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### **Meet #IAMNYSSO Featured Optician Debbie Maffei!**

Ms. Maffei is a licensed Optician in Syracuse, NY. See her thoughts about the past, present and future of opticianry!

*Why you love being an Optician?*

"Eyewear" is a passion of mine. It is rewarding to see the pleased look on a customer's face when showing frames, completing an adjustment or repair, when dispensing new eyewear; maximizing their vision.

*What was it like to be an Optician when you first started?*

My first optical employer had eight full-time opticians, working 5 1/2 days per week! I was the first female optician; and we used alcohol lamps to heat frames.

*Why did you join NYSSO? Why do you renew?*

I joined NYSSO for the professional camaraderie and networking opportunity, as well as, to obtain continuing education credits more affordably. Renewing supports the director, the officers, and the organization that supports opticians.

*What do you hope to see from NYSSO in the future?*

Continue pressing for legislative change to preserve licensed opticians' means to make a living.

*What do you see for the future of Opticianry?*

Unfortunately, it appears that opticianry will become virtual.

Thank you, Debbie Maffei for sharing why You Belong. Here.

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