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New

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Tom Merrick, Architect, age 52

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Thank you for all the positive input I have had for our first newsletter. It's been fun and interesting to do. I will try to keep it current and enjoyable.

It's great to see the heralds of spring returning to Saskatchewan. The unerring flocks of geese gracing our skies (see cover) and their unmistakable honking breathes fresh life into our souls, after a long winter and evokes our dormant need to be out in nature playing in the dirt and enjoying the green or greens. Gardeners and golfers rejoice!!

Early this spring, Jan 12th we witnessed, through the media the great human tragedy of the earthquake that devastated the already impoverished, struggling nation of Haiti. It was gut wrenching for us and a living nightmare for it's people, unimaginable for us in our stability. Our hearts, hope and support go out to the survivors.

If there is anything positive to be gleaned from this catastrophe it's that the world responded with whatever it had, be it funds not only raised by countries and superstars, but from the richest to the poorest giving what they could; donations poured in. Manpower in the form of "Doctors without Borders", the Red Cross, the army and the journalists that brought this heartbreak into our livingrooms mobilizing us to act; and thousands of volunteers did; and still are.

Closer to home we had our annual Kinsmen Telemiracle, running now for the past 34 years and raising upwards of 81 million, 4 million this year alone. This is incredible considering the size of our population offset by our capacity to care and share. *Be proud Saskatchewan!!!*

AND in B.C we showcased the Olympics from spectacle to early tragedy, to dreams set in motion through aspiring athletes from all over our great country making it to the world stage, ready to give everything they have to achieve their goals. Youngsters supported by caring parents, inspiring heroes: family, teachers, mentors, coaches, sponsors and volunteers who sacrifice their time, spirit and contributions to make a difference. Canada came through, with tenacity, hard work, humility and fair play. *We sang the anthem as a nation, proud to be Canadian eh !*

Please submit any wishes and concerns to our "letter to the editor" section which we are hoping to add in the future reflecting your views, they will be greatly appreciated. Also remember to enter the "Name our newsletter" contest - do we keep "The Eye Opener", or opt for a new name. Send in your entries to raque@sasktel.net or to sk.opticians@sasktel.net. The winning entry will be selected and a prize will be awarded at the Fall Convention. Thank you to those people who have sent in some suggestions and we look forward to seeing more !

Enjoy the Spring - see you in the Summer ! Chris ☺

FAREWELL TO LIL LAWFORD !

Lil was our Registrar and office manager/ executive director for over 20 years. She was well liked and respected by all that had the pleasure of working with her. Her "gift of the gab" made her special to a lot of our members and colleagues from the national offices often mentioned their lengthy two minute calls to Lil. She really babysat all of the students that went through the courses while on her watch. She had even been criticized for holding off on submissions because some student didn't have their homework in on time. Lil was very in tune with our legislation. Enjoy your retirement, Lil.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN SORENSEN OUR NEW REGISTRAR !

Ken comes to us with 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. Ken moved from Ottawa where he was president and managing partner of Sorensen & Associates and Sorensen Investigations Inc. where He 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 is a graduate of St Paul's University Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution in facilitation, mediation and negotiation. He has represented numerous International and multinational firms in front of various government agencies, Tribunals and Federal Court of Canada. Ken is a gifted and experienced presenter and has lectured extensively in Canada and the US.



