

# **Southern Eye Center**

## *Surgeons & Staff*

### **Milam S. Cotten, M.D.** **Eyelid & Muscle Surgeon**

Milam S. Cotten, M.D., has been with Southern Eye Center for over 14 years. He concentrates on the surgical and medical management of eyelid and eye muscle disorders. Dr. Cotten has completed seminars, surgical courses, and further training with internationally recognized eyelid and eye muscle specialists across the United States.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi followed by an M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi Medical School, he interned in the U.S. Navy and served as the first medical officer aboard the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser USS Bainbridge CG(N)25.

Dr. Cotten has practiced ophthalmology in Hattiesburg for 38 years after completing his residency at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He was a former chief of surgery at Forrest General Hospital & chief of staff and chief of surgery at Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg for 38 years, Dr. Cotten served as president and District Governor of Southeast Mississippi and Southeast Louisiana. He received the 3 highest recognition awards of R.I.: "Service Above Self", "Citation For Meritorious Service" and the "Distinguished Service Award". As a Rotary Volunteer, he has performed eye surgery in Nigeria and South America and taught a welding course in Jamaica.

His interests include: physical fitness, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, camping in the National Parks, and electric welding sculpture. Dr. Cotten and his wife Betty have been married for 50 years; they have three married children and nine grandchildren. He is a member of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.