



The V/I booth at the AOA Convention in Las Vegas was busy all week long. RIGHT: V/I President Ruth McAndrews, OD, and V/I Vice President Larry Hookway, OD (R), chatting with Scott Brisbin, OD, of the WCO.



## From the president's desk

Optometry's meeting in Las Vegas was truly one for the record books—and we thought Texas was big last year. So why was VOSH-INTERNATIONAL there? First of all, it gives your Board an opportunity to meet face-to-face rather than by e-mail or conference call. It is also a key time to personally connect with VOSHers, students, sponsors, leaders from the American Optometric Association, World Council of Optometry, and other organizations. This year I had the added privilege of speaking to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry at their annual luncheon.

Our booth in the exhibit hall was directly across from the AOA, so traffic was continual. On Friday alone, over 5,000 attendees visited the exhibit hall. We conversed with individuals from throughout the United States, Canada, Peru, and Ecuador. Conversations with enthusiastic students are especially important for connections. V/I scanned the badges of visitors and then sent these leads to our Chapter presidents. In this way you know which members attended the congress, and, more importantly, who might be interested in participating in a trip in the future.

Speaking of connections, the upcoming Florida Retreat/meeting is an important opportunity for EVERYONE interested in VOSH. Besides your current board, several past-presidents of V/I will be present to receive the FVI award.

There will be speakers to update you on developments in third-world eye care; but of course, this is most especially an opportunity to network with other VOSHers in order to share experiences and ideas. Shutterbugs can even show off their best shots.

See you in Florida!

Ruth S. McAndrews, OD, President, V/I

P.S. If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer to work with the board as a grant-writer or fund-raiser, please let me know. Thank you.

## VOSH Getaway Weekend/Retreat plans Join us at Palm Islands Resort & Marina, Sanford, FL

In response to your requests, we've scheduled a Getaway Weekend of VOSH fellowship from Friday October 13 to Sunday, October 15, 2006, at the Palms Island Resort & Marina, 530 Palmetto Ave, Sanford, FL.

Please join us.

The resort is located directly on Lake Monroe in Central Florida. Special VOSH room rates are \$69/\$89 (plus taxes) and include a free Continental breakfast.

All rooms have marina, pool/garden or lakefront views. The Historic District is a pleasant walk away, there's a zoo, museums, golfing and other amenities nearby. For further details about the hotel and the area, see [www.palms-resort.com](http://www.palms-resort.com). Hotel telephone is 1-800-290-1910.

We'll be holding a brief Annual

Meeting, along with other discussion sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning. We're finalizing a schedule to provide you plenty of opportunity to share, learn and enjoy your fellow VOSHers.

Registration rates are reasonable: See the form on page 2 of this newsletter or go to [www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org).

Meanwhile, a photography contest/exhibition is underway. Send or bring

to the Retreat your favorite mission shots. (See details page 3). Submissions will be displayed at the Retreat and prizes in 3 categories will be presented on Saturday during our Annual Meeting.

Regarding travel arrangements: The Orlando-Sanford Airport is especially convenient if you live in an area with an airline that services it. (See [www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com).) Orlando-International is the alternate airport and is a 45 minute drive to/from Sanford.

## Fellows of VOSH/INTERNATIONAL (FVI)

### First inductees to be honored at Fall Retreat in Florida

V/I's Fellows program is now underway. The first individuals to earn the designation of Fellow of VOSH/INTERNATIONAL (FVI) will be inducted during the Retreat in Sanford, FL, in October.

Fellows exams (both written and oral) will be offered on Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13.

Opportunity to earn the designation is open to individuals with demonstrated knowledge, skills and experience necessary to successfully meet the challenges of pre-

ventable blindness. Purpose of the designation is to foster the development of future leaders prepared to meet the challenge and to prepare individuals who may be asked to consult with governmental agencies, educational, private or public institutions and the media related to the mission of VOSH/INTERNATIONAL.