Ken Sorensen
REGISTRAR

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ADAMS, Carrie		Uwear Eyewear Inc	North Battleford
ANDERSON, Amanda	CL	Factory Optical	Regina
ANDRES, Ivy		ROGI Holdings	Yorkton
BABCOCK, Albert		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
BABYNEC, Richard	CL	Future Vision Optical	Regina
BANKS, Tara		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Swift Current
BANNANTYNE, Warren		Hakim Optical	Saskatoon
BARNES, Judi		Pinehouse Eyecare	Saskatoon
BARTZEN, Gail		Eyes International	Saskatoon
BASKY, Karen		Point Optical	Saskatoon
BAUER, Christine	CL	Eye Health Centre	Regina
BAUSMER, Darcy		Costco Optical	Regina
BENNETT, Alan	CL	Costco Optical	Saskatoon
BELL, Christopher		Superstore Eyewear	Moose Jaw
BENNETT, Lorraine		Prairie Rim Optical	Yorkton
BERTHAUDIN, Rene		The Optical Shoppe	Regina
BIMSON, Aimee	CL	Costco Optical	Saskatoon
BISHOP, Gordon		Sunland Optical	El Paso Texas
BITSCHY, Jennifer		Regina Eye Centre	Regina
BLACKBURN, Janann		Sask Assn. of Optometrists	Saskatoon
BLENDER, Tracey		York City Optical	Yorkton
BOECHLER, Daphne		Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
BOWERMAN, Joanne	CL	Costco Optical	Regina
BOYCHUK, Sherry		Nipawin Vision Centre	Nipawin
BROWN, Jessica		Regina Eye Centre	Regina
BRUCE, Tara		Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
BUSCH, Sandra		Factory Optical	Prince Albert
BUTTON, Kathy		Salisbury Degelman Vision Ctr.	Saskatoon
CAMERON, Bonnie	CL	Uwear Eyewear Inc	North Battleford
CARLSON, Claudette	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Yorkton
CARIGNAN-OLSON, Jodi		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
CHARLES, Steve	CL	Saskatoon Optical Services	Saskatoon
CHERNIPESKI, Melanie		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Yorkton
CHILTON, Charles		Clearview Optical	Regina
CLARK, Marilyn		Uwear Eyewear Inc	North Battleford
CLUNIE, Becky		Fourth Avenue Vision Centre	Saskatoon
COOK, Charlotte		Family Eye Care	Regina
COOPER, Lucinda		Regina Eye Centre	West Bend
CRAWFORD, Terry		Future Vision	Regina
CUNNINGHAM, Dawn		Vista EyeCare & Ware	Saskatoon
DANIEL, Sharon		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina

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DEMMANS, Candice		Salisbury Degelman Vision Ctr.	Saskatoon
DOREY, Ron		Cornwall Optical	Regina
DRAGHICI, Jodi		Factory Optical	Regina
DRAGSETH, Patricia	CL	Kindersley Optical	Kindersley
DUNKLEY, David		Fourth Avenue Vision Centre	Saskatoon
DURFEY, Tammy		Factory Optical	Moose Jaw
EDWARDS, Rochelle		Regina Eye Centre	Regina
ELKEW, Nadine		South Sask. Optometric Services	Regina
EVANS, Kel		Vision Makers	Saskatoon
EVANS, Laurel		Salisbury Degelman Vision Ctr.	Saskatoon
EVANS, Michelle		Nu-Look Optical	Moose Jaw
EWEN, Brandi		Eye Health Centre	Regina
FARMER, Lori		Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
FATTEICHER, Angelique		Factory Optical	Regina
FEDRAU, Bill	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
FEHR, Jake		Morrison Optical	Saskatoon
FIDDLER, Lisa-Marie		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Prince Albert
FISCHER, Donald		Nu-Look Optical	Moose Jaw
FISHER, Diane		Future Vision Optical	Regina
FOX, Lisa		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	North Battleford
FRIESEN, Murray	CL	Point Optical	Saskatoon
GALAN, Sonia		Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
GATTINGER, Darci		Insight Vision Care	Regina
GAUDET-SHAW, Sandra		Family Focus Eyecare	Saskatoon
GLINES, Heather		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
GOLDSMITH, Sydney		Stonebridge Eyecare	Saskatoon
GUERIN, Peter		Golden Mile Optical	Regina
GUTEK, Raechel		Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
HAGEL, Jeannine	CL	Costco Optical	Saskatoon
HAINES, Carol		-----	Saskatoon
HALCRO, Meaghan		Pearle Vision	Prince Albert
HALL, Sandra		Factory Optical	Regina
HAMEL, Kenneth		Hill Optical	Regina
HAMOLINE, Caroline		Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
HARTLEY, Tammy		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	North Battleford
HEGYI, Ginty	CL	Sears Optical	Regina
HERGOTT, Leah		Humboldt Vision Centre	Humboldt
HEROLD, Alice		Eyes on Albert	Regina
HESSE, Evelyn	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
HICKS, Diana	CL	-----	Candle Lake
HILDEBRAND, Lorrie	CL	Factory Optical	Regina

