

# THEN & NOW — NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LINDA FITZGERALD

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This month's new member spotlight shines on Linda Fitzgerald, regional territory manager for Classic Optical, Youngstown, Ohio. While at a national conference in Cincinnati, Linda participated in the OWA event and was encouraged to join the OWA. At this meeting she met a number of very prominent women in the optical field and was confident that this organization would help her own career. Through her involvement with the OWA, Linda looks forward to sharing her experience and love for the profession by continuing to mentor and provide support to other women who are interested in pursuing a career in the optical industry.

Linda resides in a suburb outside of Youngstown, Ohio. "Our area is terribly depressed from decades of economic hardships and has one of the highest unemployment rates in the United States. I look to the OWA to help me network and mentor my local peers so that together we can make a difference. I realize the issues our area faces, and I believe that if we work together we will be able to help each other and our community."



Linda and her husband of 30 years, Gary, have two children — a son (27) and daughter (26). She enjoys reading, providing foster care for dogs, helping her widow friend with daily tasks, and continuing education classes.

After working in an office as a dual licensed optician since 1977, Linda believes she has truly found her calling. As a territory manager for Classic Optical Laboratories, she manages all client relationships in her territory. Linda says, "I really enjoy challenges, so helping my clients simplify their lives while driving sales is the reason I love going to work every day." Linda feels the OWA is a wonderful association that will allow her to combine personal and professional interests — networking and mentoring.

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