The deadline for this first cycle has passed, but requirements, information on the next cycle, sample questions and application material can be found on our website, [www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org).

For a complete listing of Upcoming VOSH trips,  
see [www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org)

# VOSH Getaway Weekend and Retreat

*to be held at*

## The Palms Island Resort & Marina

530 Palmetto Avenue  
Sanford, FL 32771

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Website: [www.palms-resort.com](http://www.palms-resort.com)

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Sunday, October 15, 2006



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First ever Fellows of VOSH/INTERNATIONAL (FVI) will take exams on Friday. We'll be holding a brief Annual Meeting, updates and other discussions on Saturday and Sunday morning. We're finalizing a schedule to provide you the opportunity to share, learn and enjoy your fellow VOSHers. So, pack your photos, your ideas and your enthusiasm and come on down for this special VOSH autumn in Florida weekend.

Regarding travel arrangements: The Orlando-Sanford Airport is especially convenient if you live in an area with an airline that services it. (See [www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com)). Orlando-International is the alternate airport (45 minutes from Sanford).

### Registration form for V/I Retreat and Getaway Weekend

*To register, fill out this form and send it along with your payment to:*  
V/I Secretary-Treasurer Charlie Covington, 111 Linda Lane, Lake Mary, FL 32746

#### Registration Rates:

(Including Retreat, lunch and social hour by pool)

\$40 pp before Sept. 12

\$50 pp after Sept. 12

Couples: \$75

Students: \$25

Questions? Contact Charlie: at [ccovington@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ccovington@cfl.rr.com)

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Hey VOSHERS!

# Send us your BEST shots!

## Enter VOSH/INTERNATIONAL's first PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



All photos must be your own work, and must have been taken on a VOSH trip. Photographs can be submitted in three separate categories:

1. clinic shots
2. culture
3. people

Deadline for 2006 entries is Monday, October 9, 2006, if you are not planning to attend the VOSH Retreat in Florida. If you plan on attending the weekend, you may bring your entries to the Retreat with you, but all submissions must be in the hands of judges by Friday night at 9 PM.



One winning prize will be awarded in each of the three categories and submissions will be displayed during the October Retreat. Winners will receive a handsome wall clock inscribed with the VOSH logo, made by visually impaired workers at the Lighthouse in Chicago. Winning entries will also be posted on the VOSH/INTERNATIONAL website, [www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org).



Send all entries to:  
VOSH/INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST  
Jeff Forrey, OD  
16375 NE 85th Suite 102  
Redmond, WA 98052

### General Rules:

Contest is open to all VOSHers. You can submit up to 6 photos. Minimum size: 4" x 6." Maximum size: 11" x 14." Be sure to include the following information with each photo submitted:

1. Title, place where taken, approximately when,
2. Your name, address, email address
3. Background information about photo or individual in photo.
4. Names of people in photo if relevant
5. Category in which you are submitting photo
6. Trip leader's name, location of VOSH trip.
7. Send SASE if you want photograph(s) returned.

Judges will be VOSH leaders who are photographers:  
Dale Cole, OD, Jeff Forrey, OD, Jeff Marshall, OD

For the most recent listings of **UPCOMING VOSH TRIPS** be sure to check the

VOSH/INTERNATIONAL website often: **[www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org)**

Make a commitment to join a VOSH team this year. It's a life-altering experience.



**VOSH/INTERNATIONAL** is a voluntary non-profit organization whose primary goal is to facilitate the provision of vision care worldwide to people who can neither afford nor obtain such care.

**VOSH/INTERNATIONAL** accomplishes this goal by service as a coordinating body for affiliated Chapters, by administratively supporting activities of Chapters and members, and by actively promoting the formation of new Chapters and new members.

**VOSH/INTERNATIONAL** is a non-sectarian and non-political organization. Currently there are 37 VOSH Chapters. In addition, there are 17 active student Chapters affiliated with American schools of Optometry.

Visit **[www.VOSH.org](http://www.VOSH.org)**

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