

# CTOS News – February 2015

## CTOS Announcements

The secretary of the CTOS can be reached at [centraltexasoptometry@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasoptometry@gmail.com). Please add the address to your 'safe senders' list.

The CTOS website has been updated! Please register for a login to RSVP for events and post on forums, etc. The website can be found at <http://ctos-toa.org/>

Also, we now have a Facebook page! Please like and follow us. Just search Central Texas Optometric Society on the Facebook search box and it will take you to our page.

### 2014 Officers

Dr. Lacey Smith Thames, President  
Dr. Emily Jordan Kelley, Vice President  
Dr. Susan Elizondo, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Daniel Brinchman, Social Chair

### 2014 Fees

#### **TOA Member and Guest fee - \$200**

**\*\$100 reimbursement** will be issued for active AOA/TOA members that have paid their CTOS registration fees by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks will be issued at upcoming CTOS meetings, unless specifically requested to receive by mail.

Payments can be made through **paypal** on CTOS website or by check **payable to 'CTOS.'** Mailing address is:

**CTOS**  
**PO Box 302347**  
**Austin, TX 78703**

**\*\*Please include your name on checks\*\***

### CTOS/TOA Pictures

If you have any pictures from CTOS or TOA functions that you would like featured, please email them to [centraltexasopomtery@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasopomtery@gmail.com)



## Upcoming CE & Events

RSVP to [centraltexasoptometry@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasoptometry@gmail.com) or on our website at <http://ctos-toa.org/meetings/>

**Tuesday, Feb 10; 6:30pm** at Lake Austin Eye. 11614 Bee Cave Rd, Ste. 110. Hosted by Dr. Gina Cottle. "Update on Dry Eye and LipiFlow" by Gina Cottle, M.D. and "Advances in Aesthetic Oculoplastic Procedures" by Malena Amato, M.D  
2 hours of CE requested.

The Texas Optometric Association New Graduate Task Force would like to formally invite you to join us on **Friday, February 20th 2015** from 8-10 pm for a **meet and greet with the fourth year optometry students** from the University of Houston and the Rosenberg School of Optometry. This event is intended to provide an informal setting for doctors looking to hire to meet newly graduated optometrists looking for work in the great state of Texas. This event will be held the Friday of TOA convention at a local restaurant/bar that will be walk-able from the downtown Hilton hotel. Please join us for a great evening, and drinks will be provided!

When: **Friday, February 20th** from 7-9pm (The Friday of TOA convention)

Where: TBD

Requirements: You must be a TOA member to attend meet potential associates

If you are unable to attend but would still like to advertise your office at this event, please let us know and we will provide a pamphlet the new graduates that are interested. Please contact Zanna Kruoch if you are interested in attending our event or would like to offer information in regards to a position.

[zannakruoch@gmail.com](mailto:zannakruoch@gmail.com) or [214-417-0074](tel:214-417-0074).

**Wednesday, March 18;** hosted by Legally Mine. Lecture on Asset Protection. 2 hours of CE requested. Time and location TBD.

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## Classifieds - Professional Opportunities

**Maternity leave coverage** needed at TSO in Georgetown. Good hours and supporting staff, 1 hour lunch, light schedule. Dates available are **Feb 2-6; Feb 9-12**. Please call [512-240-5862](tel:512-240-5862) if interested.

Georgetown office **needing relief** for the following days:  
**Thursday February 5th**, 10-6 (\$400/day)  
**Friday February 6th**, 10-6 (\$400/day)  
**Saturday February 7th**, 10-5 (\$425/day)  
We use crystal pm, great supporting staff, hour lunch, typically light schedule, exam every 1/2 hour. Call or text @ [812-391-0384](tel:812-391-0384), or reply to [mark.sturm1@gmail.com](mailto:mark.sturm1@gmail.com) by email. Thanks!

**Fill in doc** needed for **Thursday, Feb 12** (9:30-6) and **Friday, Feb 13** (8-4): in South Austin. Please call/text Joe McGowan at [512-680-3937](tel:512-680-3937).

Centrally located office needs **coverage** for the following days: **Feb 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26**. Weekdays 9-6 with 1 hour lunch \$400, Saturday 9-4 with 30 minute lunch \$400. Please email Tom at [twilk76@hotmail.com](mailto:twilk76@hotmail.com) if interested.

