



Lions Eye Bank Report to District Cabinet- Jan 19, 2014

The Lion's Eye Bank had a great year of providing the Gift of Sight for many people in Wisconsin and throughout the world. In 2013 the LEBW had 704 eye donors resulting in 1099 transplanted tissues, including 842 transplanted in Wisconsin. We also used 130 corneas for research purposes. We had fewer donors, but still resulted in more transplants than in 2012!

Your Eye Bank continues to grow and develop with several new clubs and communities getting involved in transporting tissue to and from the Eye Bank. In December of 2013, 317 separate legs of transport were driven by Lions and Lioness, resulting in about 32,000 miles!

Presently LEBW is making plans to expand the processing end of our Eye Bank to better prepare tissue for surgeons, needing partial thickness corneal tissue. This added processing will require a large capital investment in equipment as well as more specialized staff training. We have also been recruiting more recovery technicians in various parts of the state. One change in our donation criteria is that we recently lowered the age limit from 75 to 70.

Of particular importance to all of you is that our Annual Meeting and Golf Outing will be held Thursday July 17th in Waukesha. There will be a golf outing held at Western Lakes at 9:30 a.m. followed by the social and Annual Meeting of LEBW at the Country Springs Hotel, just off I-94. Our hope is that more working Lions will be able to attend the evening dinner and meeting and more golfers from the Milwaukee area will be able to participate in the golf. Watch for more details in March.

As President, I will be attending all the conventions, and welcomes any questions you might have about your Eye Bank.

We have added several new staff to the Eye Bank. Ashley Stewart is our new receptionist and will greet you as you enter our building. Bobbi Laufenberg has taken over the reins of our administrative support area. And we have added two more Lab technicians in our Lab in recent months. Finally Lindsey Vaughan has taken on new duties working with placing tissue with our surgeons and setting up the transportation for that surgical tissue. PDG Rick Daluge continues to work with Lions clubs in community relations.

As this is my last year as your District Representative on the Eye Bank Board, a replacement must be found. The By-Laws require that any Lion who desires to serve as a Director must submit an application and résumé to the LEBW Board's Nomination Committee no less than 60 days prior to the April meeting of the Board. If there are no candidates or qualified candidates, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a candidate for appointment. Applications and resumes should be sent to: Lion Terry Peters, 4431 Trillium Lane, Slinger, WI 53086. If you have any questions, please contact either PID Peter Cerniglia or myself.