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## Parent, Educator and Nursing Staff Seminar Videos

The Association for Retinopathy of Prematurity

### VIDEO ONE

September, 1998 Video: (1-1/2 Hrs)

#### Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity

*Stages, Zones and Clock Hours of ROP*  
*Related Disorders*  
*Treatment Modalities*  
*Long Term Considerations*

*The presenters are:*  
**Patrick Droste, M.D.**  
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### VIDEO TWO

May, 2001 Video: (2 Hrs)

#### Retinopathy of Prematurity Current Issues

*Identification of Pediatric Retinal Diseases*  
*New Medical Intervention Modalities*  
*Rehabilitation for Children with Advanced ROP*  
*Up-to-date information on current research*

*The presenters are:*  
**Patrick Droste, M.D.**  
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**Michael Trese, M.D.**

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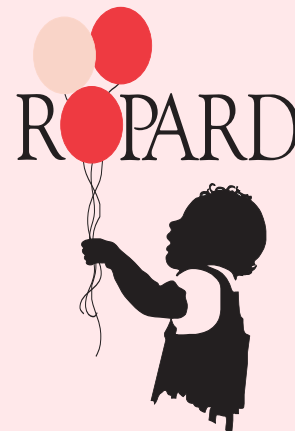
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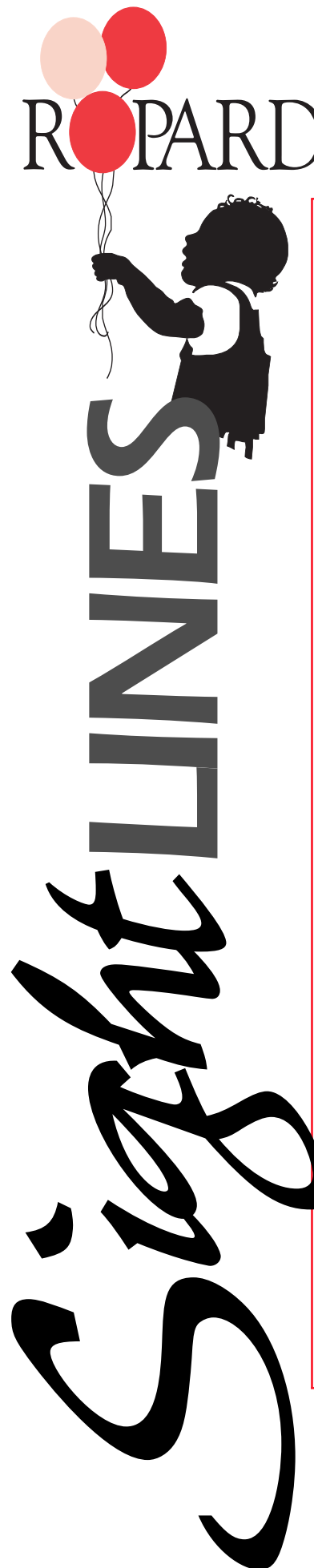
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## Ropard's Website Responds to Worldwide Need for Information

On any given day, ROPARD's website ([www.ropard.org](http://www.ropard.org)) receives approximately 1,000 visitors. The visitors come not only from all over North America, but also from many other major countries including the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Italy, Israel, Germany, France, Singapore, and the Netherlands. We have received visitors from such remote locations as Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Belize, Seychelles, and the Cocos Islands.

We know that parents, teachers, and doctors use our website as a resource.

While the website was first created to respond to the needs of families with children with retinopathy of prematurity, it has already expanded to assist physicians in their continuing education, and a section has been added with information on Persistent Fetal Vasculature Syndrome (PFVS). In response to requests, information has also been provided to adults with ROP. Other pediatric retinal diseases will be addressed on the website in the near future.

## 2004 Children's Vision Award

At a celebratory dinner hosted by ROPARD and chaired by Rita Margherio, Teresa and Sergio Nascimbeni were presented with the 2004 Children's Vision Award. The function was attended by Dr. Nicola De Santis, consul of Italy in Detroit, and by many friends and associates of the Nascimbeni's. The Nascimbens

have contributed tirelessly to improving children's vision for the last decade. Among other activities, they have been involved in bringing children to the United States from Italy for necessary surgical interventions and starting a training program at William Beaumont Hospital for Italian physicians to obtain pediatric retinal expertise.



■ The 2004 Children's Vision Award went to Sergio and Teresa Nascimbeni.

## Looking Ahead: A Parent's Guide to the Development of Their Child with Retinopathy of Prematurity

While developmental pediatricians have long recognized that premature babies can lag behind their full term peers in development, no information has ever been published to address the unique developmental sequence experienced by children with retinopathy of prematurity. Not only does a child's prematurity affect the normal sequence of development, but when the child has a severe vision loss, which may require multiple surgical interventions, delays and variances in development occur.

