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## Networking at the OLA

By Christie Walker



Networking at the reception are Susan Polson, National Optronics; Yvonne Parker, Salem Vision Group; and Lisa Smith, National Optronics.



"Crashing" the OWA are Peter Frieder, Essilor International and Ed Greene, Zeiss Optical.

ORLANDO, FL— In between the close of the show floor and the Top 25 Labs party, members of the Optical Women's Association (OWA) gathered to network and catch up with friends on the Friday evening of the Optical Laboratories Association conference held at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando, Florida. Approximately 40 members and guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres in a relaxed atmosphere. A number of new and potential members were in attendance and had the opportunity to find out what the OWA has to offer.



Optical Women's Association president, Lorinda Fraboni, welcomes fellow Walman guests-Matt Cummins, Sharon Simon, John Burgess-to the OWA reception at the OLA.



Marika Bristol, Bristol C & D, Teri Junker, EZ Pack, and Lorell Stewart, take a few moments to share experiences in Orlando.

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## Gluck Honored by Children's Vision Coalition



Andrea Gluck

Andrea Gluck, co-president of Eyewear Designs, Ltd., will be honored by the Children's Vision Coalition at a dinner to be held Wednesday, March 24 in New York. Gluck is active in a multitude of professional and charitable organizations including the Vision Council of America, the Gift of Sight Program, the American Liver Foundation, the UJA-Optical Division, and Prevent Blindness New York. Gluck has also been honored in the past by the OWA's Pleiades Award.

The reception will be held at The Penn Club at 30 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street from 6-8PM. A silent auction will take place at the cocktail party and awards program, with the proceeds benefiting the Coalition. For more information, please go to [www.opticalwomen.com](http://www.opticalwomen.com).

# Winner of the Pleiades Award Announced

Dana Weeks, President of Optical Services International, has been selected as the 2004 recipient of the Pleiades Award. The award was developed as a means of recognizing individuals who have shown exceptional support of the OWA and of women in the optical industry.

Dana's stature is consistently recognized within the industry. This recognition was made "official" in 2003 when she was named to the 50 Most Influential Women in Optical list in 2003 as compiled by Jobson Publishing.

A member of a third-generation wholesale laboratory family, Dana joined her father, Duane Reese, in 1988 at Optical Services International, which he founded. Since then, OSI has become the largest independent wholesale laboratory association in the US. Dana has been president of OSI since 1990. She currently directs all facets of the group's activities, such as pursuing new business opportunities for OSI members. She is also responsible for the development and implementation of marketing and education programs for dispensers and consumers. Dana works closely with OSI's vendors on premium product development, marketing, and contract negotiation. She has represented OSI at numerous industry conferences and events and serves as the group's liaison to other industry groups such as the Optical Laboratories Association and Vision Council of America.

Please join us in congratulating Dana on this award and thanking her for her contributions to our community.

The Optical Women's Association presents

## *The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pleiades Award Reception*

Please join us in recognizing a shining star in the Optical Industry.

This year's Pleiades Award winner is

### ***Dana R. Weeks*** **President, Optical Services International**

All are welcome to celebrate this event on **Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004** at the

***Marchon Showroom***  
8 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
(between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues)  
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6 PM to 8PM: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
7 PM: Awards presentation

RSVP by March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to  
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