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Summer 2017 Edition



GWCO Congress 2017 Registration Open!

Optometrists, allied ophthalmic professionals, and students are invited to attend GWCO Congress 2017!

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Exciting Course Schedule!

This year's Congress promises to offer an outstanding line-up of education including courses on injections, diabetes, interdisciplinary collaboration, glaucoma, brain injuries, scleral contact lenses, nutrition, hands-on workshops, and more!

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Here's Looking at You... Kent Yount, OD



Dr. Kent G. Yount earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Pacific University before graduating Cum laude from the Pacific University College of Optometry in 1988. He completed an additional year-long residency/fellowship in ocular disease and pathology at the Omni Eye Center in Denver, Colorado. After beginning his career in Boulder in 1989, he joined Dr. Loomis in 1995.

He sat on the Board of Trustees for the Colorado Optometric Association, where he served as President in 2005. Dr. Yount is an adjunct



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professor for Southern California College of Optometry, where early in his career he lectured and instructed fellow Colorado optometrists in acquiring therapeutic certification. He has been a frequent lecturer in Ocular disease and has been published in optometric literature.

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News from the AOA: Join us in Washington DC for Optometry's Meeting!

Learn. Lead. Connect. Three words that not only represent the essence of Optometry's Meeting, but also the boundless opportunities to make a positive impact on your career and our profession.

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A Letter from AOA Trustee Dr. Bowen!



Hello Great Western Colleagues! As most of you know, "springtime in the Rockies" can be quite entertaining. This past weekend we watched the snow fall all day, but soon I'll have to consider turning on the AC! From one day to the next you never know what may happen and you have to face the changes as they come!

That is how my first year on the AOA Board of Trustees has been - new changes and challenges happen practically every day and constant vigilance is necessary to stay on top of protecting and advancing our profession! Some of the major projects we are working on include protecting patients from unscrupulous contact lens retailer strategies, messaging to the public that nothing replaces an in person, comprehensive eye exam, and expanding AOA/Affiliate membership across all modes of practice.

The learning curve is steep and arduous, but the work is so important and it is exhilarating to work closely with colleagues who are so passionate

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when it comes to “team optometry”.

I am so looking forward to Optometry’s Meeting in June, where I hope to be elected to a three-year term to continue my service on the Board. I am grateful for the Endorsement of the GWCO Board and state leaders again this year. I promise, in my next term, to use my skills and energy to move our AOA and our profession forward. See you in DC!

Jacque Bowen, OD
Trustee, AOA Board



*Thank you for reading this edition of
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