

DR. MORTON GREENSPOON RECEIVES 2017 LEGENDS AWARD



Dr. Morton Greenspoon

Dr. Morton Greenspoon has been awarded the 2017 Legends Award from the American Optometric Association Contact Lens and Cornea Section for his contributions to the field of contact lenses, the cornea and refractive technology. Dr. Greenspoon is a pioneer in cosmetic contact lens technology. He and his father, Reuben, have been providing Hollywood studios with costume lenses since the 1930s.

DISASTER IN THE NEWS: DR. BILL SHARPTON SURVIVES HOUSE FIRE



Bill Sharpton's home

On September 23, OHS Advisory Committee member Dr. Bill Sharpton lost his home to a tragic fire. Dr. Sharpton was an avid collector of historical objects and archival materials related to the history of optometry and these materials

were also lost in the blaze. Dr. Sharpton was very fortunate to survive this event, but his losses are great. Optometry Cares – The AOA Foundation's program Optometry's Fund for Disaster Relief provides funds to support optometrists and optometry students affected by natural disasters. If you wish to make a contribution or need assistance, make sure to visit the OFDR web page: www.aoafoundation.org/ofdr/.

UMSL CAPSTONE PROJECT: DIVERSITY IN THE PROFESSION



Sophie Grus (l) and Brittany Golden (r)

Our student interns could use your help! Inspired by the recent American Alliance of Museum's Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Sophie and Brittany have decided to do their capstone project on the history on diversity in the

profession of optometry. If you have any objects, documents or personal stories to contribute to their research on women and minority experiences as students or practitioners of optometry, please contact them by sending an email to at amo@aoa.org.

THE PASSING OF DR. RUTH TRACHIMOWICZ



Dr. Ruth Trachimowicz

We are sad to announce the death of optometry educator Ruth Ann Trachimowicz, OD, PhD. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Trachimowicz completed a post-doctoral fellowship in retina research at Boston University School of Medicine. She then entered the accelerated OD program at The New England College of Optometry and joined the faculty of the Illinois College of Optometry upon graduation. In addition to her dedication to mentoring students, Dr. Trachimowicz was a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, worked extensively on improving the clinical examinations administered by the National Board of Examiners, and served as a member of the editorial board of the journal *Optometric Education*.