

# OUTLOOK

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## Jones Eye Institute's Annual **Holiday** Party

On Dec. 5, the Jones Eye Institute held its annual holiday party at Next Level Events in the Old Train Station. Approximately 165 JEI employees and their guests attended this year, enjoying a Mexican buffet with fajitas, nachos, salsa, cheese dip and an assortment of deserts.

Dr. Shock, Dr. Westfall and Dr. Harper 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 Barnes & Noble, Chili's, the Container Store and Sonny Williams Steakroom. Other gifts were a Pedometer, a Ray Charles CD Collection and a stainless steel coffee mug. The night ended with employees dancing. Thanks to Carryl Blackburn and Donna Mattingly for their help with planning a spectacular party this year.



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## Jones Eye Institute Staff Members Give Thanks



*I am thankful for so many who have contributed to the mission and hope Jones Eye offers patients and families. We are able to pass on the blessings because a generous heart remembered sight is very precious. Thank you for the low vision specialty services and equipment provided there; my mom now can see and if that is two days or two years, your contributions made that possible.*

Pam Whitlock  
Clinic Manager



*I am thankful...for supporting a state-of-art eye care center of Arkansas, where I practice ophthalmology to meet my patients' needs and expectations.*

Inci Dersu, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology  
Director of Glaucoma Services



*I am thankful to our board members for their dedication, time and generosity and to our countless donors for their belief in our mission to provide the best eye care through research, healing, teaching and serving.*

Shannon Hughen-Giger  
Assistant Director of Development



*I am thankful to our board members for providing funds to equip our library with educational items so our faculty and residents can continue to further their knowledge of ophthalmology. Thanks!*

Cynthia A. Bond, M.A.  
Research Associate/Librarian



*I am thankful for the top-notch facilities at the Jones Eye Institute. From our visual field machines to OCT, you help us provide the best of care in the Neuro-Ophthalmology service. Happy Holidays.*

Joseph G. Chacko, MD  
Director of Neuro-Ophthalmology  
Assistant Professor of  
Ophthalmology and Neurology



*I am thankful to Mrs. Pat Walker for her generous donations to support our research efforts directed towards finding cures for various blinding ocular diseases such as uveitis, glaucoma and macular degeneration.*

Nalini S. Bora, Ph.D.  
Director of Research  
Professor of Ophthalmology and  
Microbiology & Immunology  
Pat & Willard Walker Eye  
Research Center



*I am thankful for the many well-educated, highly-qualified ophthalmic caregivers here at JEI.*

Staci Grimes, OMT



*I am extremely thankful to the Lions Club for providing the funds for new equipment for the Clinical Research Department in which all of JEI will benefit.*

Shirley Hankins,  
Clinical Trial Director



*Being a former student of the OMT program, and now part of the team here at Jones Eye, I have been able to learn so many things here. Every department here at Jones Eye helps educate our OMT students. If it was not for every gift given, we would not have so many great opportunities to learn so many different things.*

**THANK YOU!!!**

Leora Hansberry B.S., OMT



*I am very thankful for our outstanding faculty and residents who create an environment that is conducive to learning, and thankful for our departmental leadership that makes education a priority.*

Richard A. Harper, M.D.  
Professor of Ophthalmology

Lutterloh Professor of  
Medical Education

Residency Program Director,  
Ophthalmology



*I am thankful for the amazing facilities and supportive environment I have had to learn in as a resident and now to teach in as a new faculty member.*

Jennifer Anderson, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology



*Philanthropy is the lifeblood of the Jones Eye Institute. Without the generosity of our benefactors we would not be what we are today. The recent donations establishing endowed chairs in critical academic disciplines are the latest example of the importance of the kind and generous people who sustain our efforts to care for our patients now and in the future.*

Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., FACS  
Vice Chairman, Department of  
Ophthalmology