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HILDEBRANDT, Kathy		Spectrum Family Eyecare	Saskatoon
HILTON, Crystal		Loblaws Optical	Moose Jaw
HINZ, Joelle		Invision Eyecare	Saskatoon
HOLFIELD, Deborah		Atrium Optometric Group	Saskatoon
HOLLSTEIN, James		Crystal Vision Optical	Rosetown
HOLMGREN, Kyle		Prince Albert Vision Centre	Prince Albert
HORNE, Ryan		Vision Centre Direct	Regina
HORVATH, Alex		Northgate Optical	Regina
INNES, Lyle		Allied Optical	Regina
JAMIESON, Willard	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
JOHNSON, Christine		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
JOHNSON, Paul	CL	Factory Optical	Regina
JOHNSTONE, Darryl	CL	Vision Makers	Saskatoon
JONES, Diana		Paramount Optical	Saskatoon
JONES, Sheri		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
KARNIK HORVATH, Bonnie		Northgate Optical	Regina
KASZAS, Debbie		Sears Optical	Saskatoon
KATONA, Julie		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
KILKENNY, Kathleen		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Swift Current
KLARENBACH, Sandra		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Prince Albert
KLARER, Leeanne		Viva Optical & Contact Lens Ctr.	Regina
KLASSEN, Corrine		Eyes International	Saskatoon
KLYNE, Renee		The Optical Shoppe	Regina
KNIBBS, Olga		Factory Optical	Estevan
KORMOS, Kelly		Point Optical	Saskatoon
KOZUSHKA, Leah		Eyes on Albert	Regina
KRAFT, Salli	CL	-----	Alberta
KRUPPI, Denise		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
KUNTZ, Joseph		J & J's Optical Gallery	Regina
KUNTZ, Joey		J & J's Optical Gallery	Regina
LAMOUREUX, Jodi		Regina Eye Centre	Regina
LARSON, Doug		Prairie Rim Optical	Yorkton
LARTER, Chris		Dr. Grunert	Yorkton
LAVIOLETTE, Yvonne	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Swift Current
LAWRENCE, Stan		MJ Optical House	Moose Jaw
LEMAIRE, Crystal		Independent Optical	Regina
LEMAY, Armand		Vision Care Clinic	Swift Current
LEMAY, Lucien		Lucky Lemay Optical	Fort Qu'Appelle
LEATHER, Chandra		Loblaws Optical	Saskatoon
LITTLE, Bobbi		Pinehouse Eyecare	Saskatoon
LOGIE, Al	CL	Factory Optical	Regina

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MACHEL, Reinhardt (Ron)		Hakim Optical	Regina
MACINNES, Deidre		Insight Vision Care	Regina
MAREK, Sonya		Hakim Optical	Saskatoon
MAROGY, Maysoon	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
MATSON, Sharon		Dr. SL Vertefeuille	Regina
MAYER, Krista		Dr. SL Vertefeuille	Regina
MAZURKEWICH, Jacqueline		Central Optometric Group	Prince Albert
MCEACHERN, Sandra	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
MCFARLAND, Debra	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
MCNAMARA, Daisy	CL	Factory Optical	Regina
MCNAMARA, Jeff	CL	Superstore Eyewear	Regina
MICHEL, Janalee		Humboldt Vision Centre	Humboldt
MIHALICZ, Paige		Lakewood Eye Health Centre	Regina
MILLEKER, Wendy		Future Vision Optical	Regina
MILTON, Chantal		Superstore Eyewear	Regina
MINSHULL, Maureen		Vision Makers	Saskatoon
MIRAU, Darren	CL	Sask Assn. of Optometrists	Saskatoon
MONEA, Lan	CL	Costco Optical	Saskatoon
MORROW, Robert	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	North Battleford
MOTT, Clarence	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
MURPHY, Crystal	CL	Factory Optical	Estevan
MURPHY, Lisa	CL	Superstore Eyewear	Regina
NELSON, Doug	CL	-----	Saskatoon
NOBLE, Michielle	CL	Saskatoon Optical Services	Saskatoon
OLEKSYN, Chris		Point Optical	Saskatoon
OLEKSYN, Clint		Point Optical	Saskatoon
OLEKSYN, Deanne		Drs. Kolbenson & Hunter	Tisdale
OLEKSYN, Garry		Point Optical	Saskatoon
OLEKSYN, Marian		Point Optical	Saskatoon
ORR, Alistair		Special Eyes Optical	Regina
ORTMAN, Wayne		Factory Optical	Regina
PATEL, Hiram	CL	Hakim Optical	Regina
PATON, Tana		Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Moose Jaw
PENNO, Heather		Sears Optical	Saskatoon
PEPPLER, Crystal	CL	Loblaws Optical	Yorkton
PERRY, Deborah		Optika Eclectic Eyewear	Saskatoon
PERZAN, Roger	CL	Special Eyes Optical	Regina
PETERS, Sheila		Nipawin Vision Centre	Nipawin
PETRYSHYN, Debbie		Salisbury Degelman Vision Ctr.	Saskatoon
PRICE, Shelley		Cityview Optometry	Regina
PRYOR, Lisa	CL	Superstore Optical	Moose Jaw

