registration	At Convention
SATURDAY Lunch	\$ 10 ☐	\$ 10 ☐
SUNDAY Lunch	\$ 10 ☐	\$ 10 ☐
SATURDAY DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT by DOUBLE VISION	\$ 25 ☐	\$ 25 ☐



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11 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE
SPEAKER TOPICS & TIMES TO BE FINALISED

FULL AGENDA DETAILS WILL BE SENT IN THE COMING WEEKS TO ALL MEMBERS

COMPLEMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED BOTH MORNINGS AT 8AM
SATURDAY SPONSORED BY ESSILOR & SUNDAY SPONSORED BY TBA

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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Speaker from Essilor

Tim Schmidt - Transitions

Emmett McRobie - Centennial

Maxine Stewart

Heather Power

Emmett McRobie, Nadine Elkew & Romar Gasper

Speaker from Johnson & Johnson

Dan Murphy - Eyelogic

AGM TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY AT 1PM

SATURDAY NIGHT
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Mention SK College of Opticians 2013 Convention

\$144 Queen Room or \$154 King Room

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AUGUST 28TH, 2013



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College of
Opticians

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Paul Johnson LO LCLP
President



As I try to prepare this synopsis, I look back over my lengthy career only to realize the vast variety of different experiences this optical career has afforded me.

Throughout my career, I have worked with the smallest of companies and some of the largest. From surfacing rooms to board rooms, I have been fortunate to meet many wonderful people. I have had the privilege of knowing and working side by side with some terrific humans, many brilliant opticians, and some truly brilliant business people; so many that I could not even start to name them.

I have had been the “lab guy”, the fix-it man, and at the same time have been instrumental in various boardroom meetings as upper management. It is difficult to select the most memorable. Could it be company sponsored trips to the Bahamas? Or being introduced to the House of Commons in Regina by the Minister of Health? Or it just might be that I have been blessed with friendships and acquaintances I have acquired across our wonderful country. I prefer to think the latter is the most important to me.

My career started before there were licensed dispensers in Saskatchewan, in a glass surfacing room in Prince Albert in the 1970's. I am an active optician and currently the VP Operations for a growing company working out of Regina. I have been privileged to be on your council for a number of years and thank you for the opportunities and experiences this has afforded me.

Ken Sorensen
Registrar



Ken has over 35 years of experience in the interpretation, application and drafting of legislation, regulations and bylaws; he was co-council on several land mark cases, one of which led to the major reversal on the administration of Customs legislation in Canada.

He returned home to Saskatchewan after working in Ottawa for sixteen years where he was president and managing partner of Sorensen & Associates and Sorensen Investigations Inc. Ken participated in and directed numerous investigations into matters of malfeasance, sexual harassment and abuse of authority as well as directed investigations on to the systemic causes of work place harassment. He studied law and graduated from St Paul's University Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution in facilitation, mediation and negotiation. As the managing partner of Sorensen and Associates, Ken represented numerous International and multinational firms in front of various government agencies, Tribunals and Federal Court of Canada. Ken is a experienced presenter and has lectured extensively in Canada and the US .

Clarence Mott LO LCLP
Treasurer / Convention Chair



Clarence began his career in opticianry in 1971, working in the various laboratories of Imperial Optical in Winnipeg and elsewhere for five years. In 1976, he registered for the courses to become a licensed optician. After successfully completing the courses and passing the exams, he moved to Vancouver where he practiced as an optician for five years. In 1981, he returned to Manitoba and settled in Brandon and prepared to open his own dispensary. However, because of the lack of a mutual recognition agreement between the provinces, he had to once again write optical exams before opening his own dispensary, 20/20 Optical. He practiced at 20/20 Optical from 1981 to 1997, including serving for five years on Manitoba's Council of Opticians.

He moved to Regina in 1997 and joined the Walmart Optical team, where he continues to practice. In 1999, he was elected to the SODA council, where he has served continuously as the Treasurer since that time. He also took on the added responsibility of serving as a member of the legislative committee from 2006 to the present, and participated in the drafting of new legislation and regulatory bylaws which saw the SODA move from an association to become the Saskatchewan College of Opticians.

Diana Hicks LO LCLP
Co-Education Chair



I began my optical experience in 1974 at Optical Prescription Co. in the Medical Arts Building in Saskatoon. I was hired by Doug Kelman, who later became my mentor. During my optical career, I have had the privilege of working and sharing with optical icons such as Ken Priest, Bill Lough, Russ Pepler, Larry Zoakipney, Shirley Emrey, Phyllis and Les Sherring, Bob and Jim Buick, Adie Hahn, and many others who shaped and influenced her career.

