

# JONES EYE INSTITUTE OUTLOOK



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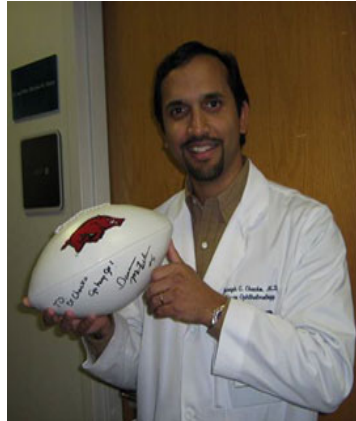
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## Joseph Chacko, M.D., Recognized for Neuro-Ophthalmology

Joseph Chacko, M.D., (Neuro-Ophthalmology) recently gave a platform presentation at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) meeting in Snowbird, Utah on February 12.

His topic was "Correlation of Relative Afferent Pupillary Defect with Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness Difference and Visual Field Mean Deviation Difference."

Chacko also co-authored a poster with Mark Mennemeier M.D., from the Department of Neurobiology entitled



"Troxler Fading is altered by disrupting parvocellular and magnocellular processing."

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Chacko also was recognized for patient care when he was presented with this Razorback football autographed by Darren McFadden as a token of appreciation by Dr. Al Gordon of Fayetteville (Razorback team physician). Gordon's father, Al Gordon, Sr. was Chacko's patient in the Neuro-ophthalmology clinic at JEI in January.

## Ivan J. Suner, M.D., Visiting Professor Presents

On March 8th, Ivan Suner, M.D. presented "The biology of smoking in age-related macular degeneration: clinical lessons and future directions" and "Current controversies in management of wet AMD" in the Bowen Auditorium.

Dr. Suner is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology from Duke University School of

Medicine.

He is involved in novel imaging modalities such as optical coherence tomography (OCT) and ultra-wide retinal angiography using scanning laser ophthalmoscopy. He performed the initial studies on this new technology in the United States and was instrumental in the FDA-approval of the technique.



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Please submit accolades, suggestions, ideas, and stories for the JEI Outlook to Shannon Hughen, 686-8636 or SKHughen@uams.edu

### New Deadline

There will be a new deadline starting in April for submitting newsletter stories and content. Creative Services is drafting a new design for April and will be assisting in content layout and editing so please submit all information to Shannon Hughen no later than the 5th of each month.



### Announcements

Also please remember to use GoodSearch.com when doing your internet searches online. For each search Jones Eye gets a penny so you can imagine how much can be raised if we all used it every day and pick JEI as the benefactor. Please E-mail skhughen@uams.edu for more information.

### Heart Walk

Donna Mattingly is

looking for walkers to join her team in this year's American Heart Association Heart Walk on Saturday, April 21st. The walk begins at 9 a.m. on the North Shore River Walk, North Little Rock under the Main Street bridge. Please contact Donna Mattingly if you are interested in supporting this great cause.

### JEI Staff Participate in the Little Rock Half Marathon



On Sunday, March 4th, Karen Call and Donna Mattingly participated in the 5th annual Little Rock Marathon/Half Marathon. Karen ran in the half and her finishing time was 1:51:34. She also finished first in her female age group. Donna walked in the half and her finishing time was 3:37:17. This was a very special goal for Donna as she had set out to match and beat her late husband's time of his last marathon, which was 3:53. She was very proud of her time and we are very proud of both Donna and Karen.

(Pictured right is Karen Call and her niece, Carmen Call)



### In the Research Corner

Nalini Bora, Ph.D., professor and director of the Pat & Willard Walker Eye Research Center, has contracted with Houston based Tanox, Inc. Tanox is a leading biotechnology company developing a product for age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and has recently conducted a preclinical experiment with a drug candidate.



Tanox sought out Bora and the expertise of her laboratory to better understand the experiment results.

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Nalini Bora and Puran S. Bora were invited to visit Alcon Labs in Dallas on March 5 and 6. During their visit they were asked to speak on their research of Age-related Macular Degeneration.

### Calendar of Events and Birthdays

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|-------------------------------|---|
| March 4—Dr. Mike Brodsky      | April 5—Joyce Pennington                    |
| March 11—Dr. Ammar Safar      | April 11 – Jones Eye Advisory Board Meeting |
| March 13—Pam Whitlock         | April 11—Phyllis Eakens                     |
| March 14—Dr. John Shock       | April 12—Barbara Wright                     |
| March 17—Dr. Gissur Petursson | April 14—Dr. Annisa Buckner                 |
| March 17—Angie Eubanks        | April 15—Rhonda Robertson                   |
| March 18—Ruby Varela          |   |
| March 20—Dr. Inci Dersu       |   |
| April 2—Dr. Sankar Kaliappan  |   |

### All Eyes on You - Felita Johnson

**What music or books are you currently enjoying?**

I truly love all kinds of music except opera.

**Who has most influenced your life?**

My Mother

**What inspires you?**

My two sweet children.

**Tell us about your family.**

I have a wonderful husband of 10 years, a beautiful daughter named Tessa and a

melt-your-heart son, Trey.

**What can you not live without?** Coffee

**What do you enjoy most about working at JEI?** Meeting new people and working with a group of nice and helpful friends.

**What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?** Spending time with my family.

**Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?** Barbara Streisand, George Strait and

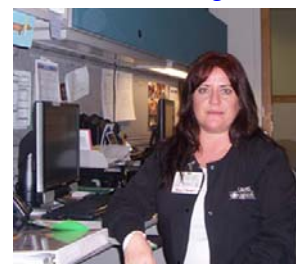
Michael Jordan.

**Where would you go on a dream vacation?**

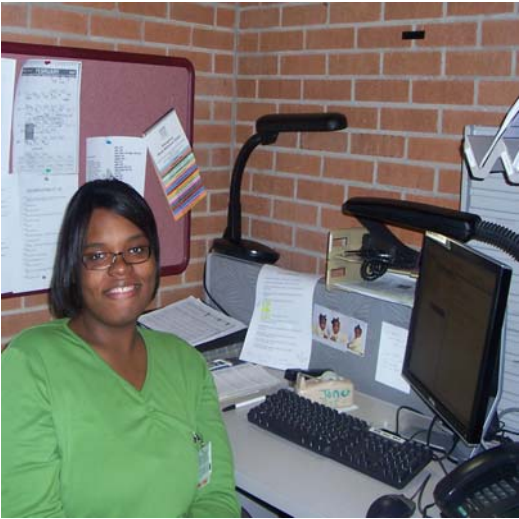
Montana!

**What do most people not know about you?**

That I love working in my



garden or maybe that I am a twin.



### New to Jones Eye Institute

Tiffani Goodwin is now working in the JEI phone center on a long term assignment with U-Temp. She previously worked in the Child Study Center at ACH under U-Temps. She has three beautiful daughters; 6-month-old twins Kylah and Karris, and a busy two-year-old, Kennedy. She has been at JEI for three weeks now, and says she enjoys every minute of it.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8 Visiting Professor, Ivan J. Suner, M.D.	9	10
11 Daylight-Saving Time	12	13	14 Albert Einstein's & Dr. Shock's Birthday	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21 First Day of Spring	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31