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OWA at the OLA

By Christie Walker

INDIANAPOLIS— Taking a break from the show floor, men and women gathered for wine and munchies at last November's Optical Laboratories Association's trade show held in Indianapolis. Optical Women's Association president, Lorinda Fraboni, was on hand to greet guests who dropped by to network and visit with other members and prospective members. Beth Scheil of Essilor Labs and her daughter Amie Stock from Walman Optical (*photo- top right*) enjoyed the cocktail party

as did Barbara Wagner and Steve Swalgen of Santinelli International (*photo-middle right*). Kathy DeNaro and Laurie Badone of Seiko Optical Products joined Myrle Richards of Winchester Optical along with a crew from DVI – Steven Mullen, Yvette Carranza and John Thompson – at the wine bar (*photo- below*). It was a small, intimate gathering and a fun way to start the evening before everyone departed for business dinners and the notorious Slippery Noodle!



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The Optical Woman's Association presents The 4th Annual Pleiades Award

Join us in recognizing a shining star in Optical, this year's Pleiades Award winner
Carene Kunkler, CEO, Sight Resource Corporation

Friday March 21st, 2003 at the Corinne McCormack Showroom
7 West 36th Street, 9th Floor, 212-868-7919

6:30PM- cocktails

7:00PM- Award Presentation followed by cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres

Please RSVP at lfraboni@walman.com or by calling 612-520-6185 before **March 15, 2003**.

2003 Pleiades Award Winner

by Amy Spiezio

The Pleiades, stars that are part of the Taurus constellation, are the inspiring source of the name of the OWA's highest honor, and is awarded annually. Also known as the Seven Sisters, the Pleiades are made up of the seven brightest stars in the group and combine to form one of the brightest clusters visible in the Northern Hemisphere. This is a fittingly lofty inspiration and aspiration for an organization devoted to promoting the leadership role of women in the ophthalmic industry. Previous Pleiades Award winners include Charles "Pat" Patterson, Tom Styers, and Andrea Gluck, each of whom has made a significant difference for women in the optical industry.

The Optical Women's Association is pleased to announce the fourth recipient of the Pleiades Award, Carene Kunkler, president and CEO of Sight Resource Corporation. Throughout her career in the industry, Carene Kunkler has been an exemplary leader of all employees, including women who occupy key positions in her organization. Carene has consistently supported the growth and goals of the OWA.

Along with accolades and appreciation, this year's honoree, Carene Kunkler will receive a star, adopted in her name and recorded with a Pleiades "star" certificate as well as a star map showing the location of her celestial namesake.

OWA members and non-members are invited to congratulate Carene at a reception to be held on March 21, 2003, at Corinne McCormack's New York showroom, located on the 9th floor of 7 West 36th Street. Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m. The awards presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. To RSVP for the event or for more information on membership in the OWA, please e-mail lfraboni@walman.com, or call 612-520-6185.

Special Notice – This Friday evening OWA Pleiades Award Event replaces the breakfast meeting that traditionally is held on Sunday morning.



*Carene Kunkler, 2003
Pleiades Award Winner*

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