

THE BUZZ

Cataract surgery offered for needy

More needy cataract patients will have a chance at free surgery through a local doctor participating in a nationwide charitable effort.

Dr. **Michael Lamensdorf**, a board-certified ophthalmologist and cataract surgeon with **Eye Specialists**, will perform the surgeries Thursday.

Potential patients should call his practice at 957-4987 to schedule a free screening at its Sarasota office.

Anyone with cataract problems not covered by insurance or personal income might be eligible. The surgery will include lens implants and follow-up care.

The program, offered in cooperation with the **Cape Surgery Center, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation** and **Sarasota Anesthesiologists, P.A.**, is part of **Mission Cataract USA**, a nationwide project founded in 1993 and involving hundreds of eye surgeons throughout the United States.

— David Gulliver