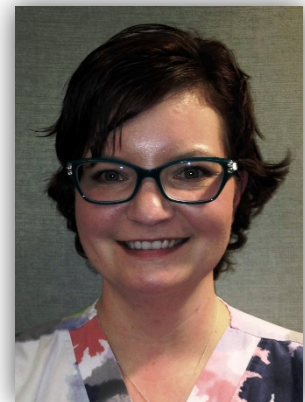


LEBW Donor Stats through July 2021

LEBW Staff Updates

- We are pleased to announce that Leslie Poznanski, LEBW Lab Technician, has officially completed her training and is currently preparing DMEK tissue for our surgeons. Leslie received her initial training at Lions Vision Gift in Oregon. Leslie practiced for eight months to become proficient in the technique. Her outcomes were evaluated by our Clinical Trainer, Medical Director, and independent surgeons who accept DMEK tissue from our eye bank. DMEK or Descemet’s Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty is the latest iteration of surgeries performed that do not require the full thickness of the cornea. In this type of surgery, the surgeon replaces only the cornea’s Descemet’s membrane and endothelium. These membranes are about 10-15 microns thick – the average human hair is about 70 microns thick. When the DMEK procedure is complete, it leaves the patient’s cornea closer to its original condition than any other transplant technique. Our surgeons frequently request corneal tissue prepared in advance for DMEK surgeries. LEBW technicians help surgeons by separating the Descemet’s membrane and endothelium of the cornea for the surgeon before surgery. We are very pleased and proud of Leslie’s hard work and dedication as she learned this very complex and challenging technique.
- Welcome new staff member, Clark Baker, Donor Support Center Coordinator.



Garden Committee Update

- The Garden Committee aims to create a plan for a memorial garden that will honor donors and recipients and help maintain the grounds at LEBW. We hope to find volunteers/clubs that will cover the months of May through October for lawncare and general ground maintenance. Once a schedule is established, we will send an email blast for volunteers to sign-up.

The Theme of the future garden is, "The Journey of the Gift of Sight," which tells the story of how the gift of sight heals and transforms all those who play a role in this journey – donor, donor family, recipient, surgeons, Transporters, staff, community, etc. Looking to get the word out to help create more donations toward the garden, still in early stages. We placed an application to the University of Wisconsin Capstone Project hoping to work with students on planning and designing garden.



The shed installation is complete! Thank you to the McFarland Lions Club for making this project happen. It looks amazing! Contact Bob Klockow, Garden Committee Chair, at bob.klockow@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or make a donation toward the garden.

LEBW Transporter Stats

- Approximately 67 Wisconsin Lions Clubs made over 200 transports from July 1 through September 15, 2021 – thank you! All drop-off and pick-up locations are now fully open. Masks must be worn where facilities are mandating (vaccinated or not). Upon dispatch, you will receive special instructions regarding any updates to our current practices.

District Level Awards

- Tammy Rockenbach, D1 – Knight of Sight
- Don Drew, A1 – Gift of Sight
- Eric Zingler, D2 – Gift of Sight
- Ronda Bierbrauer, E2 – Gift of Sight

Transporter & Dispatcher Awards

- Don "Butch" Lind – Dispatcher
- Georgia Lutz – Dispatcher
- Duane Klabon – Dispatcher
- John Mitchell – Dispatcher
- Arletta Trejo – Dispatcher
- Anita Kiner – Transporter
- Bob Schmidt – Transporter
- Peter Cerniglia – Transporter