

# COPS NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2008

## CLEVELAND OPHTHALMIC PERSONNEL SOCIETY

### Upcoming Education

**February 12, 2008 3 PM**

*COS/COPS Meeting*

Doubletree Independence OH

David Bardenstein M.D.

Thyroid, Eye Tumors & Eyelid Tear Tests

**April 8, 2008 3 PM**

*COS/COPS Meeting*

Doubletree Independence OH

Thomas Chi, M.D.

Update on Medical & Surgical Treatment of Glaucoma

**March 9, 2008 8:30 AM**

*Annual Brunch*

Holiday Inn Independence OH

Pediatric Ophthalmology

Disney Theme

**May 8, 2008 7 PM**

*COPS Dinner Meeting*

Holiday Inn Independence OH

Topic to be determined

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## Ophthalmic Assisting Program Returns to Tri-C

### OPHTHALMIC ASSISTING PROGRAM RETURNS TO TRI-C

The staff at Cuyahoga Community College is pleased to announce the return of the Ophthalmic Assisting Program now located at the Metro Campus. The program has a new title "Introduction to Patient Care" and we are accepting students now for the class beginning in August 2008.

The revised program is an entry level course that will provide the student with the necessary skills needed to perform at the assistant level in an Ophthalmology practice. The Ophthalmic Assistant Home Study Course can be completed while attending the program as this is one of the required text books. A practicum has been added to the second semester for the students who are not currently employed in an Ophthalmology practice so that they will have the experience of basic assisting skills before they complete the program.

For additional information please contact instructors Molly Drenen at 216-987-4454 or Denise Capretta at 440-729-0724.

## To Thank You All

**Beth Colon COA**

During this season we stop to give thanks for all the blessings of the year. This year we give thanks to all of you who have supported the El Salvador Eye Mission. So many of you have contributed supplies and glasses!

The El Salvador Eye Mission depends on your donations to distribute to the underprivileged of the world. We can still use supplies for the next mission.

Thank you again for all your support.  
Beth Colon, COA

## Letter from the President

**Audrey Gargas, COT**

It's hard to believe another year has gone by so quickly. We have a great year of continuing education planned for 2008 and as always, are looking for any new members that would like to help out. One of the suggestions we have been trying to implement is a COPS website. If there is anyone in our group who could help us or knows someone who could help us with this, please let me know. It would be ideal as a reference website for all of our members.

It is really nice to see the students from the Tri-C ophthalmology program attending our CE meetings. It gives them encouragement to see how many people are currently employed in Ophthalmology and what they have to look forward to once they are out of the textbook stages and into their internships.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I hope to see everyone at the brunch!

## Brunch Update

*Baby, Baby...How do your eyes grow?*

**Brunch 2008 focuses on the early years of eye development.**

Anna Singh, M.D.

The Challenges of Pediatric Glaucoma

Sue Crow C.O.T

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Genetics

Faruk Orge, M.D.

Pediatric Ophthalmology

This year the theme for the brunch will be "The Wonderful World of Disney" This is to go along with the Pediatric Ophthalmology theme. Please feel free to come dressed as your favorite Disney character. Or wear your favorite Disney apparel.

Let's have fun.

Do not forget the "Tech of the Year" will be announced at the Brunch, and there is always prizes, food and fun. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

## Doctor Spotlight—Shamik Bafna, MD

Linda Georgia, COT

Dr Shamik Bafna, MD joined the Cleveland Eye Clinic in August 2008. We at the Cleveland Eye Clinic were happy to welcome him to the family. Dr Bafna is a pleasant person and treats the patients well. He has had extensive training with corneal procedures. He enjoys teaching the staff, and has expanded our knowledge in the area of corneal services.

Dr Bafna completed his medical training at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1992. His residency was performed at Baylor College of Medicine/Cullen Eye Institute In Houston Texas. Dr Bafna completed his fellowship at the New England Eye Center in Boston Massachusetts. He is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, and holds a diplomat position with the National Board of Medical Examiners.

He has published and presented several peer reviewed papers in ophthalmology including two chapters on laser vision correction. He has received numerous honors including the prestigious Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellowship Award.

Dr Bafna currently resides with his wife and two children In the Grater Cleveland Area. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and has visited over 25 countries.

Dr Bafna sees patients in all four Cleveland Eye Clinic locations:

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