

Houston Executive Roundtable News

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Mission Statement

To promote and exchange business, to inform our members about the Houston business environment, and to help our members achieve their personal and professional goals.

Michael Friedberg, Optometrist

speaking with passion for vision.



Big thanks to Michael Friedberg for stepping up to the plate & pinch hitting when the scheduled speaker, Jay Warren, had to go home sick. Get well soon Jay! Michael said he's to be a doctor ever since his dad told him he did. He didn't like med-school, but discovered he did like optometry, describing it as a fascinating field. Michael said he saw a unique opportunity to help people enjoy a better quality of life, & in some cases, save lives by diagnosing catastrophic illnesses while they're still treatable. Diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disease, anemia & even certain cancers can show symptoms in the eye that a good optometrist can see. School performance can be improved – not because of poor eyesight per se, but because of the way a person processes information (i.e. dyslexia) – with treatment from a good optometrist. Michael also discussed some of the most common diseases affecting the eye, including glaucoma, cataracts, & macular degeneration. It was an entertaining & informative talk. Thanks Dr. Friedberg!

Announcements & General Interest

Next week's speaker... Maria Bassa on Social & Conversational Skills for Social Networking.

Upcoming speakers... Terry Heck, Cruise Consultants & Worldwide Travel on vacation & cruise travel.

Thought(s) for the week... Eyes:

- “After 12 years of therapy, my psychiatrist said something that brought tears to my eyes. He said, ‘No hablo Ingles.’”
~Ronnie Shakes
- **Optometrist:** Maybe you're a candidate for laser eye surgery.
Homer: Will it get me out of having to choose glasses?
Optometrist: Well, yes, but I must warn you it's an experimental procedure and we still don't know the long-term effect.
Homer: Less yappin', more zappin'! ~ The Simpsons
- My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My furniture's dusted, the cobwebs are gone. My garden is lovely, and so is my lawn. Don't think I'll ever put my glasses back on. ~ Susie Campbell

This Week's Guests & Who Brought Them:

Pat Devine, creative director of **Devine Concepts Advertising** brought by Patricia Meade. Jim Wilkie VP of **Lehman Bro.'s Small Business** brought by Mary Anne Templin. Dianne McGreevy, CPC, of **Lyndian Inc. Personnel**, brought by Mary Anne Templin. Way to go!

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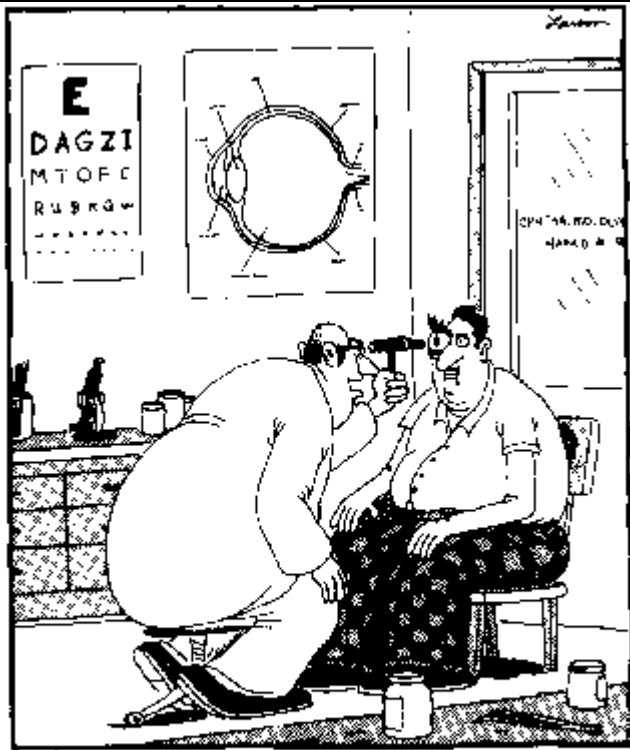
Weekly Raffle

This week's gift was donated by Mary Anne Templin of **Templin Commercial Brokerage**

- Dozen roses

Our lucky winner was Mike Catalano of **Smith Barney**.

Conratulations Mike!!!



"Oh, this is wonderful, Mr. Gruenfeld — I've only seen it a couple of times. You have corneal corruption. ... Evil eye, Mr. Gruenfeld, evil eye."

