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## *EYES ON US...*

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### ***Retirement Draws Near For Dr. Harvey Dobrow***

Dr. Harvey Dobrow is planning to retire from practice in December. Although we share his excitement, we are dreading that day when we have to say goodbye to "Dr. D". Dr. Harvey Dobrow attended Tufts University for his undergraduate studies and SUNY Downstate Medical Center for medical school. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. He began at what is now known as Eye Care Associates of New Jersey (ECANJ) in 1973, joining the practice of Dr. Victor Jerry Weil. Senior Technician Maris Connington reflects, "Knowing Dr. Dobrow, even though it's only been for just over five years, is like having a life-long friend. We used to talk after hours sometimes, just about anything -- it was nice. He's always patient.

A person like him makes life more pleasant and easier in general." Technician Carolina Montero recalls her experience working for Dr. Dobrow. "I'll never forget all the stories Dr. Dobrow would talk about with his patients. Over the past five years, I have learned so many things from him -- most importantly, the patience and caring he has for everyone." Optician Ivonne Zorrilla remembers, "When I started eight years ago, the first thing I noticed was the carpet on the wall in the reception area. I know that all of his long-time patients remember that wall. The second thing (and most importantly) I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Dobrow and realized that he was more than just 'the Eye Doctor'. He makes a point to learn everything about his patients and their families.

After all these years, I can tell you how proud he is of his family. Dr. Dobrow cannot talk enough about each and every one. My favorite way of him showing this is when he wears the tie with the picture of his grandchildren. I know that all of his patients will miss him, however no one will miss him more than his employees." Office Manager Lisa Bloise "wonders how she will ever manage on December 11. Dr. Dobrow is a rare breed. I have worked with my share of physicians, and have seldom encountered such a caring person. Dr. D's gentle, easy-going perspective is a rare find. I will miss him terribly." She continues, "I have always learned some interesting tidbit of information from Dr. D during our chats. I believe that I will miss those chats the most."

### ***Dr. Dobrow's Partners Remember...***

Jerry Weil, M.D., founder of ECANJ, brought Dr. Dobrow into his practice. He recalled, "He had great credentials, great training, and after only one meeting, I knew he was a perfect fit for the practice. I told him the only reservation I had was that he was 31 years old, which was fine but he looked only 21! I suggested he grow a mustache...

and he did!" Reminiscing about their time together, Dr. Weil said, "In our 32 years of working together, Dr. Dobrow and I never had a cross word. This was truly a match made in heaven." Adam Friend, M.D. has worked alongside Dr. Dobrow for the past 11 years. "Harvey has the best rapport with patients that I have ever

seen," he said. "Combining that with his exhaustive knowledge of ophthalmology made him an excellent role model for me. Dr. Hae Sun Back and I have a tremendous challenge facing us as we try to fill the void he leaves behind, but we will both use the qualities he has taught us to keep giving his former patients superb care."

