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 ☀ Super Sunday ☀  
 October 16, 2005  
 7 ABO Credits 7 NCLE Credits

# General Meeting



## September Dinner Buffet

### Yankee Silversmith Inn

1033 North Colony Road (Rte 5)  
 Wallingford, CT  
 203-269-5444

From Merritt/Wilbur Cross Pkwy (Rte 15)  
 Take Exit 66; from ramp, right onto Route 5  
 Enter 1/4 mile on left

### Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005

Happy Time: 6:00pm  
 Dinner: 7:00pm  
 \$30.00

Buffet includes: Cheese/crackers, fresh fruit tray,  
 antipasto, mixed relish tray, Penne Silversmith,  
 Honey Glazed Ham, Pecan Herb Crusted Salmon,  
 Breast of Chicken Marsala, Apple Pie ala mode

The Connecticut Opticians Association, Inc.  
*Founded 1935*

There is no other association in Connecticut which represents the diverse  
 interests of professional opticianry  
*No matter who you are, or where you practice, we represent you !*

**Guest Speaker**



**David Fleishman, MD**

A retired ophthalmologist, *Dr. David* devotes his time to researching and studying antique spectacles and other vision aids. He has examined and identified items in 135 collections of Eastern U.S. museums and historical societies, including the Netherlands and London. He has worked with 368 educators and 256 institutions worldwide to discover and bring to the public numerous optical treasure.

His educational, informational, interactive (non-commercial) website, [www.antiquespectacles.com](http://www.antiquespectacles.com) has gained international recognition because it is basically unique regarding this subject. It is becoming the primary resource on this subject which, up till now, has been "taken for granted".

It is his hope to stimulate people everywhere to appreciate the history, cultural influence, scientific importance, and beauty of various types of vision aids and *Eyeglasses through the Ages*.

**Presentation: Eyeglasses through the Ages 1 ABO Credit**

Participants of my course should develop greater interest, appreciation, passion, and knowledge of the history, development, and importance of Vision Aids. The famous people and significant events along the journey of spectacle development will be presented, as well as the major impact on the human experience. Embrace the significant role that Vision Aids have played in our lives. They are one of the greatest inventions of all time because they have had an incalculable effect on mankind.

Almost 720 years ago the first simple pair of eyeglasses was invented. The name of the artisan from Pisa, Italy who devised them has remained obscure yet this was an achievement of monumental significance. Although it has been relatively unknown to the general public, the evolution and development of spectacles over the past seven centuries qualifies as a long, quite fascinating journey through history, whose impact deserves to be better recognized and more widely appreciated. In particular, the pioneers of the fields of Opticianry and Optometry are highlighted because they "led the way".

People of nearly all ages and from all walks of life should find this entire subject to be appealing. A newly launched international website, [www.antiquespectacles.com](http://www.antiquespectacles.com), with all of its text and imagery (1350 images so far), will grow into an online encyclopedia, and it is expected to become a primary resource for years to come. Its greatest potential is to stimulate vision professionals and other people everywhere regarding the history, cultural importance, and beauty of all types of vision aids.

My presentation is all about these interesting 'small fragments of history' that have been used by billions of people, have been *taken for granted* by most, and yet have greatly impacted and changed all of our lives.

**At the end of the presentation, Dr. Fleishman will conduct an Antique Eyewear Road Show. Bring your antique eyewear for dating and appraisal!**

**This one hour ABO credit is FREE with your current membership**

*Check your address label for expiration*

**NON Members pay attendance fee: \$45.00 per person \***

*(\*does not include meal fee)*

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**Election of Officers:**

The nominating committee has presented the following slate for your approval. Elect the Officers and Board of Directors who volunteer to support your profession.

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**Dinner \$30.00**  
Per person  
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and  
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I am NOT a member and will pay an additional \$45.00 p/p to attend \*

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

№ Attending \_\_\_\_\_ I will attend but will not eat \_\_\_\_\_

*You don't have to eat, but you must make a reservation anyway !*

