

The AOS Foundation Newsletter

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Foundation mission is to provide access
to medical eye care for all Arizonans

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Arizona Medical Eye Unit (AMEU) Eye Clinics -2014



1/15/14 Phoenix: AOS Glaucoma Screening

(Robert Spurny, MD, Brian Rose, MD)

1/21/14 San Miguel:Tohono O'Odham Nation Eye Clinic (Ronn Johnson, MD)

1/23/14 Topawa: Tohono O'Odham Nation (Ronn Johnson, MD)

1/27/14 Patagonia:Patagonia Eye Clinic (Kristin Carter, MD)

2/5/14 Gu Vo: Tohono O'Odham Nation (Ronn Johnson, MD).

2/7/14 Ajo: Ajo Lions Club Eye Clinic (Lawrence Kahn, MD)

2/8/14 Ajo: Ajo Lions Club Eye Clinic (Thomas McPhee, MD)



Thanks to the network of Arizona Ophthalmological Society Eye MD's who volunteer their time and talents! An Eye MD is a medical doctor that performs medical eye examinations and eye surgery!

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1/17/13 Phoenix AOS - State Capital Glaucoma Screening (Robert Spurny, MD)

1/19/13 Florence Florence Women's Club (Craig Suiter, MD)

1/30/13 San Miguel (Tohono O'Odham Nation) (Ronn Johnson, MD)

2/6/13 Gila Bend Gila Bend Lions Club (Marc Brooks, MD)

2/8/13 Ajo Ajo Lions Club (Lawrence Kahn, MD)

2/13/13 Topawa (Tohono O'Odham Nation) (Ronn Johnson, MD)

2/23/13 Aquilla Wickenberg Lions Club (Steve Mortensen, MD)

2/25/13 Salome Salome Lions Club (Anuradha Paturi, MD)

2/27/13 Sil Nakya (Tohono O'Odham Nation) (Ronn Johnson, MD)

3/1/13 Shuk Toak District Office(Tohono O'Odham Nation)(Ronn Johnson, MD)

3/8/13 Florence Caliente (Johan VanDalen, MD)

3/9/13 Florence Women's Club (Dennis Cooper, MD)

3/14/13 Oracle Clinic (Brock Bakewell, MD)

3/16/13 Tonto Basin Kiwanis Club (Christian Risser, MD)

3/20/13 Gu Vo (Tohono O'Odham Nation) (Ronn Johnson, MD)

4/2/13 Santa Rosa (Tohono O'Odham Nation (Ronn Johnson, MD)

4/4/13 Pisinemo (Tohono O'Odham Nation) (Ronn Johnson, MD)

4/11/13 Patagonia (Kristen Carter, MD)

4/13/13 Arivaca (Richard Marcello, MD)

4/23/13 Sunsites Cochise Stronghold Lions Club (Ricardo Aviles, MD)

4/25/13 Bisbee Copper Queen Community Hospital (Paul Reiling, MD)

4/26/13 Bisbee Copper Queen Community Hospital (Lansing Brown, MD)

5/4/13 Mammoth San Pedro Valley Lions Club (Richard Lewis, MD)

5/10/13 Ajo Lions Club (Lawrence Kahn, MD)

7/19/13 Snowflake (Tom McPhee, MD)

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8/9-10/13 Prescott Noon Lions for homeless (James Arthur, MD, Steve Mortensen, MD, Cory Batiste, MD)

9/14/13 Willcox: Wilcox Eye Clinic (Ajay Sanan, MD)

9/18/13 Tohono O'Odham Nation Eye Clinic(Ronn Johnson, MD)

9/27/13 Ajo Lions Club (Lawrence Kahn, MD)

9/28/13 Yarnell:Prescott Noon Lions (James Arthur, MD, Scott Markham, DO)

11/6/13 Gila Bend Lions Club eye clinic (Marc Brooks, MD)

11/8/13 Ajo Lions Club (Lawrence Kahn, MD)

11/11/13 Sunsites:Cochise Stronghold Lions (Ricardo Aviles, MD)

11/18/13 San Xavier:Tohono O'Odham Nation eye clinic (Ronn Johnson, MD)

11/23/13 Mammoth:San Pedro Valley Lions(Richard Lewis, MD)

12/12/13 Chuichu : Tohono O'Odham Nation (Ronn Johnson, MD)

12/13/13 Florence: Florence Eye Clinic (James Goldman, MD)

12/14/13 Florence: Caliente Eye Clinic (Ray Zimmerman, MD)

12/20/13 Bisbee:Copper Queen Community Hospital eye clinic (Lansing Brown, MD, 12/21-Karl Rosen, MD)

A brief history of... The Arizona Medical Eye Unit (AMEU)

The story begins with the Oddfellows and Rebekah's, fraternal organizations of fellowship since 18th century England, at a time it was considered odd to aid mankind without the need for recognition. They are non-sectarian and apolitical humanists who approached Harold Cross, M.D. (Director of Ophthalmology U-AZ) in 1974 with the idea of a mobile eye unit. The goal was to improve access to medical eye care in rural Arizona. The Oddfellow's and Rebekah's raised funds for an endowment to build and maintain the AMEU.

In 1976, Dr Cross enlisted Martin Lian, an ophthalmic technician, to help with trailer design and develop rural Arizona eye clinics. The project was immediately successful requiring additional ophthalmologists. AOS members quickly agreed to help the AMEU allowing the program to expand.

In 1978 Greg King, ophthalmic assistant at U-AZ, became Director for AMEU. Greg expanded the eye clinics to include the Indian reservations where diabetic eye disease is common. In 2005, the AMEU including Director Greg King, were transferred from U-AZ to the Arizona Lions Vision Center because the mission better aligned with the Lions goals. The AMEU continues its original mission.

A mobile trailer equipped to examine eyes allows us to bring care directly to patients that may not have the ability to travel for eye care.

Introducing Jeannette Russell, Executive Director The Arizona Lions Vision Center

We are lucky to have Jeannete F. Russell involved with the Arizona Medical Eye Unit. She combines organizational talent with a quiet determination to continue our mission of providing low cost access to medical eye care for rural Arizonans. She wisely retained Greg King as Director of the Lions AMEU, a position he held since 1978, to utilize his extensive knowledge of rural eye care needs and to maintain the legacy of the program.

Jeanette has been a member of the Arizona Lions since 1992 combining local resources with the strength of Lions International to further her philanthropy goals. She began her Lions experience on the local level and quickly gravitated toward leadership roles. Her life philosophy has always included giving back to the local communities. The Lions AMEU will extend her community outreach across Arizona.





The AMEU trailer (at a Holbrook Clinic) is safer parked than on the road after 38 years of service. Thanks to your generous donations, we are closer to achieve our goal ... a new trailer!

Donation Card

Your donation will help the AOS Foundation and Arizona Lions sustain the AMEU. Please send us your commitment to support our efforts today!

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