



DEE *Stephenson*

Doing her utmost to help people maintain their vision has driven Dr. Dee Stephenson to create a boutique ophthalmology practice combining a very personal approach with state-of-the-art technology. In addition to general eye care, Dr. Stephenson is recognized as an experienced ophthalmic surgeon who stays at the leading edge of surgical techniques. She is known for her expertise with cataract refractive surgery concurrent with micro-incision glaucoma surgery (MIGS) as well as laser-assisted cataract surgery and as a dry eye specialist.

"I'm really passionate about my career. Giving sight to someone is spectacular, and it's what my volunteerism and philanthropy also support," Dr. Stephenson said. "I'm a solo practitioner, which is a bit unusual. I provide one-on-one care for my patients, and I do all the care following cataract surgery rather than sending them to

someone else. I know my patients, and that's a lost art these days." She is a highly sought lecturer on her techniques with the newest lens implants, was named one of the top 300 Premier Surgeon Innovators in Refractive Cataract Surgery by Ocular Surgery News, and was recognized as a premier implant surgeon among many other accolades.

Dr. Stephenson is a native Floridian and established her practice in a renovated 1926 Italian Renaissance home in Venice 30 years ago. She has been active for 28 years with the Venice Lions Club, serving as its first woman President and earning its Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Award twice. She also supports SightLife, an organization that increases accessibility of corneal transplants worldwide by teaching the procedure to surgeons. Dr. Stephenson is an accomplished home cook who loves to travel the world sampling different cuisines and adding pieces to her art collection.