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THE GUILD OF PRESCRIPTION OPTICANS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT



LAKELAND, TN, October 13, 2009 – At the recent National Opticians Convention, the Guild of Prescription Opticians (Guild) elected Kathryn Ring of Michigan to serve as their President. Ms. Ring was installed as President at the Annual Guild of Prescription Opticians Council Meeting.

Kathryn Ring graduated from the Opticianry program at Ferris State University in 1972. Ms. Ring went on to receive her certification from the American Board of Opticianry that same year. She was presented with the 1994 Distinguished Service Award from the Opticians Association of Michigan and is currently an Opticians Association of America Honored Fellow. Kathryn has been practicing Opticianry in Jackson, Michigan since 1976. Ms. Ring established Eye Services, LLC in 1985 and has been a Guild Member for many years.

On her election, Kathryn Ring had this to say, “The Guild has such an amazing past and I am humbled to have been selected for this leadership role. I know that small firm owners are faced with many challenges; however I am excited about the opportunity to work with independently owned optical dispensaries throughout the country to solidify our place in the ever changing optical industry. It is more important than ever that we, the independent firm owners, work together to ensure that we are have the ability to offer superior service to our patients.”

Established in 1926, the Guild of Prescription Opticians (Guild) were the original founders of what it is now call the Opticians Association of America (OAA). As a national trade association of opticians, OAA is committed to promoting opticianry as an integral part of the nation’s health care system through professional education opportunities, legislative representation and communication, and public awareness.

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