

# EYE TO EYE

SEEING EYE TO EYE WITH YOUR DOCTOR

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## *We Welcome Scott Bullock, C.E.O.*

SCOTT BULLOCK JOINED GEORGIA EYE PARTNERS IN SEPTEMBER AS OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PRIOR TO JOINING US, SCOTT SERVED IN UPPER LEVEL MANAGEMENT AT CHEROKEE TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB. SCOTT, A NATIVE OF UPSTATE NEW YORK, RECEIVED HIS MANAGEMENT DEGREE FROM PENN STATE UNIVERSITY.

SCOTT RELOCATED TO ATLANTA EIGHT YEARS AGO WITH HIS WIFE, ANDREA, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, PATRICK AGE 11 AND SHANNON AGE 9.

DURING SCOTT'S FREE TIME, HE ENJOYS GOLF, CUB SCOUTING WITH HIS SON AND COACHING HIS DAUGHTER IN SOCCER.

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE SCOTT JOIN US AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE OF GEORGIA EYE PARTNERS UNDER HIS EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP!



## ANNOUNCEMENT

GEORGIA EYE PARTNERS IS PROUD OF OUR NEW AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER, THE EYE SURGERY CENTER OF GEORGIA. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THIS CENTER BECAUSE OUR MISSION IS EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL EYE CARE. IN ORDER TO FOCUS OUR ENERGY AND EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS GOAL, WE HAVE CLOSED OUR OPTICAL DEPARTMENT AT ALL LOCATIONS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PATIENTS' EYE GLASS NEEDS BY REFERRING THEM TO OUR OPTOMETRIC NETWORK PARTNERS.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE A PROVIDER OF VISION SERVICE PLAN (VSP). WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEE OUR VSP PATIENTS THROUGH THEIR MEDICAL INSURANCE PLANS.

WE VALUE THE TRUST PLACED IN US TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SURGICAL EYE CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS!



## Courtside with Georgia Eye Partners

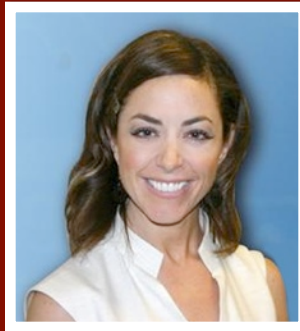
The doctors and staff of Georgia Eye Partners are proud to announce our new affiliation with the Atlanta Hawks to serve as the Official Eye Surgeons for the team. We look forward to a season full of excitement and a close relationship with this great organization both inside and outside of Philips Arena.

### OUR STARTING LINEUP



“We are proud to partner with the Hawks as a show of our continued commitment to excellence and leadership in the greater Atlanta community.” - Dr. Andrew Feinberg

## *We proudly welcome, Kristina Price, M.D.*



Kristina Price, M.D., is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist who specializes in Reconstructive and Cosmetic Oculoplastics. Dr. Price earned her baccalaureate degree in Chemistry from the University of Virginia, graduating with distinction. A native of Atlanta, she subsequently attended Emory University School of Medicine where she earned her medical doctorate in 2003. While completing her studies at Emory, she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, an honor medical society, and received the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation Scholarship.

Dr. Price completed her internship at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She then returned to Atlanta to complete her residency in ophthalmology at Emory University. She continued her specialty training at Duke University as a Fellow in Oculofacial and Reconstructive Surgery as well as Laser, Endoscopic and Aesthetic Surgery. Before her departure, Duke University honored her with the OMT Fellow Instructor of the Year. Prior to joining Georgia Eye Partners, Dr. Price was in private practice in Jacksonville, FL and sat on the advisory board for Health Source Magazine.

Dr. Price has also participated in a number of volunteer and outreach programs such as Children's International, Sickle Cell Buddy Program, Mercy Mobile, The Little Sibling Program and as a Madison House Volunteer.

Dr. Price is a member of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery, American Academy of Cosmetic Surgeons, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and American Medical Association.

In her spare time, Dr. Price enjoys Latin dancing, theatre arts, tennis, running, scuba diving, spending time with her husband and preparing for the arrival of their first child.

Dr. Price will begin seeing patients  
in our Northside office late April  
2011.

## OCULOPLASTICS Q & A

Q: What is dermatochalasis and how is it addressed?

A: Dermatochalasis is a condition that often occurs with aging in which the eyelid skin becomes redundant and lax (loose). This condition also occurs occasionally in young adults. Excess eyelid tissue can make our eyes appear tired. Blepharoplasty is a technique in which sagging tissues are removed or repositioned and the eyelids are carefully sculpted, creating a fresher, more youthful appearance.

