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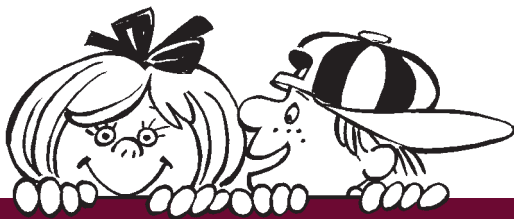
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# Your Vision

A Larson Eye Center, Ltd. Patient Newsletter

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### New Illinois Mandatory Eye Exam Law For Children Is Now In Effect!

On January 1, 2008 a new law went into effect in Illinois requiring comprehensive eye examinations for children entering kindergarten or enrolling in public, private or parochial elementary schools in Illinois for the first time. The new law requires eye exams within one year prior to kindergartners starting school in the fall and for all students entering a school for the first time. Students must provide proof of the required eye exam to their school by October 15th of that school year.

The bill was supported by the Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois Optometric Assoc., school superintendents and representatives from the medical and eye professional fields. However, many school administrators and parents aren't yet familiar with the law. At Larson Eye Center, we are deeply committed to helping children protect and maintain a lifetime of healthy vision. According to the American Optometric Assoc., 1 in every 4 children has a vision problem that can affect learning ability, personality, social skills and self-esteem. We hope that by working together, we can ensure that the children in our communities are given the vision care they deserve and need.

To schedule your child's exam, please call our Hinsdale office at (630) 325-5200 or our Downers Grove office at (630) 737-1001. If not covered by insurance, we have special testing prices available.

## Join Us For A FREE Seminar



**"The Fight Against Gravity"**  
Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
Hinsdale Office  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Kathleen Blake, Oculoplastics Specialist, will discuss several procedures designed to help you

"Fight Against Gravity" without having to undergo major cosmetic surgery - Eyelid Rejuvenation (Blepharoplasty), BOTOX®, Restylane®, Perlane® and Microdermabrasion.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.

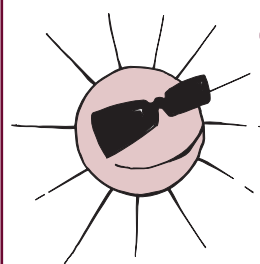
To register, please call (630) 325-5200.

### Congratulations Dr. Larson!

For the 2nd year in a row, Dr. Bruce Larson has been chosen by readers of The Doings Newspaper as one of their "Readers Choice" Favorite Doctors.

We are very proud of this honor.

**THANK YOU!**



Get A **HOT** Deal  
On Some  
**COOL** Shades  
With Our  
**50% Off Sale**

On All In-Stock Sunglasses!

**April 15 - May 31, 2008**

Get 50% off on all in-stock prescription and non-prescription sunglasses.

Choose from designer frames, kids, swimming and sports goggles.

**We've got all the latest styles to protect your family's eyes!**

*Terms and restrictions apply. In-stock frames may differ by location. Call our Opticians, Maria Arroyo at (630) 325-5200, ext.127 or Jill Herbert at (630) 737-1001 for full promotional details.*

## Must-Have Sun & Sports Eyewear Features

Not every pair of sunglasses or sports goggles are created equal. That's why it's good to know and understand all of the different features available for these types of glasses. Whether you play sports, ski, lounge on the beach, or simply want to look "cool" all year round, the Opticians at Larson Eye Center can help you choose the right pair of glasses for your eyewear needs!

Here are some (but not all) features you should know about before you buy:

### UV Protection

Adults, and especially children, should wear sunglasses that block 99% or 100% of all UV light. Long-term exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight is linked to eye disease like Macular Degeneration.

### Polarized

Polarized lenses cut reflective glare - sunlight that bounces off smooth surfaces like pavement or water. They can be particularly useful for driving and fishing.

### Lens Color/Darkness

A medium colored lens, such as gray or brown, is good for day-to-day wear, but if you use the glasses for very bright conditions, choose a darker lens.

### Impact Resistant

No lens is truly unbreakable, but plastic lenses are less likely than glass lenses to shatter when hit by a ball or stone. Polycarbonate plastic is especially tough and is scratch resistant when combined with a special coating.

### Wraparound Style

Wraparound glasses are shaped to keep light from shining around the frames and can protect your eyes from all angles. They are a great choice for people who play sports, hike, or cycle and are strongly recommended for children's eyewear.

## Laser Vision Correction: The LEC Difference Is "YOU"!

At Larson Eye Center the difference is all about "YOU". Every laser vision correction patient is unique. No two patients have the same prescription, pupil size or shape to their cornea. Though every patient is looking for the best possible visual results, everyone should not be offered the same solution for their vision correction.

There are several excellent vision correction options available today. In order to maximize your visual outcome, it is important to choose the right one for you. In addition to LASIK, Dr. Bruce Larson is trained in and performs all Vision Correction procedures including Epi-LASIK, PRK, Refractive Lens Exchange (replacing the natural crystalline lens with a plastic intra-ocular lens implant) and ICL (Implantable Contact Lens) for the most extreme myopic or nearsighted patients. Although LASIK often provides the quickest visual recovery, it isn't always the best or safest choice for many people.

Each vision correction procedure has its own unique benefits and limitations. That's why Larson Eye Center performs a comprehensive exam and thorough testing before presenting you with the best option for correcting your vision. Your safety and the overall quality of your visual outcome is our number one priority.

If you would like to learn more about your vision correction options, please call our office for a free consultation with Dr. Larson at (630) 325-5200 or visit our website at [www.larsoneyecenter.com](http://www.larsoneyecenter.com).

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on **LASIK &**  
**Eyelid Surgery**



## Attention Local Club Members & Organizers

Did you know that our doctors are available to give free lectures to your club, group or organization? Our topics include, but are not limited to: Laser Vision Correction, Aging of the Eye, Advances in Cataract Surgery and Cosmetic Surgery.

If you would like to arrange for one of our doctors to speak to your club, organization or group, please contact Lauren Musial, Marketing Coordinator, at (630) 325-5200.

## Employee News

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our LEC family:

**Jill Herbert** - Optician, Downers Grove Office  
**Teresa Zuniga** - Insurance/Billing Coordinator and Receptionist  
**Nicole Snyder** - Receptionist