

OUTLOOK

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Jones Eye Institute's Annual Christmas Party

On November 30, the Jones Eye Institute held its annual Christmas party again this year at Next Level Events in the Old Train Station. Around 165 JEI employees and their guests attended this year, enjoying a pasta bar with traditional spaghetti & meatballs, chicken tetrazzini, vegetable Alfredo, Italian green beans, salad, and an assortment of deserts.

Dr. Shock and Dr. Phillips served as Santa's helpers, handing out a nice selection of door prizes to some lucky employees. This year's goodies included gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble, Circuit City, and Chili's. Some of the other gifts were a MP3 player, an Elvis CD Collection, and a Dream Machine clock radio. The highlight of the night was JEI's version of the Twelve Days of Christmas song performed by several JEI employees. Thanks to Carryl Blackburn, Shirley Hankins, and Rebecca Danner for their help with writing, organizing singers and directing this special presentation. Thanks also to Carryl for her hard work and planning for the Christmas party this year.



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Leaving a Legacy

A million dollar endowed chair is being established in the name of John W. Nutt, a long-time friend and founding board member of the Jones Eye Institute. John, Joie and their family recently gave a major gift prior to John's death on December 6. This endowment which had been previously started by funds from three anonymous donors is now complete.

John, a highly successful business man from North Little Rock, served on the JEI Advisory Board from its inception and was chairman of the board for five years prior to 1994. John was a great leader and team player and will be missed by people all over Arkansas.

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AT JEI

Carryl Blackburn

On the **first day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
A lot of patient charts to file

On the **second day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **third day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **fourth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **fifth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **sixth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **seventh day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **eighth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Eight manifest refractions
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **ninth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Nine A scan ultrasounds
Eight manifest refractions
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants

Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **tenth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Ten visual fields
Nine A scan ultrasounds
Eight manifest refractions
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **eleventh day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Eleven research projects
Ten visual fields
Nine A scan ultrasounds
Eight manifest refractions
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file

On the **twelfth day** of Christmas the doctors gave to me,
Twelve contact lenses
Eleven research projects
Ten visual fields
Nine A scan ultrasounds
Eight manifest refractions
Seven IOLs
Six corneal transplants
Five hundred late encounter forms
Four blepharoplasties
Three fluorescein angiograms
Two LASIK work-ups
And a lot of patient charts to file



Jones Eye Institute physicians appointed as Commissioners for the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology

Inci Irak-Dersu, M.D., was appointed to serve as the American Glaucoma Society's representative to the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) in early December. Dr. Dersu was nominated by the president of American Glaucoma Society. Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., is serving his second term as the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology's representative to JCAHPO. These two national appointments are five year commitments, as a volunteer commissioner, with a primary focus in areas of certification and education. Dr. Dersu and Dr. Westfall are two of thirty-one representatives appointed to serve. Established in 1969, JCAHPO is an international nonprofit organization that certifies and provides education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health professionals. JCAHPO's certification levels of COA, COT, and COMT are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). JCAHPO's organization is a commission with 19 ophthalmologic and ophthalmic allied health societies/associations in the United States and Canada. Each organizational member selects one or two individuals who agree to represent their society or association to JCAHPO.



LASIK and Pentacam Seminar

On December 5, Jones Eye Institute hosted a LASIK and Pentacam lunch seminar to a group of 35 UAMS employees and students in the Pauly Auditorium in the College of Public Health. Attendees enjoyed free pizza while learning more about new LASIK techniques presented by Michael Wiggins, M.D. and about the new Pentacam technology presented by Bhairavi Kharod, M.D.

Vital Link Employee of the Month Award

On November 29, Kathryn Eisele, from the JEI Clinic, was awarded the Vital Link Employee of the Month Award for her hard work and dedication in October and also received a \$25 gift certificate. Kathryn has been at JEI almost nine years now and currently works as a chart technician. Her supervisor Betty Drye adds, "Kathryn is very dependable and punctual, and she is also very organized and conscientious. When she is out on vacation, we really miss her and wish for her 'super chart finding abilities.' It is a pleasure to work with Kathryn, and she is very deserving of the VITAL LINK Employee of the Month Award. She was very surprised but excited to be selected for this honor."



JEI has had three of the selected Vital Link winners in the first six months of the program.

Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program Awarded a Five Year Accreditation

The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program has completed the 2007 accreditation review by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs (CoA-OMP) and was recently granted continuing accreditation for another five years. CoA-OMP conducted a two day site visit in February 2007 and received very positive feedback from both site visitors. The CoA-OMP board and site visit team found our program to be in substantial compliance for the general requirements for accreditation, resources, students, operational policies, program evaluation, and curriculum. The review found no deficiencies within the program and identified several strengths including the strong support from UAMS, JEI, and the College of Health Related Professions. This was the second accreditation review for the program. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur in 2012.

Josette “Toni” Young Retires After 10 Years at Jones Eye Institute



A reception was held in honor of Toni Young's retirement on December 5 in the JEI second floor Bowen Auditorium where cake and punch were served. Judy Simms, clinical director at JEI says, "Toni has done an outstanding job and I believe that would be a unanimous statement from all of us. She has had the opportunity to see changes, systems, etc. come and go and has adapted to each one of them."