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RADOS, Kristen		Advanced Optical	Regina
RANDALL, Rhonda		Point Optical	Saskatoon
RAQUÉ, Michael		Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
REID, Vivian	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
REVITT, John		Prince Albert Vision Centre	Prince Albert
RICHARDSON, Amy		Costco Optical	Saskatoon
RICHARDSON, Sheena		Cornwall Optical	Regina
RIES KRAUS, Stacey	CL	Viva Optical & Contact Lens Ctr.	Regina
RITZA, Darla		Costco Optical	Saskatoon
ROBERTSON, Lorelie		Sherring Optical	Yorkton
ROGERS, Harold		Eyes International	Saskatoon
ROSEVEARE, Arlene		Vision Makers	Saskatoon
RUMPF, Gemma		Point Optical	Saskatoon
RUNGE, Candace		Viva Optical & Contact Lens Ctr.	Regina
RUSSIN, Penny		Regina Eye Health Centre	Regina
SABOE, Jennifer		8th Street Vision Centre	Saskatoon
SCHEBYWOLOK, Anu		Kal Optical	Yorkton
SCHELLENBERG, Jerry		Northgate Optical	Regina
SCHNEIDER, Glenn		York City Optical	Yorkton
SCHNEIDER, Terry	CL	Costco Optical	Regina
SEABROOK, Rick		Nu-Look Optical	Moose Jaw
SELVIG, Kevin		Vision Care Clinic	Swift Current
SHERMAN, Moriah		Eyes International	Saskatoon
SHERRING-MACCALA, Adelle		Sherring Optical	Yorkton
SHEWCHUK, Brenda		Eyes International	Saskatoon
SHYNGERA, Kelly		Choice Optical	Melville
SINNAMON, Kelly		Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
SPLCHEN, Bernadette		Fourth Avenue Vision Centre	Saskatoon
STAPLES, Allyson	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Moose Jaw
STEEVES, Noreen		The Optical Shoppe	Regina
STOBBE, Carol	CL	Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
STRIEMER, Wanda		Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
SVOBODA, Lee		Sears Optical	Saskatoon
SZYMESKO, Cristy		Insight Vision Centre	Regina
TALLON, Trent		Optical Image	Swift Current
THIENES, Michael	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
THIEU, Trung (Steve)	CL	Costco Optical	Regina
THODE, Charlie	CL	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
THOMPSON, Darliene	CL	Eyes International	Saskatoon
TIMAR, Ramona		Estevan Eye Clinic	Estevan
UNSER, Carla		MJ Optical House	Moose Jaw

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VAN GINKEL, Wanda	CL* Future Vision Optical	Regina
VERITY, Wendy	Primary Eye Care Centre	Moose Jaw
VOTH, Coralie	Viva Optical & Contact Lens Ctr.	Regina
WEIST, Susan	Independent Optical	Regina
WIEBE, Sandra	CL Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
WILEY, Sharon	Insight Vision Care	Regina
WILK-MORHART, Raena	Factory Optical	Moose Jaw
WILLEMS, Carla	CL The Bay Optical	Saskatoon
WOOD, Sharon	CL Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
WRIGHT, Chris	JL Optical Services	Estevan
WRIGHT, Kevin	Costco Optical	Burnaby, BC
YOUNG, Michelle	Parkview Optometric Clinic	North Battleford
ZAREMBA, Sherryl	Factory Optical	Moose Jaw
ZELINSKI, Tracy	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Yorkton

INACTIVE

BENESH, Eileen (CL)	BEZANSON, Janice (CL)	BITZ, Sonya
BOSER, Nancy	CALLFAS, Marlene	DONISON, Claire
DUCHEK, Daphne	ELLEFSON, Lorie	EXNER, Melissa
FINN, Karen	FINNISON, Harriette	FUNK, Allison
FYCK, Eileen	GARDINER, Shelli	GILLOTT, Gaylen
GRENIER, Darlene	HAHN, Ruth	HARRIS, Carolyn
HAUK, Nadine	HERMAN, Lianne	ISERT, Monty
KARTES, Cindy	KUHNIE, Morgan	LAKE, Jennifer
LEIPPI, Garry	MASLEY, Amanda	OLSON, Amber
PARENTEAU, Sharon	PROSSER, Micheline	RIEGEL, Becky
SAND, Sheri	SCHMIDT, Carrie	THIESSEN, Tara
VAN GINKEL, Greg	VOLK, Cletes	WAGNER, Darrah
WAGNER, Gary	WARKEN, Jolene	WEICHEL, Sara
WENC, Tammy	WHITROW, Tonia	

RETIRED

BANNATYNE, Thelma	CANTIN, Diana	GODFREY, Stewart
LABAS-DILLABOUGH, Leanne	MOCKFORD, Sharon	MORRISON, Robert
PALIDWAR, Steve	PEPLER, Russell	SPEED, Ken
THOMS, Adelle		
VON BOBRUTZKI- COURNOYER, Elizabeth		