Director of Oculoplastic and  
Reconstructive Surgery

Pat Walker Department of  
Ophthalmology Chair

*Through our mission and vision, Jones Eye Institute has been a forerunner in the profession of ophthalmology. This institution is a devout advocate of education and effective eye care through excellent rapport, knowledgeable physicians, research, and nuisances in technology. It has been with the insight and aid of angels that all of these attributes have been made possible.*

Robbie Sanders, Point of Service Coordinator



*There is a quote by William James that says "The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life." This is true for our donors as well as for the JEI team that provides an environment of caring for their fellow man. I am thankful for those who have taken part in this proud legacy.*

John P. Shock, M.D.  
Distinguished Professor & Chair,  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Director, Jones Eye Institute



*Left to Right: Susan Cunningham, Steve Staples and Geoff Brown*

*The Arkansas Lions Eye Bank & Laboratory is thankful for all of the compassionate families who donated their loved one's eyes in order to complete our mission in giving the "Gift of Sight" to those in need.*

Geoffrey C. Brown  
Executive Director  
Arkansas Lions Eye Bank & Lab

*I am thankful for our many talented and remarkable physicians here at Jones Eye Institute, and for their constant dedication to help our patients.*

Donna Mattingly  
Human Resources Manager



*As we grow older, all of us will need to seek eye care. In Arkansas we have been blessed with the Jones Eye Institute, where state-of-the-art technology is available, thanks to our generous donors. Happy Holidays!*

Mary Rinke, R.N.

*I am thankful for Dr. Shock's leadership and his vision of a state-of-the-art eye institute which has now become a reality with the generous gifts from our donors.*

Carryl Blackburn  
Executive Assistant



*I am thankful for having JEI physicians, OMT techs and medical students who volunteer their time to help out the citizens in the community with free eye screenings and glasses.*

Thomas Cannon, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of  
Ophthalmology



*I am thankful for the generous gifts that our donors provide. I feel privileged to care for patients and educate students in such a first class, state-of-the-art facility. I know that I will be capable of providing exceptional patient care and education for many years to come due to the continued support and contributions of our donors.*

Kim Glaze, BS COMT  
Interim Clinic Supervisor  
OMT Faculty Instructor

*I am very thankful to the board members and our generous donors for purchasing the Oculus pentacam. It has not only made Jones Eye "one of its kind" in the state, but has truly impacted our patients' eye care. With this newest technology, we have been able to diagnose many sight-threatening diseases that would otherwise have been undetected.*

Bhairavi V. Kharod, M.D.  
Chief of Service,  
Cornea and External Disease

Assistant Professor  
Cataract and Refractive Service

*I am thankful for an environment where my efforts to provide accurate billing and secure appropriate reimbursement are supported by a wonderful Department and clinic staff.*

Diane McVinney, CPC  
Billing Manager

## JEI Announcements



*JEI 3rd annual snowball toss was held on Wednesday, December 17th.*

John Casciano, M.D., JEI resident, has successfully matched for a fellowship in corneal and external diseases at the Kellogg Eye Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Angi Covert, certified ophthalmic assistant, has worked at JEI for 10 years and received her service pin during the UAMS Employee Service Awards Ceremony in October 2008.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE CORNER

As we reported back in October, Rhonda Robertson, point of service coordinator, rallied a group of JEI staff volunteers to knit individual squares to complete an afghan that would later be donated to a child staying at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Several employees knitted individual squares while Rhonda pieced them all together. In addition to the afghan, several employees purchased scarves to be donated to children at ACH during the holidays. Below is a picture of the afghan and scarves to be donated.



Laurie Barber, M.D., professor, was recently elected to serve on the 2009 American Academy of Ophthalmology Board of Trustees. The AAO is the largest national organization of ophthalmologists with approximately 90 percent membership in the United State and more than 7,000 international members. The Board of Trustees is the policy-making body for the AAO.

Michael Wiggins, M.D., associate professor, was voted as the favorite 2008 Grand Rounds speaker by the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology. Dr. Wiggins received this honor while speaking to ATPO at the AAO conference held in Atlanta in November 2008.

