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The President's Corner

I would like to start this message off by once again offering my apologies to those that attended our September meeting. I have spoken with Barry and he feels terrible about the miscommunication that occurred and him missing the seminar that was supposed to been given. As the saying goes, there is a first time for everything. Once again, please except our apologies. We promise that our October meeting will have a continuing education credit.

The board is working hard to put together a very enjoyable November 15th credit program at Dave & Buster's in Westbury. We will be sending out more information about this event in the

coming weeks.

I would like to offer a special thank you to both Jeannine Roy and Alana Clarke from WestGroup for sponsoring our September meeting. We appreciate your time and effort.

I would like to turn the tables on our members. Every month, I try to give everyone the best information I have available about upcoming events from OANY and any industry buzz. Now I'm going to ask everyone to take a moment and let us know if there is anything you would like OANY to be doing, any continuing education programs you would like to see, any events you would be interested

in attending or anything else you might like us to be involved in. We need your input, running OANY requires everyone's participation, even if it's in some small way. Let's all get involved and work to make us a forceful voice in the industry.

I would also like to take a moment to offer my condolences to the family of Larry Roth. All of us are aware of what Marchon has meant to the industry and everyone's business.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting. Thank you.

Steven Lehrer

Join Us at Our Upcoming Meeting at
MARIO'S RISTORANTE
635 Old Country Rd. Plainview, NY
On Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Sponsor: IOT America
Speaker: Barbara Malobabich
Presentation: Taming the Rainbow
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Tentative 2026-2027 Schedule

Date	Sponsor	Speaker
Oct. 21, 2026	IOT	Barb Malobabich
Nov. 15, 2026	Mitsui, Essilor	TBA
Nov. 18, 2026	Younger Optics	TBA
Dec 16, 2026	Mitsui Webinar	Andrew Bruce
Jan. 13, 2027	To Be Announced	TBA
Feb. 17, 2027	To Be Announced	TBA
Mar. 17, 2027	To Be Announced	TBA
Apr. 28, 2027	To Be Announced	Change in Date

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- Your dues must be paid in full.
- All members must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. This means sign-in on at least 2 sheets and sometimes 3.
- You must stay for the entire course.
- Any member who arrives 10 minutes after the presentation has commenced will be unable to receive a CE.

OANY Meeting Schedule

- OANY meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June.
- Occasionally we may schedule special continuing education events on a Sunday.
- Schedule, sponsors, and speakers are subject to change.
- Please check our e-mails, newsletter and e-mail blasts for updates.

Schedule of Events at Our Monthly Meetings

6:30 to 7:30PM	Sign-in, social hour, meet with sponsor (Cash bar until 7:30PM)
7:30 to 7:45PM	Business meeting
7:45 to 8:45 PM	Continuing education and raffle

Please note that no liquor can be ordered after 7:30 and no alcoholic beverages can be brought into the meeting room after 7:45.

Dinner Options For Our October Meeting

Served Family Style

Starters

Bread and Garlic Knots
Soda, Coffee, Tea

Appetizer

Baked Clams

Salad Choice

Garden
Caesar

Entree Choices

Chicken Parmigiana
Veal Sorrentino
Eggplant Rollintini

Sides

Sauteed Spinach
Pasta with Tomato Sauce

Dessert

Assorted Dessert Surprises

Join Us For Dinner

- Dinner is \$50 per Person
- 50/50 raffle is optional
- Can't make Dinner? Come for the CE Credits

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Westgroupe Gift Raffle

We would like to thank Jeannine Roy and Alana Clarke from WestGroupe for sponsoring our September meeting as well as their generosity in providing a special assortment gift bag for our raffle. Congratulations to Fred Rapps who was the winner of the gift bag.



Congratulations to The Heller Family

We would like to congratulate Paul and Valarie Heller's oldest son and daughter-in-law, AJ and Toni-Ann, on the birth of their son, Mason Andrew born on September 15th.

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We would like to congratulate Judy Deucht. She was the winner of our 50/50 raffle at our September meeting.