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BUICK, Robert	KLETZSCH, Wolfgang
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STUDENTS

1st & 2nd Year Dispensing

BEAMISH, Tari-Lynne	Vista Eyecare & Ware	Saskatoon
BERUBE, Rochelle	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
BOLDUC, Melanie	Invision Eye Care Centre	Saskatoon
BURCHBY, Brenda	Hakim Optical	Regina
CHABOT, Rachel	Factory Optical	Weyburn
ERICKSON, Susan	Saskatoon Optical Services	Saskatoon
FIDDLER, Jodie	The Bay Optical	Saskatoon
GRIER, Jennifer	Vogue Optical	Saskatoon
GUEDO, Linda	Eyes International	Saskatoon
HAINES, Rheanne	Point Optical	Saskatoon
HAMILTON, John	Crystal Vision	Rosetown
HOLSWICK, Sherri	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Saskatoon
JONES, Maria	Factory Optical	Prince Albert
LEWIS, Lacey	Fourth Avenue Vision Centre	Saskatoon
LORENZ, Amanda	Hakim Optical	Regina
MCGILLIS, Melissa	Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
MCPMAHON, Melissa	Spectrum Family Eyecare	Saskatoon
OLENCHUK, Jill	Point Optical	Saskatoon
PATOKI, Marsha	P.A. Vision Centre	Prince Albert
ROBERTS, Brittni	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
SALI, Jenna	Factory Optical	Regina
SEMENCHUK, Tina	Future Vision Optical	Regina
SLOMON, Jennifer	Factory Optical	Regina
TOEWS, Laura	Stonebridge Eyecare	Saskatoon
WASYLENKO, Jacqueline	Hakim Optical	Regina
WILKINS, Melissa	Hakim Optical	Saskatoon

1st & 2nd Year Contact Lenses

BAUSMER, Darcy	Costco Optical	Regina
DANIEL, Sharon	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
FATTEICHER, Angelique	Factory Optical	Regina
JONES, Sherri	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Regina
MIHALICZ, Paige	Lakewood Eye Health Centre	Regina
PATON, Tana	Wal-Mart Vision Centre	Moose Jaw
SINNAMON, Kelly	Pearle Vision	Saskatoon
WHITROW, Tonia	Factory Optical	Weyburn
WILK-MORHART, Raena	Factory Optical	Moose Jaw

BECOME ACTIVE

Get back to work - Be a Mentor - Volunteer

Here's how . . . If Inactive for under 3 years - just pay your license fees.
Inactive for over 3 years - a request goes to Council.

Share wisdom: Contact Ed. Chairman **Sandra Wiebe** to match you with a deserving student

Get Involved: Locally - Volunteer your time for upcoming seminars, contact SODA for details.

Nationally - the branding of "National Professional Identity Campaign" needs volunteers for its public launch in May. Contact Connie Chung at cchong@cobc.ca or 604-278-7510

Opportunities: Media Relations / Communication Writers / Website Committee /
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A HUGE BOUQUET GOES OUT TO:

TAMMY HARTLEY
WILLARD JAMIESON
CANDACE RUNGE
CAROL STOBBE

These volunteers shared their expertise with our Contact Lens students
at the Seminar held March 20th & 21st at the SODA office.

They earned Continuing Education Credits for their commitment.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP - WE TRULY APPRECIATE IT !

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We are looking for volunteers again for the May 16th & May 30th Prep days  
Earn 4 CEC / per day



## UPCOMING EVENTS for 2010

### SODA Dates

Council Meeting Dates:  
(dates subject to change)

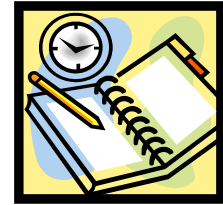
May 26, September 27, November 26

SODA Convention:

September 25 – 26 @ Regina Delta  
“What’s The Latest in Technology”

AGM Dates

September 26 @ 1:00 Regina Delta



### International Dates

October 1 – 3

Vision Canada 2010, Ottawa, Ontario

October 6 – 9

Vision Expo West, Las Vegas, Nevada



### **REMINDER !**

*It has come to the attention of council that unlicensed opticians have been practicing in the province and that members are reminded that all opticians practicing in Saskatchewan no matter what the duration are required to be licensed in accordance with the Act.*