**WE CREATE  
COMFORT,  
HOPE &  
HEALING  
FOR OUR PATIENTS  
& FAMILIES.**

## Jones Eye Institute Host Two Resident Application Days



Jones Eye Institute hosted resident applicant days on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 in the Bowen Auditorium. Chairman and director, John Shock, M.D. and Richard Harper, M.D., residency program director welcomed everyone and presented a video that introduced Jones Eye Institute's 25 full-time faculty and six part-time faculty members.

Thirty-seven residents attended the applicant days this year. The residents represented medical schools all across the United States including: Alabama, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Colorado, Oregon, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Illinois, North Carolina, California, Georgia, Utah, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and a couple from our very own University of Arkansas of Medical Sciences.

Each resident applicant went through four interviews, was given a tour of each floor and enjoyed a private luncheon with the current JEI residents to hear their thoughts on the residency program.



## Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

December 2 – Robbie Sanders  
December 2 – Shelli Madison  
December 12 – Carryl Blackburn  
December 16 – Angie Brown  
December 19 – Suzanne Hansen  
December 25 – Donna Adams  
December 28 – Dr. Nalini Bora  
January 5 - Anne Luther  
January 10 - Dr. Puran Bora  
January 23 – Betty Drye

### Anniversaries

December 1 – Dr. David Nixon, 11 years  
December 1 – Dr. Sean-Paul Atreides, 4 years  
December 1 – Dr. R. Scott Lowery, 3 years  
December 2 – Shelli Madison, 8 years  
December 3 – Jamie Green, 1 year  
December 3 – Brenda Hull, 13 years  
December 16 – Jamie Jensen, 1 year  
December 21 – Carryl Blackburn, 44 years  
January 1 - Dr. Nalini Bora, 3 years  
January 1 - Dr. Puran Bora, 3 years  
January 1 - Dr. Purushottam Jha, 3 years  
January 1 - Bharati Matta, 3 years  
January 1 - Dr. Richard Harper, 15 years  
January 1 - Dr. Ramona Davis, 4 years  
January 1 - Dr. Thomas Cannon, 8 years  
January 2 - Dr. Michael Wiggins, 6 years  
January 3 - Deborah Troillett, 9 years  
January 6 - Steve Staples, 6 years  
January 13 - Luci Vega, 8 years  
January 14 – Anna Latta, 2 years  
January 14 – Penny Hinton, 1 year  
January 22 – Geoff Brown, 8 years

## JEI Christmas Theme ‘Song’



Written by Angie Brown, Ophthalmic Assistant,  
JEI Clinics

## “Let Us Know...”

When your vision / outside / is frightful...  
And our Staff / is so / delightful...  
JEI / is the place / to go...

So...Let Us Know...Let Us Know...Let Us Know.

A mission worthy / of / believing...  
Creating  
Comfort / Hope / and Healing...  
If you feel / we are reaching / this GOAL...

Then...Let Us Know...Let Us Know...Let Us Know.

You will finally / Re /alize...  
We’re the BEST / Eye Clinic / around...  
When we help / to improve / your sight...  
How you’ll LOVE / going OUT / on the TOWN.

As we wish / you All / Good Tidings...  
Remember, questions / are not / for hiding.  
So, before / you have / to go...

Just...Let Us Know...Let Us Know...Let Us Know.



### Pet of the Month\_NIKKI

Hi There! My name is Nikki. I belong to Myles and Donna Adams.

I am a 5-year 9-month old Bichon Frise, a little fluffy powder-puff of snowball white weighing 17 pounds. I am very energetic, loving and playful.



**Favorite Toy:** A stuffed Bichon puppy puppet known as Sissy Baby.

**Favorite Food:** Sharp cheddar cheese. Just let me hear the plastic wrap it comes in and I am at your feet in nanoseconds!

**Favorite Pastime:** Being with mom and dad—anywhere, anytime, anyhow.

**Most Favorite Thing:** I dearly love tummy rubs.

**Least Favorite Thing:** I could do without the outfits for our “photo-shoots”.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

# JANUARY

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