I was nominated by Phyllis Sherring to sit on the board for the Saskatchewan Ophthalmic Dispensers Association, which I sat on for twelve years. During that time I sat as Education Chair for eight years and as President for four years. I am now the Co-Education chair for the Saskatchewan College of Opticians and I truly love the opportunity that I have been given to try and help to advance and expand the scope of Opticianry in our province.

Deanne Oleksyn LO
Co-Education Chair



I grew up in Tisdale, married a local guy 26 years ago and currently resides on an acreage just outside of Tisdale. We have two children. Our son Rylan lives in Vancouver pursuing his dreams. He graduated from Vancouver Film School with a Diploma in Acting for Film & Television. Our daughter, Shayne, has completed her first year of Arts & Science at the U of S and will be entering the College of Nursing there this fall.

I became a licenced Optician in 1995 and started work at the Tisdale Eye Care Centre in the fall of 1996, where I am still dispensing full time. This is my second term on council. I sat on the SODA Council from 2006 - 2008 and was re-elected to the SCO council in the fall of 2011. Currently on council I hold the position of Co-Education Chair with Diana Hicks.



Jessica Brown LO
Councillor / Convention Co-Chair

I am more than excited to be a new member on council since September 2012. I have been a licensed Optician since 2007 and has been in the Optical Industry since 2000. I have worked in the Regina Eye Centre since 2001 and I have had the training and opportunity to work in all areas of an Optometric Practice.

I have lived in Regina my whole life. My favourite personal interests are spending all my extra time with my family. We have a beautiful and active 3 year old girl and a fun Boxer/Mastiff dog that keeps our activities endless. I enjoy working each day in the profession and am trying to make as much of a difference as I can. I am looking forward to meeting all my fellow Optician's at this years convention in Saskatoon in 2013.



Al Brooks
Public Representative

Al grew up in Saskatoon, where he had a career in policing from 1969-1997, retiring as a Morality Sgt. He then moved to Christopher Lake where he built a home for his wife and daughter. Whilst there, he worked for Sask Housing, managing and maintaining the seniors housing at Christopher Lake, Northside and Paddockwood. He then moved to Prince Albert when his daughter was old enough to go to Riviere academy and his wife became a nurse and got a position with Public Health in PA.

Over the years he has volunteered with many organizations including Big Brothers, Corrections Service of Canada, Probation Services, John Howard and Prince Albert Health Region. He lives in Prince Albert with his wife, Coleen. His daughter Katie lives in Saskatoon.

AGM 2013

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2013 AT 1:00 PM,
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SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS TO THE **SCO OFFICE**
PLEASE INCLUDE:

- 1. NAME & PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF NOMINEE**
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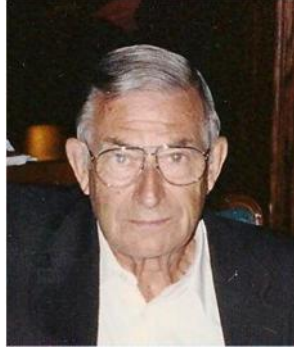
Top overall written mark in

Year Two Eyeglasses

Top overall written mark in

Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

OBITUARY



FRED DALBY

July 22, 1915 - April 5, 2013

With pride, love and respect we recall the contributions Fred Dalby has made to the communities he lived in, the profession he worked in and the people he touched. Fred was a true entrepreneur. He began his 52 year employment with Imperial Optical in 1933 as a messenger for the Saskatoon branch lens laboratory of this international family-owned optical conglomerate. In 1945 he opened as manager the company's laboratory branch in Port Arthur, Ontario (now Thunder Bay). When he left after 17 successful years to join the executive team of Imperial Optical in Toronto it was a known industry phenomenon that every pair of glasses sold in his territory was manufactured by Fred's branch.

At his retirement in 1985 Fred was Imperial's most senior executive employee. Fred was influential in the growth of both the manufacturing and retail ends of Canada's optical industry. He believed in the importance of educating Opticians to a uniform national standard of excellence. Fred became a force of energy driving provincial opticians groups toward achieving self-regulation - legislation which many Opticians take for granted today. Fred would be the first to acknowledge that he did not accomplish anything without the co-operation and collaboration of provincial colleagues and the endorsement of these projects by his employer. But - the glue that provided context and consistency to national projects was Fred. Fred's most important ally was his wife, Isa. Together they blended their dedication to family life with extensive community involvements and Fred's business responsibilities. Fred and Isa agreed the friendships made with customers and colleagues were 'icing on the cake'

Fred believed education and standards were critical for Opticians. He edited, managed and even marked exams for the first Canadian Optician's Independent Study course - The Canadian Guild Course. This was the only training program available to Opticians for many years. Fred recognized that relationships with highly respected educational institutions were key to achieving credibility for Opticians' training and for the profession in general. To see that goal realized Fred worked through the Canadian Guild of Opticians. Fred was honoured by Georgian College for raising funds in excess of the initial goal for the first full time training program for Ontario Opticians. Fred also sat as a member on one of Ontario's early Board of Opticians.