JEI Announcements

The Journal of Ophthalmic Medical Technology in December went over the 100,000 mark and to date has been accessed 111,349 times worldwide. Great job to all the JOMT staff!

Cynthia Bond joined JEI on December 1, as the new research associate/librarian. Cynthia received a BS in journalism from Arkansas State University and her masters in technical and expository writing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Her research experience includes the last thirteen years with University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences working with the Arkansas Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention and Arkansas Cancer Research Center. She has a strong background in writing, editing, web design and coordination and served as IRB liaison in her previous position. Please give Cynthia a warm welcome when you see her.

Shannon Huguen was nominated to serve on the 2008 Arkansas Fundraising Professionals Executive Board representing diversity.

Diane McVinney performs with her group “The Etesian Winds” at UAMS



Pictured left to right: Susan Bell Leon, bassoon; Kelly Johnson, clarinet; Diane McVinney, flute; David Renfro, horn; Beth Wheeler, oboe and not pictured is Steve Becraft, clarinet

“The Etesian Winds”, a wind quintet composed of musicians who formed after their previous work together with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, performed on November 20 in the Walton Auditorium at UAMS. Diane has been playing with the group for a few years now and traveled with them in 2005 to England to perform in several churches outside of London.

Diane’s graduate studies in music led to a performance certificate in chamber music from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and a master of music degree in flute performance from the University of Texas at Austin.

Steve and Amanda Staples welcome a new baby girl, Hana Grace

Steve and Amanda Staples are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hana Grace Staples. She was born December 3, 2007 at 8:25 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18.5” inches long. Congratulations to Steve, Amanda and Hana’s siblings, Bailey and Abby.



Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- December 1 - Dr. R. Scott Lowery,
JEI 2nd year anniversary
- December 1 - Dr. Sean-Paul Atreides,
JEI 3rd year anniversary
- December 2 - Shelli Madison
- December 3 - Brenda Hull, JEI 12th year anniversary
- December 3 - Dr. Gissur Petursson,
JEI 33rd year anniversary
- December 3 - Toni Young
- December 12 - Carryl Blackburn
- December 16 - Angie Brown
- December 18 - Shelli Madison, JEI 7th year anniversary
- December 19 - Suzanne Hansen
- December 21 - Carryl Blackburn,
UAMS/JEI 43rd anniversary
- December 25 - Donna Adams
- December 28 - Dr. Nalini Bora
- January 1 - Dr. Nalini Bora, JEI 2nd year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Puran Bora, JEI 2nd year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Sankaranarayanan Kaliappan,
JEI 2nd year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Purushottam Jha,
JEI 2nd year anniversary
- January 1 - Bharati Matta, JEI 2nd year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Richard Harper,
JEI 14th year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Ramona Davis,
JEI 3rd year anniversary
- January 1 - Dr. Thomas Cannon,
JEI 7th year anniversary
- January 2 - Dr. Michael Wiggins,
JEI 5th year anniversary
- January 3 - Deborah Troillett, JEI 8th year anniversary
- January 5 - Anne Luther
- January 6 - Steve Staples, JEI 5th year anniversary
- January 10 - Dr. Puran Bora
- January 13 - Luci Vega, JEI 7th year anniversary

All Eyes On You - Cynthia Bond



What music or books are you currently enjoying?

I enjoy several types of music. I'm an Elvis fan and of course, I enjoy listening to the "Oldies". I also enjoy listening to "Country" and I'm a fan of both Carrie Underwood and Alan Jackson. I even enjoy listening to "Classic Country." As far as books, I haven't started a new book yet; however, when I am reading, I enjoy biographies and best sellers including books by John Grisham and Danielle Steel.

Who has most influenced your life?

Both of my parents have influenced my life with their Christian values and their strong work ethics. I would not be the person I am today without the influence of both of my parents.

What inspires you?

The ability to help people inspires me. If researchers are able to accomplish this goal, all of the hard work required is worthwhile.

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Kris, and I have been married for six years. We do not have any children. We have fun taking care of our two dogs named Sadie and Frito and a cat named Maggie. Sadie is a designer dog

(also known as the new name for mixed breeds) because she is part Labrador retriever and part Beagle. Sadie also enjoys imitating Frito, our Chihuahua who enjoys being a lap dog, so we call Sadie a "Chilab."

What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?

I enjoy watching movies—action, drama, and even a romantic tear jerker. I also enjoy watching all of the "Law and Order" shows including "CI" and "SVU," "Grey's Anatomy," "Without a Trace," and "Cold Case." I also enjoy cross stitching and photography.

Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?

I am a fan of the "Andy Griffith Show." I would choose as my three dinner guests: Andy Griffith, Don Knotts (Barney Fife) and Ron Howard (Opie Taylor). I would want to discuss their insights and experiences while they were filming this "classic" television show.

Where would you go on a dream vacation?

My husband and I would love to go to Hawaii. It will probably be as a 25th wedding anniversary present.

What do most people not know about you?

I enjoy singing at my church as a choir member or singing a special song at church. Also, I enjoy watching ESPN at home and listening to sports talk radio while driving.



Happy Holidays

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