### **PREP DAYS**

May 16  
May 30

Eyeglass Prep  
Contact Lens Prep

S.O.D.A. Office @ 10:00 am  
S.O.D.A. Office @ 10:00 am

### NACOR Practical Examination Dates

|                   |                  |                                                     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| April 25          | Saskatchewan     | Final written examinations SIAST Kelsey Institution |
| April 23 - 25     | Ontario          | Seneca College, Toronto, Ontario                    |
| May 28 – 30       | British Columbia | Douglas College, Coquitlam, British Columbia        |
| June 5 – 6        | Saskatchewan     | Kelsey College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan             |
| June 12 – 13      | Manitoba         | Eyeglasses - Red River Community Coll. Winnipeg     |
|                   |                  | Contact Lenses - Contact Lens Services Winnipeg     |
| June 26 – 28      | Alberta          | NAIT - Main Campus, Edmonton, Alberta               |
| September 24 – 26 | British Columbia | Douglas College, Coquitlam, British Columbia        |
| October 22 – 24   | Ontario          | Seneca College, Toronto, Ontario                    |
| November 6 – 7    | Manitoba         | Eyeglasses - Red River Community College Winnipeg   |
|                   |                  | Contact Lenses - Contact Lens Services Winnipeg     |
| November 6 – 7    | New Brunswick    | Saint John, New Brunswick                           |

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## NEWS RELEASE

Ministry of Health Services

### B.C. MODERNIZES REGULATIONS FOR SALE OF EYEWEAR

VICTORIA – The Province introduced a series of changes today that will modernize the way in which British Columbians get their glasses and contact lenses, and give them more choice, announced Health Services Minister Kevin Falcon.

“After lengthy consultation on some of these issues, and a recent court decision that caused us to take a broader look at all the existing regulations, now is the time to take action,” said Falcon. “With advances in technology and more consumers turning to the Internet, it makes sense to modernize a decades-old system to give British Columbians more choice while maintaining public safety.”

The Province is giving six weeks’ notice that effective May 1, 2010, changes will be made to the regulations for opticians and optometrists under the Health Professions Act, including:

- Removal of most of the restrictions that allow only opticians or optometrists, or workers supervised by them, to dispense glasses or contacts.
- Allowing prescriptions issued by medical doctors and optometrists outside of the province to be filled within B.C.
- Allowing people to order glasses or contacts online without having to give the seller a copy of their prescription, sight-test assessment or contact-lens specifications.
- Requiring opticians and optometrists in B.C. to include in a prescription or sight-test assessment the measurement of distance between the client’s pupils, which is required for the proper fitting of glasses.
- Requiring opticians and optometrists in B.C. to give clients, free of charge, a copy of their prescription, sight-test assessment or contact-lens specifications – whether or not it is requested by the client – and also to give a copy, free of charge, to a third-party eyewear seller or other person if requested by the client.

The initial fitting of contacts to determine the lens specifications will still be done only by an optician, optometrist or medical doctor, or workers supervised by them, using information contained in a prescription or sight-test assessment.

Also taking effect on May 1 is a change to optician sight-testing. Opticians will now be able to independently conduct sight-tests for healthy clients aged 19-65. This eliminates the extra step of having a sight-test reviewed by a medical doctor who then issues a prescription. Instead, a screening process will be put in place to ensure a client is healthy enough to be eligible for the sight-test, and is fully informed about the difference between a sight-test and an eye-health examination.

The screening process will also require the optician to refer a client to a medical doctor or optometrist if the client has a specified pre-existing condition or if certain test results occur. Regular eye-health examinations will still be recommended for all British Columbians, who should consult a medical doctor or optometrist about how often they should have an eye-health examination.

An October 2009 decision by the B.C. Court of Appeal found that Coastal Contacts, a B.C.- based online eyewear seller with approximately 120 employees, is contravening the regulations by dispensing contact refills without seeing a prescription. These regulatory changes will address the court decision.

### UPDATE ON BC MINISTER OF HEALTH’S PRESS RELEASE

March 24, 2010

I think the correct approach to this update is to start off with several bullet points answering some of the questions that have arisen since Friday afternoon when the Minister’s announcement was first made. It is unlikely that the Minister is going to entertain any change in the interim between now and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 so we need to take a look at some of the positives and some of the opportunities.

We are the leadership of Canadian Opticianry and if we express an emotional, exclusively negative reaction to this turn of events to our registrants and members it will be the attitude they carry with them instead of finding ways to make the profession survive and prosper.

**This is a huge win for opticians.** We are all naturally unhappy with the deregulation of eyeglass dispensing however, we now have a province in which independent optician-performed refracting is within our scope of practice. It was felt that government in BC (and most likely elsewhere in Canada given time) would deregulate eyeglass dispensing so it is a tremendous thing that opticians will have this expanded scope of practice.