Upper lid blepharoplasty is performed through a fine incision disguised in the natural crease of the eyelid. Stitches are required but are usually removed 6–7 days after surgery. Lower lid blepharoplasty is typically performed by making an incision inside the lower eyelid, thus avoiding any visible scar. However, if there is a significant amount of redundant skin, it can be removed by making an incision just below the lower lid eyelashes. Additionally, excess fat (which cause the “bags” under your eyes) is excised and/or repositioned during the process.

A laser may be used when performing this procedure, thus leading to both a reduced surgical time and a shortened period of recovery. Frequently, blepharoplasty is considered a cosmetic procedure. However, when the redundant skin of the upper lid is sagging so much as to block part of your vision, your insurance may cover the cost. It is important to speak with your doctor about whether you are a candidate for insurance coverage for this procedure.

Q: What is blepharoptosis (or simply ptosis) and how is it treated?

A: Ptosis (pronounced “tosis”) is different from sagging eyelid skin as described above. This condition is characterized by a drooping eyelid in which the distance between the upper and lower lids is decreased. Rather than a skin problem, it is the lid muscle and its tendon that have become stretched and weakened with age. Again, this may create a tired and worn appearance. Ptosis can even interfere with your vision by blocking your superior field of view. Because of this, ptosis is often covered by your insurance.

In a ptosis repair surgery, a similar incision is made as in upper lid blepharoplasty surgery. The muscle tendon is then advanced or “tightened” to raise the lid to a more appropriate height, thus restoring a brighter and younger appearance. This kind of surgery is frequently performed at the same time as blepharoplasty surgery. Both blepharoplasty and ptosis repair may be performed as outpatient surgery under local anesthesia.

## BLADELESS LASIK

Lasik is a well known procedure which corrects vision by reshaping the cornea with an excimer laser. In its early form, a blade was used to create a partial thickness corneal “flap” and the excimer laser was applied to the corneal bed beneath the flap. Georgia Eye Partners has been at the cutting edge of a safer way to create the Lasik flap called “Bladeless Lasik”. This technique utilizes a second type of laser, the femtosecond laser, to create the flap, eliminating the need for a blade. Dr.'s Gabianelli and Feinberg have been using the femtosecond bladeless technique since 2004. They have one of the largest experiences in the Southeast with this advanced Lasik technique and they often assist local surgeons in learning this technique.

Dr. Gabianelli recently became a certified national instructor for Intralase, the company which makes the femtosecond laser.

Ask about bladeless Lasik during your next appointment and our staff will be happy to provide information and schedule a consultation with one of our surgeons.

# CHARITY JUST GOT FASHIONABLE!



Georgia Lions  
Lighthouse Foundation  
*Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.*



2010 DESIGN WINNER



CANDACE'S 2010 DESIGN

Georgia Eye Partners is excited to partner with the Georgia Lion's Lighthouse Foundation for their 4th Annual Night of Spectacles, an eye wear fashion event! The event will be held on April 30, 2011 at Mason Murer Fine Arts Gallery. Night of Spectacles is the premier charitable event. Last year, it raised over \$100,000 for vision care and sight saving surgeries benefiting Georgia's uninsured and working poor.

This year our own Dr. Parul Khator and Candace Miller are serving on the Lion's board! Once again Candace Miller will be entering the fashion competition with a glasses inspired outfit to don the runway. Good luck to Drs. Khator and Gabianelli and who will be participating as "celebrity models". That long walk down the runway is going to help save vision for hard working Georgians!

Please make your plans now to purchase your tickets and/or make your pledge with your time, talents or treasure! For more information, feel free to contact Candace at 404.531.9988.

## WINE OF THE SEASON



For this year's final wine selection I want to highlight one of my favorite types of wine.....the Shiraz! Shiraz or Shyras as it is called in most of Europe, is a dark-skinned grape grown throughout the world and used primarily to produce robust red wines full of powerful flavors.

The true origins of Shiraz wine has been a long debated subject among connoisseurs. One popular legend states that the crusader-knight Gaspard de Sterimberg brought back the dark colored grapes from the middle east and planted them on a mountain top near his home in France. He later took several hold vows and became a hermit. In Australia Shiraz was commonly called Hermitage wine up to the late 1980's. Some stories line the wine to the Persian city Shiraz, while some say it was merely a French wine named after the Persian city (which was famous for wine) to help increase sales.

Whatever the true story, and regardless of whether you choose to call it Shiraz or Syrah or even Hermitage wine, you'll throughly enjoy every drop of this dark colored, robust wine full of heavy but layered notes. Drink a glass by the fireside along with your favorite roasted nuts and a sharp cheese and watch the leaves change.

Ciao,

*Chris*

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