

# Hawthorne Eye Associates, P.A.

*Helping You See Life Clearly and In Style* By Carolyn S. Peterson

**E**yes – you only get one pair in this life, so taking care of them with yearly eye exams and quality eye care is essential. Hawthorne Eye Associates, P.A., originally established by Dr. Charles Tera in 1975, now owned by Dr. Stephen Nagy, and staffed with Dr. Bonnie Aiken, O.D. and Dr. Chris Covington, D.O., has continued to care for patients with concerns from exams, to diseases of the eye, to ocular surgery, to contact lens, to choosing eyeglasses. “Our patients can have their eye care concerns handled within our practice and maintain the quality and continuity of patient care that they expect and deserve,” commented Dr. Nagy.

## **The Three O’s – Ophthalmology, Optometry and Opticianry**

At Hawthorne Eye Associates, P.A., the three O’s of eye care – ophthalmology, optometry and opticianry – are all under one roof with the knowledge and experience of Dr. Nagy, Dr. Aiken, and Dr. Covington, and optician, Gregg Childress.

Dr. Stephen Nagy recalls always believing he would be in the medical field, he just wasn’t sure what area he would practice in until his medical school roommate suggested the field of ophthalmology. “During my rotations in medical school, ophthalmology was one that I really loved every aspect of. The interaction with patients and being able to make a

difference and to be able to see a patient’s concerns and diagnose them, was a very important part of me choosing the field in medicine that I chose,” said Dr. Nagy.

For Dr. Bonnie Aiken, she had always wanted to be in the field of ocular medicine. “As a teenager, I had a positive experience with an eye doctor. I had always had bad eyes and back then it took a while to get the exam and a diagnosis. I realized early on that vision is a precious gift and being able to help someone maintain their sight is a wonderful blessing in life,” stated Dr. Aiken. In her time away from the practice, Dr. Aiken travels on medical mission trips to help other people who are not as fortunate as many of her patients are to receive expert care in diseases of the eye.

The newest addition to the physician staff at Hawthorne Eye Associates, P.A. is Dr. Chris Covington. “Dr. Covington has been with our group for almost a year and is a surgeon, as I am,” says Dr. Nagy. Most of our surgeries deal with cataracts or eye lid surgeries, as well as laser and surgical procedures for glaucoma. We also perform retinal laser procedures for diabetic patients whose eyes are affected by their disease. All three of our doctors perform routine eye exams and medical management of eye diseases, but as in any field, we each have our strengths and we work well to make sure any need our patients may have is attended to. As a practice, we all work well as a team. Dr. Covington and I have strengths in surgeries of the eye and Dr. Aiken has her strength in fitting contact lenses, so when a patient of mine or Dr. Covington’s needs contact lenses, Dr. Aiken will take the patient and attend to their need. Working so closely together, and knowing your patients will get the same standard of care from your fellow co-workers is important to us as a practice,” stated Dr. Nagy.

## **Eyeglasses - The New Fashion Accessory**

Gone are the days where eye glasses were just for improving one’s vision. Many people ‘view’ wearing eye glasses as an accessory, investing in them as they would shoes or handbags. When the time comes and you want to not only see your best, but look your best as well, Hawthorne Eye Center has the latest in eye glasses.

Optician Gregg Childress has been fitting people with eyeglasses and helping them not only ‘see’ their best but ‘look’ their best for 28 years. “I began with Dr. Tera in 1989 and have enjoyed every minute of my job. The relationships that I have with our patients mean the world to me. Beyond our patients, the atmosphere within the office couldn’t be any better. Drs. Nagy, Aiken and Covington are the best in their field, and it is a pleasure working with them. I know that every Tuesday my lunch buddy is Dr. Aiken and she is as close to me as a sister. You really don’t find a working environment or a medical practice with as good a people as we have here. That’s why I am still here,” stated Childress.

**Hawthorne Eye Associates, P.A. is located at 1364 Westgate Center Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 768-4140.**



Chris Covington, D.O. Bonnie Aiken, O.D. Stephen Nagy, M.D.

*We at Hawthorne Eye Associates are able to provide for all your eye care needs, be it...*

- Cataract surgery
- Medical and surgical management of glaucoma
- Monitoring for diabetic retinopathy
- Annual eye exam
- New glasses
- Contact lens

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