



HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU!

Dues time already! For those of you who would like to support SD VOSH by way of the \$40 per year annual dues, you will receive an official VOSH International pin along with a certificate of membership, and we'll send you a receipt for tax purposes. For those of you members who did not receive any of the above in 2018, please contact either Gregory Hill or Jennifer Sigette. And, of course other donations are always welcome!

Tom Garrity, OD

Recognizing decades of dedicated service to Gomez-Palacio, Mexico

- 37 years of service: an unbelievable THANK YOU to your dedication!!
- SD VOSH awarded Dr. Garrity with a personalized polo shirt, and two personalized frames for photos, each containing a different quote made popular by the ultimate "VOSH-er" himself!!

NOTICE TO ALL: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED FRAME LAB BAGS AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE LIONS DONATION BOX OR EYEWEAR NEUTRALIZING EFFORT NEAREST YOU (purchasing bags is one of the biggest expenses we have when processing frames).

Mission Updates

SD VOSH is sending a group in February 2019 to Gomez Palacio, Mexico (every year). If you want to join them contact Jennifer Ness: time is getting tight so any arrangements would have to happen ASAP. Remember: scholarships are available to help offset expenses, and for many mission clinics (such as Gomez-Palacio) all expenses are paid except airfare. The 2019 mission trip to Port Antonio, Jamaica (every 2yrs in February) has already been filled by folks from MN, and they have 40 people going, 12 of which are OD's!! In addition, several of our members over time will attend other mission clinics throughout the world that you can ask us about and/or see for yourself at the VOSH International website: www.VOSH.org.

Scholarship Available for first-time OD's to attend a mission!!

- First come, first served
- Recipient must commit at least 60 days prior to the mission they're attending
- Recipient reimbursed after completion of mission
- Current amount available will be for OD's only
- At least \$300 for first time only OD, up to price of airline ticket, depending on the number of new OD's attending.

CHECK US OUT!

(Please use the Response Card below to give us your email address for newsletters)

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Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations:

Several organizations (Remote Area Medical, Unbroken Circle Project, SD Lions, Indian Health Service, and more) have been struggling to meet the demand for eye care on these reservations, particularly for school age children who often don't have the resources or transportation to obtain glasses or other eye care to be effective and successful at school, the most important stepping stone for improving their future. This year VOSH International was approached, asking for volunteers to provide care during clinics, which led them to SD VOSH. We were unable to find volunteers for their most recent mission clinic in August, however we are continuing discussions regarding how to establish permanent "sustainable" care for these remote locations. If you have any ideas, information, or leads, please contact Gregory Hill.

Remember there are many ways to contribute to the efforts of SD VOSH:

- Donate used equipment
- Collect used eyewear via Lions clubs
- Neutralize, box, and index used eyewear for missions.
- Attend a mission
- Attend a VOSH International event
- Volunteer time (ranging from days to months) to teach at an optometry school in a developing nation
- Create awareness of the global impact of blurred vision: without glasses (even simple OTC readers), middle-aged adults, at the top of their trade's skill level, providing for both their children and their parents in the same home, can become disabled from presbyopia. They can no longer perform their trade, provide for their family, or improve their stature, which prevents the entire family from rising above poverty.

Thank you for everything you do to make the world a better place!!



SD VOSH - Membership Response Card

Please complete and mail to:

SD VOSH - 3920 S. Western Avenue, Suite 2; Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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This is our Official Dues Notice for 2019. For both active members and those who simply want to be informed, please update your information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email (For newsletters): _____

2019 dues enclosed** (\$40/person/yr x _____)= _____

Additional donation enclosed**: _____

**** Or Pay with PayPal!! Two methods:**

- 1) Go to our website, sdvosh.com, click "About", and then click "Join Now" at the bottom
- 2) Login to your PayPal, click "Send & Request", click "Pay for goods or services", enter sdvosh@gmail.com, enter dollar amount

Let us know if you are interested in receiving information regarding mission trips to:

_____ Gomez Palacio, Mexico
_____ Port Antonio, Jamaica