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JANET CALLIF OF LUXOTTICA HONORED BY THE OPTICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Janet Callif, a 19-year veteran of the optical industry has been selected as this year's recipient of the Pleiades Award to be presented by the Optical Women's Association (OWA) on Friday, March 31. The event will be held in the Marchon Eyewear Showroom at 6 pm.

Starting her optical career with Luxottica Retail North America as a buyer and merchandiser in the founding years of LensCrafters, Janet now, as Senior Vice President of Merchandising and Lenses oversees the entire lens buying team for all Luxottica Retail optical brands as well as all store merchandising for LensCrafters, Pearle Vision and Sunglass Hut.

Janet believes that community involvement is important to balance success in the workplace. She is a board member for Gift the Gift of Sight Foundation, and recently finished a three year term on the board of the Cincinnati Hamilton County Community Action Agency, which included projects like Headstart. Janet is a graduate of the Leadership Cincinnati program and is a graduate of the Ohio State University, where she earned her BSBA in Marketing.

The Pleiades Award spotlights an individual who has shown a commitment to the mission of the OWA by fostering the growth of women in the industry. The Pleiades Award is named for the star cluster Pleiades in the Taurus constellation. The Pleiades is also known as the "Seven Sisters" referring to the seven brightest stars in the cluster.

The invitation to attend this event is extended to both OWA members and non-members. Guests are asked to RSVP by Feb 28 via email to owa@opticalwomen.com.