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Pictures From Our Sept. Meeting

Our OANY Members Who Join us for the Education and Camaraderie



Paul Heller, left and Mark Cohen



*Ralph Barocas, left
and Michael Kwartner*



Diane Salter and Steven Lehrer



Alan Smith



Jim DeCicco

Thank You to Our Sponsor



*Thank you to Alana Clark,
left and Jeannine Roy,
from WestGroupe,
for sponsoring our
September meeting.*

*Steven Lehrer, right,
OANY President, presents
our special recognition
award to Jeannine Roy,
from WestGroupe.*



More Pictures From Our Sept. Meeting



*Judy Deucht and
Peter Bacotti*



*Brian Gerard, Left and
Rick Miller*



*Left to Right, Chuck Abramson,
Wendy Hollander, Lisa Greenwald*



Fred Rapps



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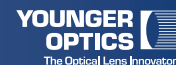
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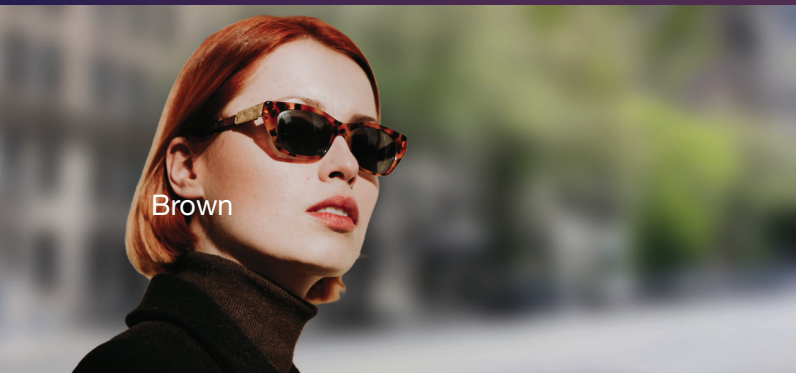
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Legislative Report and Other Important News in Our Industry

Editors Note: Our Legislative Report will continue each month in memory of Anthony Rebaldo, who founded this column.

- GoodRx has 7 suggestions on how consumers can save money on eyeglasses. Check out the [article](#).
- Science Corporation, a startup developing novel brain-computer interfaces won approval from Europe's medical device regulator to begin selling a device that restores vision lost from age-related macular [degeneration](#).
- The New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, has a section for consumer information for Ophthalmic Dispensing. Read about it [here](#).

Important Industry News

Name That Tune

Let's step away from the Optical industry for a few minutes and have a little fun. Below you will find clues to 4 songs. With the clues given see if you can "Name that Tune." If you get all 4 right you either really know your music or your very old. Resist "Googling" it to find the name. You can find the answers on page 12.

If this proves to be popular, we'll continue it each month and may even make it better by including wave files for each song. We may consider offering gift cards for correct answers. Anyway, have fun and good luck.

Song #1

- This song was released in 1968.
- It was an ambitious orchestral pop-suite written by Jimmy Webb.
- It was first recorded by an Irish actor and singer.
- It was the lead single from this singer's debut studio album, "A Tramp Shining."
- It had a record-breaking length running at 7 minutes and 19 seconds which was unusually long for a pop single at the time.
- Webb was inspired by a real location in Los Angeles where his former girlfriend worked, and the surreal imagery reflected a painful breakup.

Song #2

- This song was released at the end of 1976 but may be most remembered in the year 1977.
- The working title for the song was "Mexican Reggae."
- 2 members of the band wrote the lyrics, aiming to make it feel like an episode of The Twilight Zone or a cinematic desert mystery.
- The band described the song as their interpretation of the high life, the music industry, and the loss of innocence in Los Angeles.
- The lyric "steely knives" is a subtle nod to the band Steely Dan, who inspired the band to write more abstract lyrics.
- The single reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100
- The song won the 1977 Grammy Award for Record of the Year, though the band did not attend the ceremony.