**Relief OD** needed in Killeen for the following dates: **Feb. 20 -21** and **Feb 27-28**. Busy office with great staff. The pay is 500.00 per day. Please call or text [254-258-2727](tel:254-258-2727) or email [drjldod@gmail.com](mailto:drjldod@gmail.com).

We are looking for a **permanent doctor** to work **Saturdays**. We are in NW Austin at a private practice located in a medical complex. The hours are 8:45 am until 3 pm. We use OfficeMate, have a great staff and competitive compensation. Either email or call Catherine Kennedy at [arboreye@swbell.net](mailto:arboreye@swbell.net) or [512-965-6101](tel:512-965-6101)

**Permanent part time O,D**, needed for **2 days per week** in Killeen. The pay is 500.00 per day with incentive on busy days. Call or text [254-258-2727](tel:254-258-2727) or email [drjldod@gmail.com](mailto:drjldod@gmail.com) for more details.

**Full time and/or Part time position** available in South Austin/Buda. Looking for a friendly, outgoing doctor who has experience with Crystal PM. Spanish speaking skills a plus. Competitive salary, vacation, medical insurance, licenses/malpractice ins etc. are paid by practice. Interested parties may contact Carla Gasparini OD at [512-294-3066](tel:512-294-3066) or via email: [gaspariniod@gmail.com](mailto:gaspariniod@gmail.com)

Lakeline Vision Source will be looking for a **permanent, part time doc** when the new, bigger location opens in **February**. Schedule will include evenings until 7pm and some Saturdays. Pay is based on production with a minimum guarantee. Please email [Sortenson@att.net](mailto:Sortenson@att.net) if interested.

Established Round Rock **office for sale**. It offers a solid gross on four doctor days per week (no weekends), and is still growing. Good potential for expansion of medical model optometry. Owner occupied free-standing 2400 sqft building on a busy street may also be available for purchase. [mgbod@swbell.net](mailto:mgbod@swbell.net) or [512-569-3427](tel:512-569-3427).

## OpportunitySeekers

**Dr. Michaela Thompson Novak** is available for relief work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. I have experience with Crystal PM and Examwriter EHR and am certified in Ortho-K contact lens fittings. Please feel free to contact me at [773-633-9819](tel:773-633-9819) or [michaela.thompson.novak@gmail.com](mailto:michaela.thompson.novak@gmail.com)

**Edward Bellingrath, OD** is available for relief work in Austin and the surrounding area. Starting in January 2015 available for regular Fridays, school holidays, and selected Mondays. Professional, experienced, and dependable. CAQH registered and credentialed for several insurance plans. Proficient with Crystal, Office Mate, and Revolution EHRs. Call or text at [512-809-9463](tel:512-809-9463) or email [bellingerath@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bellingerath@sbcglobal.net).

**Dr Kathleen Shafer** is available for relief work on weekdays. I have extensive experience doing relief work and stepping into different types of practice settings and working with all major EMRs. Please feel free to contact me about standing days of the week or sporadic days you might need coverage. I can be reached at [kathleenmshafer@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmshafer@gmail.com) or [512-796-0338](tel:512-796-0338).

**Collin Tam, OD** is available for PT and relief work. Experienced with Crystal and Examwriter EHR. He can be contacted at [ctamod@yahoo.com](mailto:ctamod@yahoo.com) or [512-919-6095](tel:512-919-6095)

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## Equipment for Sale

**Smith optics frame display** including a digital photo frame. This particular display is on wheels and is **FREE** to a good home. It is available for immediate pick up at my office. Please contact Sonja Franklin at [seyedoc@austin.rr.com](mailto:seyedoc@austin.rr.com)

## Miscellaneous

Since the closing of the Austin Prevent Blindness office, our residents have been unable to receive eye screenings. I am asking if the optometrists of Austin could donate these eye exams. Contact **Kathy** with the **Salvation Army** at [512-447-2272](tel:512-447-2272) if you are able to help provide these services.

The Seguin, TX Lions are looking for an autorefractor (donation or to purchase) to use in a vision screening mission to outlying villages in the Yucatan, Mexico. Working in association with the Merida, Yucatan, Lions, who currently operate a daily clinic for needy persons to receive prescription lenses, the Lions in Texas are trying to establish this mission to supply the villagers with recycled eyeglasses from the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center who currently ship over 500K pairs of glasses to the needy outside the USA annually. Please contact [michael6206@att.net](mailto:michael6206@att.net) if you can help.