

President's Message

I cannot believe having snow in April, but then some years ago I went to work in a blizzard on April 27. We are, as usual always looking for people to come to our work sessions and help sort the good glasses from the bad. We get together on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30pm.

Dr. Hess is putting together a trip to Tanzania, Africa for October (11-22nd) of this year. Contact Dr. Hess if interested. Also, you could be a movie star on this trip, as there are plans for a professional photographer to shoot the event! We will soon begin packing for Dr. Hess' trip and can use the extra help, so if you can spare the time, come on down and join the fun.

This year the VOSH International convention will be held on October 10th and 11th in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. The Colegio de Optometras de Puerto Rico (COPR) will join VOSH International for this convention.

Check out the VOSH website www.voshminnesota.org for information and registration. Thanks, again for electing me to be your chairman! - Bob Boeding

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Board Member

Meet our newest Board Member!

Annika grew up in the southern suburbs of the Twin Cities. She earned a degree in Human Biology from the University of Kansas. After a visit to her hometown optometrist one spring break, she decided to become an optometrist as well. She earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University in 2011. She is now a full time optometrist at Associated Eye Care.

As an Optometry student Annika participated in mission trips through SVOSH, and looks forward to her first trip through VOSH Minnesota. We are excited to have Annika on the board and please welcome her when you see her!



Annika Williamschen O.D.

New to VOSH?

New to VOSH? Want to learn how you can help? Know someone that would like to join in an upcoming mission? Are you interested in using a power point presentation to speak about VOSH? Contact me!

Katie Tancabel O.D.

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UPCOMING MISSION

Marangu, Tanzania

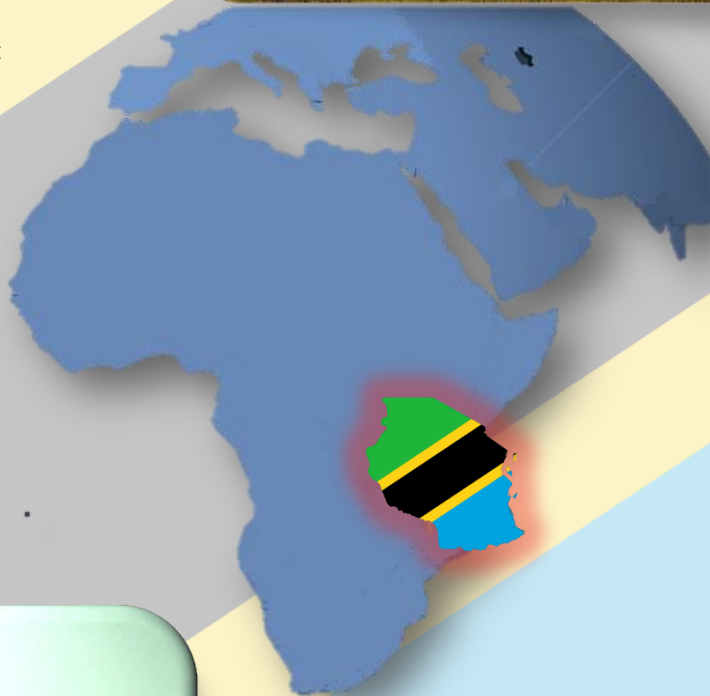
October 11 - 22nd, 2013

This is a trip you won't want to miss! A wonderful mission working with the Lutheran Hospital in Marangu, on the slopes of beautiful Mount Kilimanjaro!

This will be a 3-4 day clinic followed by an amazing photo safari in the Serengeti.

This mission is currently in GREAT NEED of optometrists!

For more information, please contact Dr. Jim Hess at: imnod@aol.com





MORE NEWS



About V.O.S.H.

Bring the World into Focus!

VOSH is an organization dedicated to serving the vision needs of people in areas where eye care is either unavailable or unaffordable. VOSH is funded solely on volunteer time and donations.

VOSH-Minnesota organizes one or more mission trips per year to various countries around the world. Optometrists are always in great need, however, anyone is a great addition to any mission trip.

Each VOSH trip is a great way to experience another culture and is such a rewarding and fulfilling experience!

Scholarship

A **\$500.00 scholarship** is available for optometrists that participate in their first mission with VOSH-MN. This scholarship can be applied toward airfare and hotel expenses.

Continuing Education Credits

The Minnesota Board of Optometry allows **seven CE credits** for optometrists who participate on a VOSH mission!

Please contact us if you would like more information:

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Pre-Optometry Club

MSU-Mankato

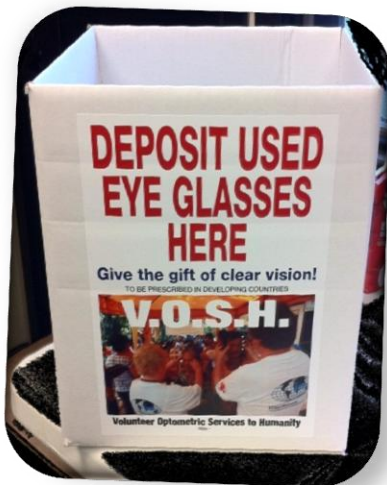
April 2nd we were hosts to a group of MSU-Mankato students of the pre-optometry club who came to help out with sorting and neutralizing. I sure hope they can find time to return!



MSU-Mankato students

We NEED Glasses!

We are low on inventory and are in great need of more glasses! Need another box to collect glasses? Contact Kirk at holeintheday@hotmail.com for more information.



Please Help!

Work Sessions

We are always in need of volunteers to join us at our VOSH work sessions! All of the preparation for mission trips occur at these sessions.

They are held the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm at the office of Dr. Jim Hess (Crystal Vision Clinic: 5200 Douglas Drive Crystal, MN 55429). Use the back entrance and head down the steps! Come help us sort and pack eyeglasses for upcoming missions! Volunteers can come and help any time between those hours or stop by to pick up glasses to neutralize on your own.

Do you have a lab at your office? We have some new frames and uncut lenses that have been donated that you could help edge! We look forward to seeing you; come on down to help us sort and pack eyeglasses for upcoming missions.

In Remembrance

Robert Merriam
Wally Ekblad
Inky Moeschler



Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity - Minnesota Chapter

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Previous Mission

Port Antonio, Jamaica

February 24 - March 1, 2013

Dr. Larry Morrison of Detroit Lakes, MN led a mission in conjunction with both MN and SD VOSH to Port Antonio, Jamaica. A team of twenty which included six optometrists, several opticians, and other volunteers saw 1,100 patients and dispensed over 2,000 pairs of glasses including several hundred plano sunglasses to the needy people of Port Antonio.

The mission was a huge success and the weather was perfect! Approximately 60 new glaucoma cases were diagnosed as well as several visually significant cataracts. The mission was assisted by the Port Antonio Rotary club. A return trip is planned in two years.



The Jamaican VOSH team 2013



Maureen Whalen, O.D. from Bemidji,
examining a Jamaican patient

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