

UPDATES FROM TOTAL FAMILY EYE CARE

At Total Family Eye Care we believe keeping you informed about our doctors is key in our continued focus of bringing the best vision care services to you. Following are updates directly from our doctors to you:

Dr. Phil Smith:

I have been asked by many of you what is happening with my wife, Kenda, and I in regards to the master's program we are taking in Marriage and Family Therapy. First, I would like to share with you that I am still very much apart of the practice being there three days per week, so, yes, I can still see you.

My partner, Dr. Rob Joyce, will be glad to see you if you can't wait for an appointment or you would prefer an appointment on Thursday or Friday as I am in the practice Monday through Wednesday. Specifically on our master's program, we are about half way through and can actually see the light at the end of the tunnel. In this regard, I am in escrow to buy a new building just one block from our present building on Fifth Avenue right beside the Heart Association.

We are excited about this new location and the enhanced features we will have to serve you. It is over 8,000 square feet on three floors and the optometric clinic will occupy the entire top floor. We will have almost 4,000 square feet for the practice, which is 1,000 square feet larger than our current location. Both our reception and optical area will be larger to provide you with new and greater selections of frames and services. We are also excited to announce to you that the vision therapy center will have its own waiting room meaning no more waiting in cars for your appointment. In addition, the parking will be enhanced by having 24 parking spots.

One floor will be occupied by a dentist and one floor for the psychology center where my wife and I will be working with families and couples. We are hoping to start our internship with couples by next year since we require 3000 hours of patient contact before we can be certified as Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT's). I will be continuing to practice two to three days per week during this internship and after we are certified MFT's so, no, I will not be retiring soon.

Please look for additional information regarding our new location in March as we expect the move to take place in the May to June timeframe.

I am also pleased to share with you that Kenda and I have added a fifth grandchild, Benjamin Daniel, to our family by my oldest son, Christopher, and his wife Rhea Dawn. Kenda

and I have also had the wonderful opportunity of enjoying a couple short trips; one was a cruise to Mexico and the other our annual trek to Laguna Beach for our anniversary and to see the Pageant of the Masters.

In this issue, I also share with you that we are continuing to bring the best technologies into the practice to serve your vision needs at optimal levels. Recently we acquired a machine called the Ophthonix Z-View, which measures visual distortions, so that we can provide you with better visual acuity especially at night. Please refer to the article on Ophthonix Z-View and call us to make an appointment, as this testing will be part of your regular exam.

Kenda and I wish you all the very best during this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year!

Dr. Robert Joyce:

Dr. Joyce is going on two years in the practice with Drs. Smith, Jessop, and Kruger. This year Dr. Joyce has added CRT (Corneal Refractive Therapy) to the practice by becoming certified to fit Paragon's CRT lenses. This new form of vision correction enables nearsighted patients to have clear vision without the use of glasses or daytime contact lens wear.

Dr. Joyce continues to build the low vision service, for the partially sighted, at the practice by staying current on all new forms of low vision aids available.

In addition to Dr. Joyce's key focus on vision care services, he enjoys the following activities after work: As it is soccer season, he enjoys watching his seven-year-old son, Trevor, play. Surfing and kayaking are favorite sports of Dr. Joyce and even though the weather is turning a little cooler, still tries to get in as much as possible with his wife Shelley and his other two children, Weston and Mallory.

Dr. Gary Krueger:

Dr. Krueger is busy as ever with several different business ventures including optometry. Some of his patients have wondered if he has retired. He remains ever dedicated to his patients, most of which have been with him for many years, as well as building the practice by welcoming their constant referrals.

Dr. David Jessop:

Dr. David Jessop Jr. is a third generation optometrist who still enjoys seeing his patients and friends after 40 years. He is living in the Crown Point area and feels very fortunate that his family all lives close. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and swimming.