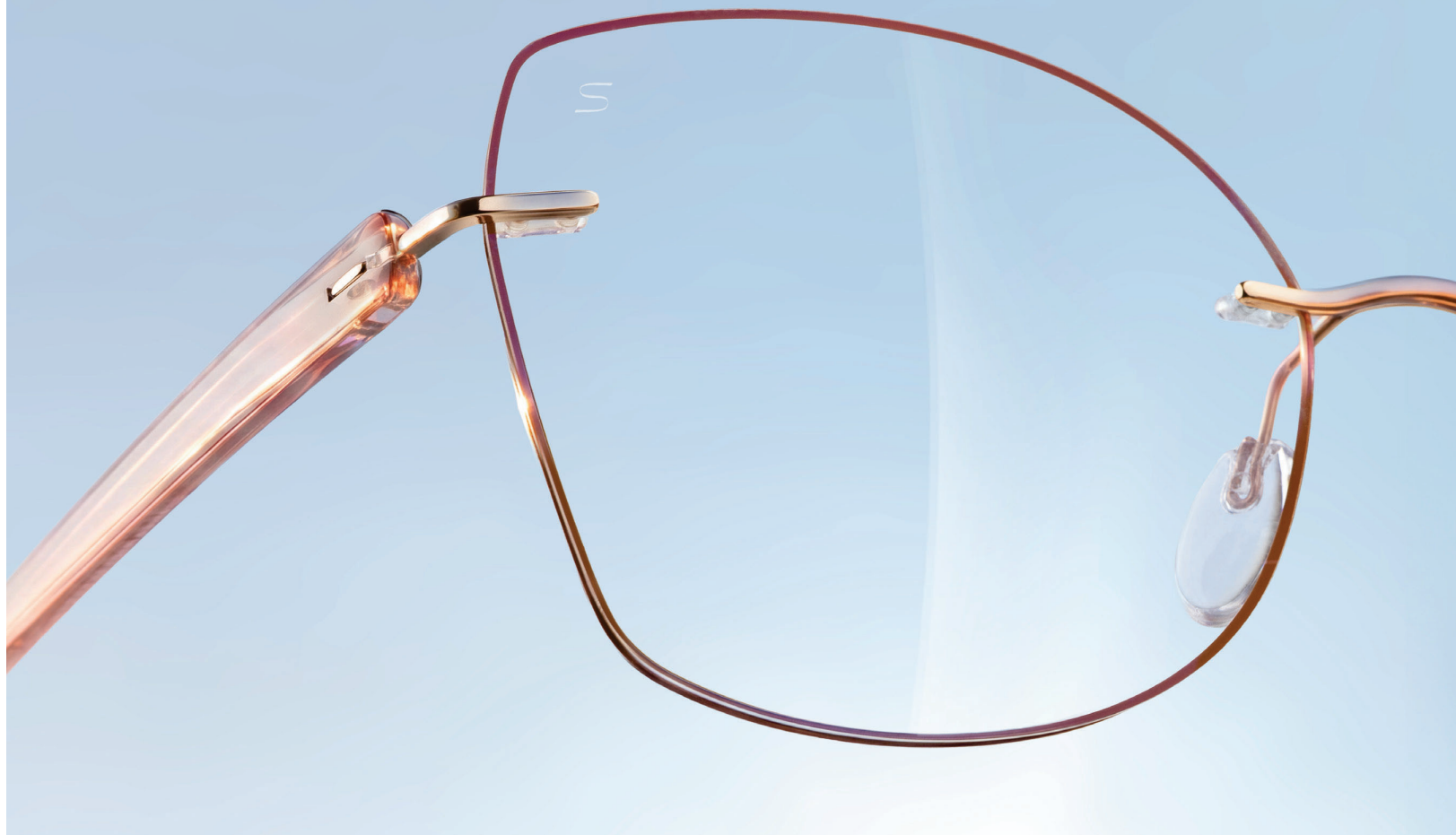
Song #3

- This song was released in 1980.
- It is a melancholic pop ballad by a Swedish band, released as the lead single from their seventh studio album, "Super Trouper."
- While the songwriter maintained that the narrative is largely fictional, it drew heavily from the emotional reality and aftermath of divorce, arriving roughly 18 months after his own separation from another band member.
- In the US, it peaked at No. 8 on the Billboard Hot 100 (becoming the group's fourth and final American Top 10 hit) and spent 26 weeks on the chart.
- The song has been covered by many different artists.

Song #4

- This song was released in late 1988 but is most likely remembered in the year 1989.
- It is famous power ballad about a son's regret over an unresolved relationship with his late father.
- It was written by Mike Rutherford and B.A. Robertson and inspired by Rutherford and Robertson losing their fathers around the time they became new fathers, specifically the sudden death of Rutherford's father.
- One of the verses that reflects the meaning of the song's laments: "I wasn't there that morning. When my father passed away."

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BOO!!

By The Old Geezer (AKA Peter Bacotti)
Recalling Halloween as a Child



Did I scare all of you with my BOO? Maybe, even one of the few who might read my

so-called literary efforts. We have all seen some changes take place over the years in the way we look at the Halloween Holiday and how it is celebrated. The sad part of this is that the meaning and fun parts of the Holiday have pretty much disappeared. The good part is that the children of today do not know the way it used to be and still have a good time.