After his retirement from Imperial he became Executive Director of the Canadian Guild of Dispensing Opticians (now called the Opticians Association of Canada) - a national advocacy group for Opticians. Through his business and volunteer networks Fred became a mentor and an inspiration to many Canadian Opticians. Throughout his amazing career, his loyalty to Imperial Optical and to his profession was unshakeable. Many careers blossomed under his direction and their lives were changed forever.

Fred is survived by his daughters - Maggie Somers (Stewart) and Mary Field (Marvin); his granddaughters Amanda Somers and Lindsay Haggerty (Patrick); his step grandson Adam Somers (Katherine) and their children Abby and Graydon. He was predeceased by his wife Isa and by his grandson Brian Field.

OBITUARY

DOUG KELMAN

January 27, 1940 - February 19, 2013

It is with respect, admiration and fondness that we remember Doug Kelman who passed away, unexpectedly, on February 19, 2013 in his home in Gibsons, B.C.

Doug was born on January 27, 1940 and lived most of his years in Saskatoon. As a young man, he was hired into the optical industry by Russ Pepler. Doug's career as an Optician and Contact Lens Technician spanned many years of employment at Optical Prescription Co., Shorneys Optical and Saskatoon Contact Lens Services. He worked at rural locations for a period of time, helping colleagues who needed his expertise in contact lens fitting.

Doug was a member of the Canadian Guild of Dispensing Opticians and sat on the Transitional Governing Board when optician's became regulated and licensing was introduced in Saskatchewan. He served as an elected member on the board for the Saskatchewan Ophthalmic Dispenser's Association for many years and made many inroads with government communication and the writing of the Act and Bylaws for the newly formed Association.

Doug's knowledge, patience and tireless dedication to fellow opticians will be remembered by many. He was a wonderful teacher, mentor and staunch supporter of his colleagues. He was a life long volunteer and a proud member of the Saskatoon Kinsmen Club as well as serving on the boards of both the City and Provincial Parks and Recreation Boards in Saskatoon.

Doug lived a very full life but always made time for the real loves of his life, which were his wife, partner and friend Pat, his daughter Cheryl and his son Scott. He was very proud of his family and all of their accomplishments. Doug possessed an infectious sense of humor which found him to be the instigator of countless, harmless practical jokes and pranks that would be accentuated by his unique laugh. He enjoyed Friday night staff meetings and the occasional glass of a fine scotch.

Doug and Pat moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1997 where Doug was a member of the Rotary Club and served on the board of the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club. He enjoyed curling and golfing in the beautiful surroundings of his retirement home.

Doug will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS

Convention	Sept. 28 - 29 2013	Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon
AGM	Sept. 29 2013	Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon

INTERNATIONAL DATES

Visions Expo West	Oct. 2 - 5 2013	Las Vegas, Nevada
Vision Canada	Nov. 15-17, 2013	Vancouver, BC

NACOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DATES

BC	Sept. 21 - 22, 2013	Douglas College, Coquitlam
Ontario	Oct. 18 - 20, 2013	Georgian College, Barrie
Nova Scotia	Nov. 2 - 3, 2013	TBA, Halifax
Alberta	Feb. 1 - 2, 2014	NAIT Campus, Edmonton
Ontario	April 26 - 27, 2014	TBA, Toronto
BC	May 24 - 25, 2014	Douglas College, Coquitlam
Saskatchewan	May 31 - Jun 1, 2014	TBA, Saskatoon
Manitoba	Jun 7 - 8, 2014	TBA, Winnipeg
Nova Scotia	Jun 7 - 8, 2014	TBA, Halifax
Alberta	Jun 20 - 22, 2014	NAIT Campus, Edmonton

COMPETITION RESULT

In our last edition, there was a competition for our members to choose a theme for our convention. We are pleased to announce the winner is **John (Jack) Hamilton**.

Congratulations to John and thanks to everyone who entered!

John receives a **\$100 prepaid visa card**.

The theme for this year's convention is

**“Looking Ahead,
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