



LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN

CABINET REPORT

OCTOBER 3, 2019

- EBAA inspection is complete
 - LEBW is accredited through the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). Every three years, the EBAA conducts an extensive inspection of the eye bank to ensure that all quality and technical process are performed according to their standards. LEBW's inspection went exceptionally well. The inspector commented to us in an email, "I really want to say that you have some top-notch folks there and your inspection documents and preparation was one of the best organized and prepared that I have had during an inspection. To have everything at that level takes an enormous amount of careful dedicated work." The EBAA Accreditation Board meeting is in October and we anticipate our official reaccreditation letter to arrive within 30 days of their meeting.
- LEBW Legacy of Sight Ceremony will be Sunday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. at Noah's Event Venue
 - Each year LEBW honors our donors and their families at this special event to remember their loved ones who gave the gift of sight.
- Roughly 45 Wisconsin Lions Clubs made over 650 transports in July & Aug – thank you!
- LEBW announces and thanks EPIC Systems Corporation for their gift of \$10,000 to help support our new Surgical Training and Research Center. Funds will be used to begin appointing the Center with much needed equipment and resources.
- LEBW has special funds to help us meet specific needs and offer more giving choices.
 - Transplant Assistance Fund: This fund helps provide support to those who could otherwise not afford a transplant or aftercare. In August, we were able to provide 6 corneas to local surgeon, Dr. Christopher Croasdale for his mission trip to Bolivia.
 - Donor Family Support Fund: This fund helps us to provide ongoing grief support and services to the family members of cornea donors, as well as supports opportunities to honor and pay tribute to our donors and their families.
 - Surgical Training and Research Center: Aims to provide education to local, national and international surgeons, as well as, provide resources for researchers advancing cures for blindness
 - The General Operating Fund helps to defray the rising costs associated with providing the gift of sight. LEBW is dependent on the gift of Lions, Community members and Businesses to continue our mission.
- Ad hoc Garden Committee
 - The LEBW Board approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to investigate the potential addition of a Donor Memorial/Tribute Garden at LEBW. Deb Condon agreed to



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chair the committee. Committee participants include Master Gardeners/Lions Randy Harrison and John Dickson, and Lion Dawn Lyons-Wood whose daughter Emily helped many others when she became an organ, eye and tissue donor. We look forward to news from the new committee soon.

- New employees
 - Donor Support Center Staff: handling donation facilitation and transport needs
 - LaSherri Perry-Hunt – Donor Support Center Coordinator (July 2019)
 - Melissa Sainsbury – Donor Support Center Coordinator (Sept 2019)
 - Gina Stanley – Donor Support Center Coordinator (Sept 2019)
 - Cornea Recovery and Lab: Tersia Brooks – Field Recovery Technician & Laboratory Assistant (Sept 2019). Tersia's comes to us with over 7 years of experience working for Gauteng Cornea & Eye Bank and the Centre for Tissue Engineering in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald K. Blawusch, Treasurer