As I take a ride down memory lane, the past comes alive with all the memories of times long gone but not forgotten. The celebrating of Halloween started weeks before the actual day with corn stalks, bales of hay and pumpkin picking. A visit to the local nursery usually had hayrides, fresh apple cider, and mazes to find our way out of. Then with a nip in the air, we would carve the pumpkins we picked. They would be placed outside the door on the stoop with a votive candle inside being lit at dusk and illuminating the carved pumpkin

face. Usually we tried to make that carved face a frightening affair to scare all who passed the house. After all the decorations are finished, the next step is to decide what costume we would make to wear trick or treating. We did not buy costumes; we made the costumes using our imagination and anything we had in the house. An old sheet with cutouts for eyes and arms would always be a standard ghost costume. An eye patch and wooden sword made a great start for a pirate costume, you get the idea, and you could be anything that you can make a costume for.



Trick or treating was without a doubt one of the best things that we looked forward to for quite a few weeks before the Halloween event. This would now bring us to planning the evening party at one of the trick or treaters' houses dunking for apples and having hot-spiced apple cider. Once we got home with our loot bag of candy, cookies, fruit

and money we started eating the goodies and counting the money. Who could forget the homemade candied apples and fudge, not I. We never worried about tainted treats or which houses to visit. It was all good and we knew all the residents in our neighborhood and they knew us. I still believe they had as much fun as we had, maybe more.

That feeling has never left me over the years; I may not trick or treat anymore (they will not let me). No more dunking for apples (they are afraid I might drown). Costumes, well they say my face is its own mask and enough to scare anyone. However, I can still do the next best thing; I can decorate the store for Halloween and put a bowl of treats for all the Halloween nuts like me. We cannot forget the patients who want those contact lenses designed just for Halloween and glasses with holiday motifs. It is another way to get that little extra dollar in the pocket, but also a way to enjoy Halloween yourself.

Therefore, I wish each one of you a BOO ti ful Halloween, this year and every year. Remember the old ones and make the new ones even better. Until we meet again around the cauldron to dunk for apples.

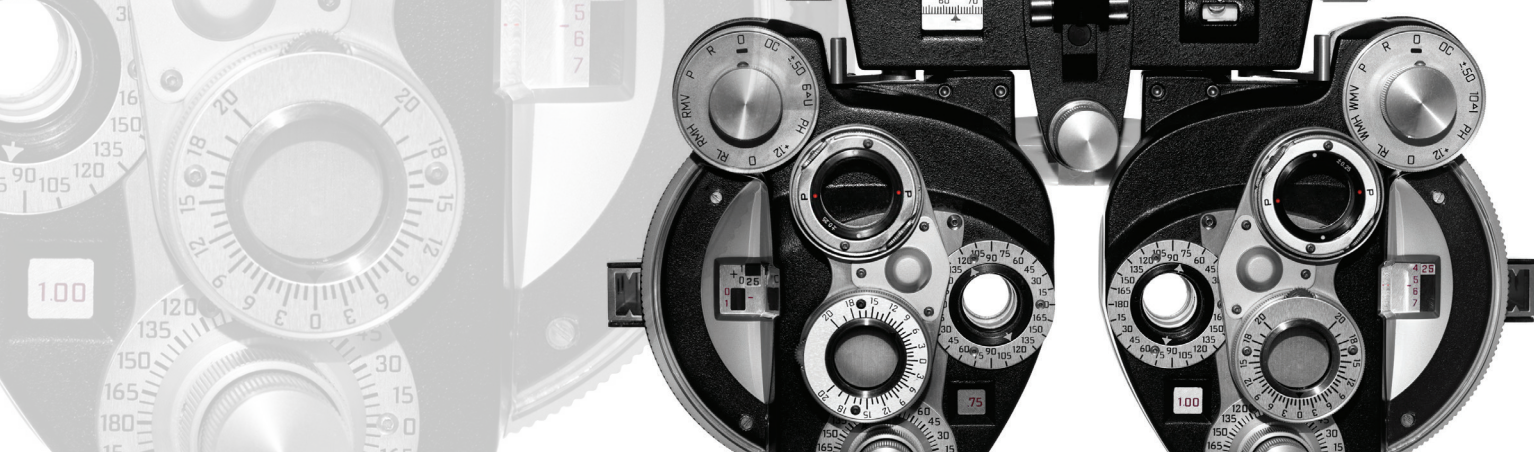
Answers to "Name That Tune"

Song #1: "MacArthur Park" by **Richard Harris**

Song #2: "Hotel California" by **The Eagles**

Song #3: "The Winner Takes it All" by **ABBA**

Song #4: "The Living Years" by **Mike and the Mechanics**



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