**We knew that the Minister was going to deal with both the opticians' regulation and the issues raised by Internet sellers at the same time.** We were not certain he was going to tie them together in this fashion. At the same time all indications were, during previous conversations with the Ministry that partial deregulation of dispensing was inevitable – if not now then sometime over the next several years. As we know we have been challenged in every province to defend regulation of eyeglasses and it's been getting harder and harder to do so. The OBC met with the Minister of Health just after our Calgary meetings and the COBC has had regular meetings with the chief policy advisor to the Minister. Both signaled that there would be a resolution by the end of March. We did not get a 'heads up' that it would be last Friday.

**Was there any trade-off made by opticians i.e. did we sacrifice eyeglasses in order to get refracting?** Absolutely not! The OAC, and to my knowledge every other association and regulatory body in the country has been fiercely protective of regulation of eyeglasses. It was ultimately a losing battle because the Internet is not going away.

**Opticians retain right to title.** We already knew that it would be very important for opticians to educate consumers about our value in terms of knowledge and skill. That is why our Licensed Optician branding project is so important. Isn't it great that we're ahead of the curve in that respect?

**Opticians will be able to use the results of the automated refraction (now called the Assessment Record) to make both eyeglasses and contact lenses.** Previously the draft regulation allowed only eyeglasses to be made.

**Only an Optician who has qualified by training can provide an automated refraction and an Assessment Record.** Only an optometrist can provide a Prescription.

**Only a contact lens fitter or someone supervised by a contact lens fitter can fit a contact lens or supply a contact lens for the purpose of fitting a contact lens.** Others who are not regulated may dispense duplicates.

**A contact lens fitter must provide the client, free of charge with a copy of any prescription or record or assessment for the purpose of dispensing a vision appliance.** This does not mean that the optician cannot charge for the process of developing the assessment. It just means that you cannot charge additional fees if the person wants a copy of the record. However if the person came back some time later – as they often do, you could charge an administrative fee.

**The Standards of Practice have not changed substantially since they were originally developed a few years ago with the exception of the following:**

Clause 8 indicates that sections 1 to 5 and 6 (a) do not apply if a prescriber who has performed an eye health examination of the client has requested a registrant to conduct an independent automated refraction on the client. This is huge because it means that an ophthalmologist who was treating a diabetic patient, for example and who was satisfied that it was okay for the person to have a new prescription, could send the person along to a sight testing optician to have the refraction performed.

Clause 10 (a) indicates that the registrant who is conducting an automated refraction and developing an assessment record must also take the person's PD and include it as part of the record. What if you are not providing an automated refraction? Naturally if the optician has not performed an automated refraction the PD would only be taken in the course of making a pair of eyeglasses. At that point the release of the PD would be subject to Federal and Provincial privacy laws. The question has been asked if someone came in off the street and wanted their PD taken would the optician have to take it. The answer to that is no unless they want to make taking a PD a part of their business model. In that case they could charge for the service.

Initially the Standards of Practice did not allow opticians to provide refraction for those who had prescriptions over 10.00 dioptres. The new regulation limits that to 6.00 dioptres. It seems clear that it is a starting place and after safe practice has been demonstrated we can go back to the Minister for a modification of the regulation. (It is our understanding that in BC the Minister does not have to take changes in regulation back to caucus as if the case in many other provinces but instead can implement a regulation on his/her own initiative.

The previous Standards of Practice required that the candidate for refracting have had an eye health examination within a restricted time frame. The new regulation uses a standard which references the COS recommendations: one eye health examination since attaining the age of 19 years or, if the client is 40 or older has had one eye health examination since reaching that age.

The OBC: Opticians of British Columbia and the OAC will be submitting a consultation paper based on risk of harm. It is assumed the COBC will also be submitting a paper.

Both the OBC and the COBC will be meeting with the Ministry in the next few days to clarify the meaning of the new regulation. We will keep you advised of any emerging information from those meetings.

There are many models of business that can be innovated to sustain the profession. The urgency for this is clearly in BC. If we believe that this change marks a trend for other provincial governments, we at least have time to shape those models and be prepared.

Mary Field, Chief Administrative Officer, OAC National Affairs.