**Looking Ahead:** *A Parent's Guide to the Development of Their Child with Retinopathy of Prematurity* addresses these delays and variances. The handbook provides suggestions for activities that parents can do at each developmental level, from birth to five years, to assist in minimizing these delays. Graphics for vision stimulation activities are included. The booklet can be ordered on our website at: [www.ropard.org](http://www.ropard.org) or call 1-800-788-2020 for information.

## The Future of Retinopathy Prematurity - 2nd Ropard Lecture



■ Dr. John Flynn receiving a certificate from Dr. Michael Trese for giving the 2nd ROPARD lecture. Dr. Flynn has made many significant contributions to pediatric retinal diseases during his career.

## 12 Pack Open

**Greetings,** Thank you to every one who helped and participated in the 12 Pack Open. While the weather did not cooperate we had a full turn out and all of the participants braved the rain and cold to finish. After all was said and done, it looks like we raised over \$1,100.00! I have already had other golf courses contact me asking if they could host our tournament next year! Word of mouth is spreading and I expect a bigger turnout year after year.

Please extend my thanks to all who were involved with the outing this year, especially Dr. Trese. I will keep in touch and can't wait for next year's tournament.

Thanks Again,  
Ken Bushway

## Fund Raising in Texas, Ohio and Kalkaska

Over the last 12 months, several organizations have carried out fund-raising events to benefit ROPARD. Two golf outings, one in Michigan hosted by Ken Bushway and one in Texas hosted by the Skipper family, raised nearly \$26,000 for ROPARD. In Ohio, ROPARD received donations of over \$11,000 from two separate events. The friends of the Fox Family organized a Run for Congenital Retinoschisis and the friends and family of Brady Kopp held a successful fundraiser with a Mary Kay Party.

The Chairmen of such events, receive aid from ROPARD, which provides flyers and other handouts explaining ROPARD's goals. The money raised will be used directly for clinically relevant eye research in pediatric retinal diseases. Some events have benefited specific pediatric retinal diseases such as congenital X-linked retinoschisis. These events have become much more popular and anyone interested in organizing one can contact ROPARD through its website [www.ropard.org](http://www.ropard.org) or call 1-800-788-2020.

## Delta Gammas Continue Their Support



■ Delta Gamma members show off their blankets, which will be donated to families in need.

ROPARD's Children's Low Vision Resource Center came into existence in September 2001 in large part due to the time and effort of many local Delta Gamma alumnae. That initial support has continued, both on local and national levels.

Over the past three years, Delta Gamma members have provided a variety of materials that are given at no charge to families visiting the Center. Local Delta Gamma members have spent many loving hours creating such things as texture boards, blankets, and

hand mitts for the Center. The Center also received a large stockpile of wooden trays from one Delta Gamma and her husband.

ROPARD's new booklet, *Looking Ahead: A Parent's Guide to the Development of their Child with Retinopathy of Prematurity* was partially funded by a grant from the National Delta Gamma Foundation.

On behalf of all of the families who have been the recipients of these important gifts, ROPARD wishes to thank Delta Gamma.

## Bausch and Lomb Award

In May of 2004, Dr. Michael Trese, the Medical Director of ROPARD, was awarded the Visionaries in Ophthalmology Award by Bausch and Lomb. The recipient is honored for a career of innovative achievement in ophthalmology. It also celebrates the 150th anniversary of Bausch and Lomb. The Award consists of \$30,000 to be distributed to the eye charity of the recipient's choice. Dr. Trese has elected to contribute his award to ROPARD to be used to support the Pediatric DNA Registry.

## New!! Holiday Greeting Cards Available in Braille



Once again, ROPARD will be selling holiday greeting cards, but this year they will also be available in braille. The cards are \$15.00 for a box of 12 with 50% tax-deductible contribution to ROPARD. For an additional fee, they may be brailled and/or imprinted with names and return address.

To see this delightful card and to place your order, see our secure online order form at our website, [www.ropard.org](http://www.ropard.org), or simply mail in your order with payment to Ropard, PO Box 250425, Franklin, MI 48025.

### About Our Artist

Eight year old Annabelle lives in Polk City, Iowa with her mom, Gina, her dad, Nick, and her two brothers, Nicholas, seven, and Sam who is a year and a half. Annabelle is in second grade at Holy Trinity in Des Moines, where she receives services of a teacher of the



visually impaired for one hour a day. Annabelle created her snowman by using three different textured plastic circles for the body of the snowman to which paint was added. She had a little assistance adding the fine details to her snowman, but the creative process was all hers!