

Lions Eye Bank of WI Report for D1 Cabinet Meeting January 10.

The LEBW has had a challenging year in 2020. We were essentially closed for two months and our tissues recovered for 2020 ended up being roughly 55% of what was recovered for transplant in 2019. This has made for a rather unusual year. The good news is that our transplant rate for September, October and November has increased and is about 70% of the transplants done last year. While December data is not compiled yet, it appears that this too will be at about 70% of the transplants conducted prior to the pandemic.

Your Eye bank is embarking on a new fundraising program that will target individuals and corporations with updated giving levels. The club giving levels will continue the same with a \$1000 donation resulting in a Knight of Sight Fellowship. We encourage clubs to award these Fellowships to club members, community members, first responders, and others such as school nurses so that recognition is given. Several clubs have excess funds on deposit with LEBW for this purpose.

Lioness clubs should check with LEBW for any funds they have on deposit that might be able to be used for Knights of Sight fellowships. As of July 1, we will no longer recognize donations from Lioness clubs so if a club is transitioning to a Lions club, please notify LEBW of the new name before July 1. Several Lioness clubs have already settled on a new Lions club name and reported them to LEBW.

LEBW is also in the process of remodeling our Website so stay tuned! Our transporter program is slowly returning to normal traffic, and of course the building remains closed except for transporter pickups.

Thank You everyone for your continued support of LEBW during these pandemic times.

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