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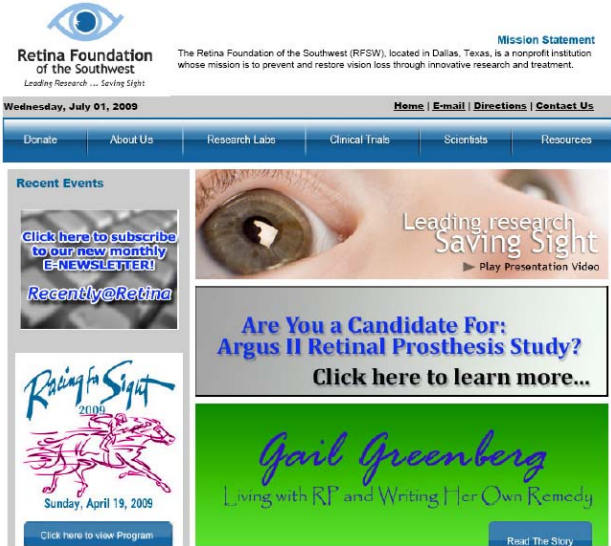
DR. KARL CSAKY WILL JOIN RFSW RESEARCHERS THIS FALL

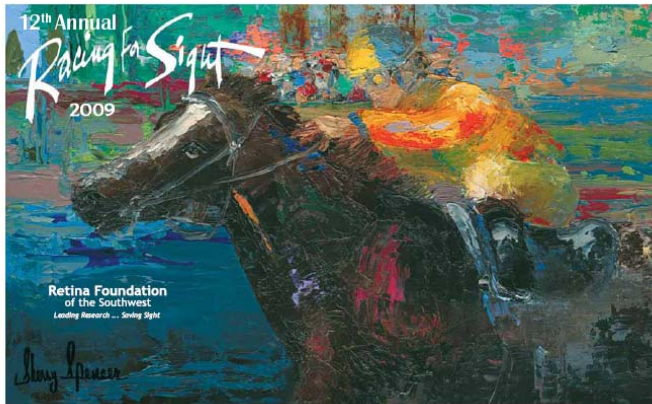
Karl G. Csaky, MD, PhD was selected as the T. Boone Pickens Chair for research in macular degeneration and will begin his research program this August. In 2007, the T. Boone Pickens Foundation awarded the Retina Foundation with \$2.5 million to expand research in the area of age-related macular degeneration. After a nationwide search, Dr. Karl Csaky was selected due to his experience and knowledge in translational research, which is bringing discovery science and technologies into the clinic.



Dr. Csaky will enhance our research programs in macular degeneration and is able to bring new and improved treatments to patients. Dr. Csaky formerly served at Duke University and the National Institutes of Health. He studied at the University of Louisville Medical School, completed his residency at Duke University and Washington University, and his post-doctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute.

RACING FOR SIGHT 2009 RAISED MORE THAN \$382,000! The Retina Foundation of the Southwest is grateful to all who supported our 12th Annual *Racing for Sight*, which raised more than \$382K for critical research in macular degeneration, pediatric eye disorders, and genetic





eye diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa. The event's success was due to Honorary Chairs, Nancy and Herbert Hunt, Race Chair, Mary Lee Cox and a fantastic Race committee. Make sure that you don't miss out next year. Stay tuned to www.retinafoundation.org for the official 2010 Race date. Email

jbuys@retinafoundation.org if you'd like to add your name to the invitation list.

RFSW PEDIATRIC LAB RECEIVES \$852,000 FROM STIMULUS PACKAGE

Dr. Eileen Birch of the Retina Foundation of the Southwest was awarded \$852,648 by way of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by recent legislation. More specifically, the regular National Eye Institute grant awarded to Dr. Birch was converted to a 2 year stimulus grant. The award will support research studies in the RFSW Pediatric Eye Research Lab as well as collaborative studies conducted with the Visual Disorders Laboratory for projects primarily focused on infantile amblyopia. The studies will hopefully create a better understanding of amblyopia in infants that may help determine best treatment options for infants diagnosed with this visual imbalance.

“Also known as “lazy eye,” amblyopia is one of the most serious and most common threats to a child’s vision,” said Dr. Birch. “Amblyopia is reduced vision – uncorrectable with glasses – in an eye that has not received adequate use during infancy or early childhood.” Dr. Birch elaborated that “if amblyopia is not detected and treated during infancy or early childhood, the visual impairment becomes permanent for the rest of the child’s life.”

“The goal of our research is to understand what causes amblyopia, identify risk factors that could be used to improve early childhood screening for amblyopia, and to develop new treatments.”

VIEW THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR INFO ON RECENT RESEARCH RESULTS

- [Click here](#) to view RFSW recent clinical trial results in age-related macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, infantile esotropia, congenital cataracts, and more.

- Visit the Retina Foundation's [Patient Information](#) page to find information about a large variety of eye diseases, symptoms, risk factors and current standards of treatment.
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