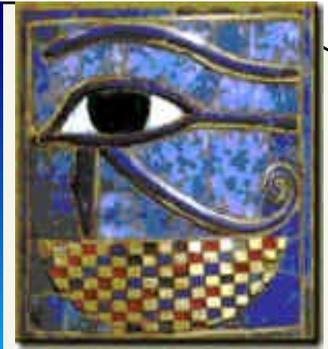


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OPHTHALMIC HISTORY SOCIETY



— NEWSLETTER —
— ANNUAL MEETING 2011 —

The 24th meeting of the Society, April 15—17, was properly held in the historic city of Philadelphia, home not only of our Constitution but of many notable ophthalmologists, past and present, including the author of the first book of ophthalmology in the US George Frick who graduated here [for more details see Dan Albert's *A History of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania*]. In addition, our venue was the historic headquarter of the Union League built in 1865 in support of Lincoln and the Union, a beautiful house full with portraits, memorabilia, and thousands of books about the civil war.



And whereas the atmosphere outdoors was cool and dark, it was sunny and warm inside, with members and guests happy to meet and exchange views, opinions, and secrets.

We had several attendees from abroad: Poland, Switzerland, France and the UK



Prof. Gloor, Heitz



Grzybowski



Williams



The welcoming reception Friday night before the meeting was a welcome opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones over delicious food, wine, and beer.





On Saturday the meeting started in earnest in the library by our generous host **Don Manley**. He presented to the Society **a banner for the speakers' dais** [seen in the photo] the history of which follows: The Retina Service at Wills celebrated it's 50th last January. Most of it was held at the League. Celeste and I met with the AV people and everyone else to find out what the problems were. One was the projector was under powered and another was a white cloth draped on the front of the Lecturn which "fooled" the camera when photos were taken of the speakers. So the photos taken were not exposed correctly. The photographer had suggestions and we listened.



The screen was enlarged, we had a better projector with more illumination and it was suggested that we have the blue drape. Celeste found a store that does this sort of thing and she took our original design to them and the rest is history. It allows the photos to be of high quality, and a side benefit is that the word Cogan is shown in the photo. All of this does take a lot of planning. Having anticipated the potential problems we prevented them. I then had the idea of "passing the baton" and the drape can be used at future meetings.



An amazing variety of fascinating papers was presented, ranging from the cosmetic use of Kohl and Henna by the ancients in the Middle East to the modern cosmological theory of the Expanding Universe. All abstracts will be available in print by the diligence of Ron Fishman. Luckily almost all speakers kept to schedule, so that George's threat to open a trap door when the allotted time passed never happened.



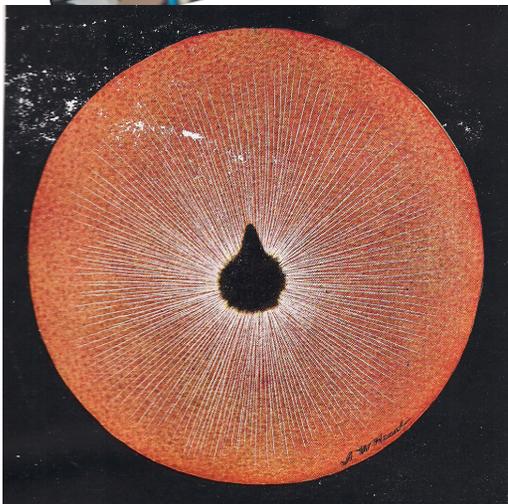


While some in the audience took careful notes, some thought it was funny, and others were more relaxed:



A good discussion usually followed each paper, though perhaps too short. This is a perennial dilemma.

During intermission we had the pleasure of examining **fundus** pictures of animals by Casey Wood, and other fine documents, courtesy of Dr. Williams.



Turkish Gecko



Horned Toad



Following the presentations we boarded an old-fashioned trolley car for a short ride in the rain to the world famous Mutter Museum in the College of Physicians for our grand banquet. There we were welcomed by a pair of ushers properly dressed in civil-war era costumes, and all the beer and drinks one could wish for.





Our gracious hosts, Don and Celeste Manley, astride Benjamin Franklin impersonator who entertained us fabulously during dinner, and answered questions about, among many others, bifocals . Dinner was buffet-style, with fine choices and deliciously sweet deserts.

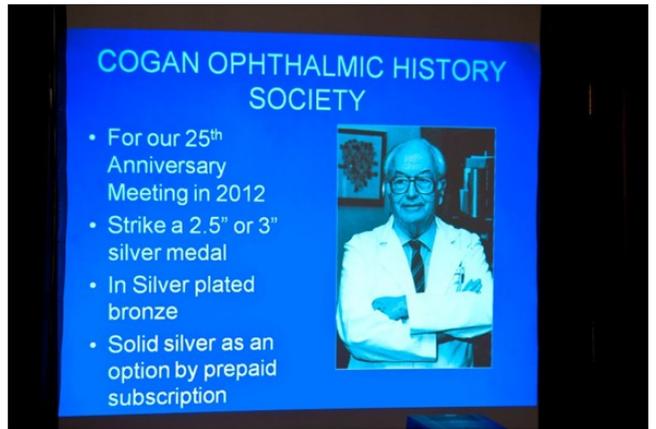


With a full stomach, and perhaps a bit wobbly on our feet, we rode the trolley back to Union League preparing for the business meeting and another bunch of fascinating papers on Sunday.



On the agenda was the proposal to strike a commemorative medal for our 25th anniversary, to be done by the world's only expert in ophthalmic numismatology our—**Jay Galst.**

Linda Lawrence received out heart felt thanks for her tour on the Society's board.



And as a final act, we were directed by our charming hostess Celeste Manley, to the windy, cold, outdoors for a group photo.

[Hope you can all make it to the next meeting !](#)


Farewell



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On The Horizon



October 7-9, 2011: Hirschberg Hx of Oph. Soc. **Vienna, Austria.**

October 23-26, 2011: Am. Acad. Ophthalm. **Orlando, Florida**

February 16-20, 2012: 23rd World Oph. Congress, **Abu Dhabi.**

March 30—April 1, 2012: Cogan Society, **Washington, DC.**

October 12-14, 2012: Hirschberg Society. **Zürich, Switzerland.**

April 2-6, 2014: 24th World Ophthalmology Congress, **Tokyo, Japan.**

— Mission —

The Society is established to foster communication, scholarship and fellowship among individuals interested in ophthalmic history. The Society is empowered to organize meetings and/or sponsor publications as appropriate to its goals.

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