

Cabinet Report August 4, 2013

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin recovered 1348 corneas for the fiscal year 2012-13. From that number a total of 1005 individuals received transplants. A big thank you goes out to the families of the donors, the transporters who have traveled thousands of miles to and from the Eye Bank and the staff of the Eye Bank who have done the work for one of the best eye banks in the country. The Lions and Lioness of Wisconsin can be proud of the Eye Bank and what is has accomplished. Thank you all.

The Lab staff now has a new Director. Ted Viers has been hired to replace Joyce Cratz, , left in June, and we are close to hiring a new tech for the lab which should bring us to full staffing. Cindy Smyth is our Marketing person and Past Board President Dick Hauser has bee hired as Executive Director. Dick had been serving as co-ED, along with PID Phil Ingwell and Dr. Neil Barney, for the past 9 months

Our Community Relations staff is down to one part-time employee (PDG Rick Daluge) with the retirement of PDG Jerry Rabbach. Jerry has served in that position for the past 12 years.

The Annual Meeting was preceded by an orientation session for new Board members and tours of the Eye Bank. The annual meeting included approval of two changes to the By-laws. Presentation of awards to various individuals, IPDG Daryl Porter and ADP Colleen McCormick received awards for meeting their goals for District donations to the Eye Bank, and Lion Phil Larabee of the Iowa Transporters group accepted a Presidential award on behalf of all the Iowa Transporters as the first and only multi-state tissue transportation system. The new officers were installed by PID Ingwell with yours truly as President. The annual meeting was followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors to handle routine Eye Bank business

Our next Board meeting will be on October 24 at Gunderson Hospital in LaCrosse in keeping with our plan to have one meeting a year outside of Madison.

Ad finally, if you need a program for your club or need information, please feel free to contact me. Zone Chairs, feel free to contact me for information at your Zone meetings.

Your continued support of the LEBW is appreciated.

Lion Michael Tiber, PDG LEBW District Representative/nd President