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# A MIRACLE OF SIGHT

## DOCTORS IMPLANT TOOTH IN BLIND WOMAN'S EYE



Lending a whole new meaning to the term "eyetooth," Miami surgeons have implanted a tooth in a 60-year-old blind woman's eye, using it to anchor an artificial cornea that has restored her vision, lost for nine years. "I'm looking forward to seeing my seven youngest grandchildren for the first time," said Sharon "Kay" Thornton, who was blinded by Stevens-Johnson syndrome in 2000. The rare, serious skin condition destroys cells on the surface of the eye, causing severe scarring of the cornea that prevents a cornea transplant or use of a conventional artificial cornea. After an attempt to correct her problem using gene therapy failed, Dr. Victor L. Perez of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine decided to try an unusual procedure called modified osteo-odonto-keratoprosthesis that had been developed in Italy but never tried in the United States.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Yoh Sawatari, an oral surgeon at the Miller School, removed one of Thornton's canine or "eye" teeth the pointed teeth in the upper jaw, so-named because they sit directly beneath the eyes--and the bone surrounding it. Technicians shaved the tooth and bone and sculpted it to the proper shape, then drilled a hole through it to insert a cylindrical optical lens. The combined tooth and lens were then implanted in Thornton's shoulder to allow them time to become fully integrated.

Meanwhile, Perez prepared the surface of the eye by removing the scar tissue surrounding the damaged cornea. About a month later, moist skin from inside her cheek was used to cover and rehabilitate the surface of the eye. Two months later, around the beginning of September, Perez removed the tooth from her shoulder and implanted it in Thornton's eye, carefully aligning it with the center of the retina. A whole was made in the mucosal material from the cheek to allow the lens to protrude through and collect light.

When the bandages were removed from Thornton's eye on Labor Day weekend, she was able to recognize faces within hours. Now, two weeks later, she is reading newsprint with a visual acuity of 20/70. Doctors expect her vision to continue to improve as the surgical scars heal.

The procedure was originally developed in 1963 by Italian ophthalmologist Dr. Benedetto Strampelli. It was not very successful initially, however, because of serious complications--such as the tooth falling out of the eye. Modifications by Dr. G. Falcinelli of Italy solved those problems, however, and the procedure is now used in Europe and Japan--albeit rarely. Perez traveled to Rome to learn the technique from Dr. Falcinelli.

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- \* Amar'e Stoudemire Phoenix Suns NBA star sustains retinal detachment Feb. 2009 in game vs. L.A. Clippers in which he scored 42 points.
- \* Andrea Bocelli Pop/Classical tenor with 60M. in album sales goes blind at age 12 due to Football ( Soccer ) accident.
- \* James Thurber Renowned Cartoonist and Humorist while playing William Tell with his brothers - ironically brother William. Jamie gets shot with an arrow to his eye causing blindness.
- \* Sugar Ray Leonard In his Welterweight unification match Sept. 16 1981 he battles Thomas " The Hitman " Hearns in Las Vegas. In the end of 5<sup>th</sup> round Leonard's left eye is badly swollen but he rallies to win in round 14 by a technical knockout. By the following spring he discovers he has suffered a detached retina and goes into his first retirement.
- \* Steve Yzerman Detroit Red Wings Vs. Calgary Flames May 1, 2004 Steve gets hit in the eye by a deflected slapshot from stick of fellow Wing Matt Schneider in a playoff game; breaking his orbital bone and scratching his cornea. Eye surgery followed and he was sidelined for rest of post season forcing him to miss the 2004 World Cup



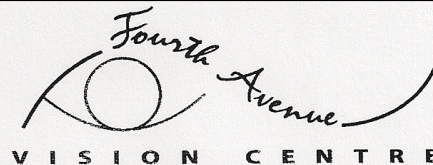
## EYE NEWS

### SURGEONS PRESCRIBE CONTACT LENSES FOR INFANTS TO CORRECT VISION

Infants as young as one-month-old are prescribed contact lenses at pediatric eye surgery centers so their visual system will develop correctly. Infants may be fitted for contacts if they have had cataract surgery, need extremely high-strength prescription glasses, or have very different prescriptions for the two eyes. According to Dr. Natalia Uribe, who directs the Contact Lens Program in The Vision Center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, "The brain's visual system is not fully mature until about age eight. It is critical that infants and very young children with eye problems have their sight corrected so the visual pathway develops properly. Otherwise it may not be possible for them to enjoy normal vision as an adult." According to Dr. Uribe, "Many of the children I see have a medical condition that affects only one eye. Wearing glasses with one thick lens and one clear lens will not work on very young children. A properly fitted contact lens can produce near-normal vision - the images are the same size, clear and focused, and input equally from both eyes - spurring proper brain development." For example, if an infant is born with a congenital cataract, the lens inside the eye, which is used for focusing, is cloudy. Vision development in that eye is blocked, leading to amblyopia as the child grows. Lens implant surgery does not work for very young children because their eyes are growing so rapidly. Contact lenses are the preferred choice because they can be refitted frequently and they provide more natural vision than lop-sided cataract glasses. Excerpt from Source: <http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/b.5207559/k.BF78/Home.htm> Published Date: 23/12/2009



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