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Eye Bank Prepares For 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2012

In 1962, Dr. Victor T. Curtin worked closely with his friend and fellow ophthalmologist Edward W. D. Norton to create Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Along with the establishment of what would become the country's best eye hospital, Dr. Curtin was successful in his dream of starting the first eye bank and ocular pathology lab in the southeast.

The Florida Lions Eye Bank was born.

In March of 2012, the Florida Lions Eye Bank will celebrate its 50th anniversary. A gala dinner and other activities will be held to mark the special occasion.

Grammy-nominated singer and songwriter (and Lion) Karen Taylor-Good is scheduled to perform at the anniversary event.

Look for more information and details later this year.

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Exchange of Ideas Ignites Mutual Interest in Eye Banking

Chinese Ophthalmologists Visit

Ophthalmologists from the Beijing Tongren Hospital in China recently visited the Florida Lions Eye Bank. Although the visit was brief because of the meeting schedule with the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), they were grateful to meet with Dr. Jorge Pena, Technical Director and Judith Cornille, Director of Professional Development about eye bank issues.

The distinguished guests included Dr. Xinyuan Zhang (retina specialist), Professor Ningli Wang (Candidate Chairman of Chinese Ophthalmological Society and director of Beijing Tongren Eye Center) and Professor Liang Xu (Chairman of Beijing Institute of Ophthalmology). Dr. Wang explained that because of cultural barriers to eye donation in China, those in need of cornea and sclera tissue often wait months or years for a transplant.

Dr. Pena demonstrated the technical aspects of the recovery, processing and preparation of tissue, including the preservation and cutting of cornea and sclera tissue.

While we discovered there are differences in eye banking between China and the U.S., we also learned we have much more in common. Our shared mission is to GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT.



“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

- William Butler Yeats

Colombian Eye Bank Director Learns While Strengthening Ties With FLEB

Dr. Hernando Gomez, soon to be Director of the eye bank in Pereira, Colombia, recently received hands-on training at the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

Dr. Gomez, along with his wife and two daughters, traveled to Miami to learn about eye tissue examination under the slit lamp, the screening and processing of donated eye tissue and the operation of a large and busy eye bank.

Raising awareness about the importance of eye donation in Pereira was one of the issues that was addressed. English and Spanish promotional materials were provided to him for possible adaptation for his eye bank.

We look forward to a continued collaboration with Dr. Gomez, as he helps to Give the Gift of Sight in his community.

Making a Splash at Health & Fitness Expo

The Florida Lions Eye Bank again participated in the 2011 Health and Fitness Expo at the Miami Beach Convention Center. This year FLEB teamed with the Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency and shared a booth.

The event offered free health screenings, prizes, rock climbing, massages, a variety of giveaways and an opportunity for kids to “become” weather forecasters. This year, the eye bank had a record number of people signing donor cards, with many more taking cards to sign at home at www.donatelifeflorida.org.

Volunteers from Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency and the Florida Lions Eye Bank staff joined forces, bringing out the best of both organizations at the event and encouraging participants to DONATE LIFE. Grateful organ transplant recipients also worked side by side with eye bankers for the two day event. Thanks again to those who helped out: Vivian



(L-R) Kidney/pancreas recipient Denise Martinez with eye bank staff Judith Cornille, Michelle Sieira, Danitza Piedra.

Lopez, Elina Hackworth, Michelle Sieira, Pam Pitcher, Danitza Piedra and Judith Cornille. Visit us in 2012 and support a great cause!

HOW YOU CAN HELP *in our sight-saving work*

- 1 Make certain that you have indicated on your driver's license that you want to be a donor or that you have registered as a donor on www.donatelifeflorida.org.
- 2 Most importantly, share your desire to be a donor with your family. By doing this, you will have joined with us in achieving our mission: *To Give the Gift of Sight.*

Lions and Guests A

Lions from across South Florida attended the Florida Lions Eye Bank annual Spring open house event and educational session, hosted by the eye bank and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

The evening began with presentations in the Retter Auditorium by President Stacey Jones, PCP, eye bank Medical Director Sander Dubovy, M.D. and Executive Director Elizabeth Fout Caraza.

Attendees then separated into smaller groups for the popular tours of the Ophthalmic Biophysics Research Center and the eye bank's pathology lab and tissue processing facility.

At the Biophysics Center, Director Jean-Marie Parel, Ph.D. and his staff demonstrated a remote-controlled 3-D slit lamp microscope, a new invention that will allow complete exams and diagnosis from a doctor thousands of miles away.

The Pathology Lab tour showed



Many enjoyed the presentations inside the Retter Auditorium



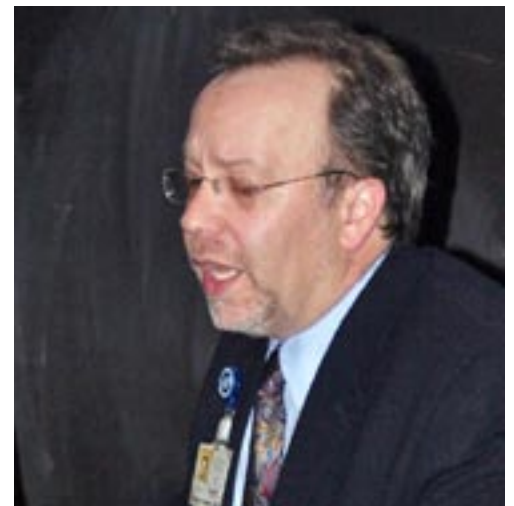
Jorge Pena describes the tissue processing procedure.



Guests look at a monitor with 3-D glasses during the Biophysics tour.



Eye Bank staff members enjoy the reception.



Medical Director Sander Dubovy, M.D.

Attend 2011 Open House

how their services provide doctors with information about ophthalmic disease, infections and other disorders. In the tissue processing facility, eye bank staff showed the techniques and instruments used by technicians to prepare donated ophthalmic tissue for transplant and research.

After the tours, the groups met back at the Retter Patio for fellowship and a festive paella dinner. Attendees left with information packets and a better understanding of how their support assist the sight-saving work of the eye bank.



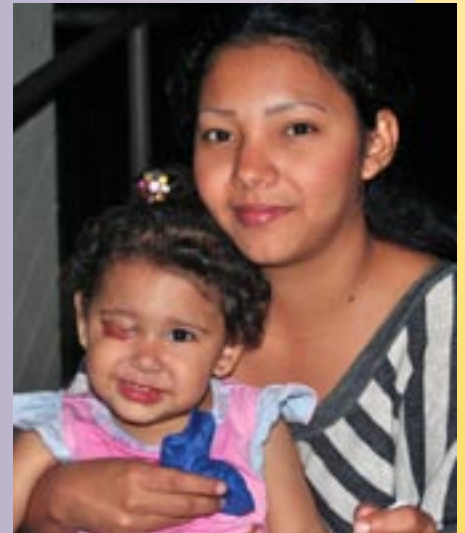
Paella was on the menu after the tours.



President Stacey Jones, PCP



Remote slit lamp microscope is demonstrated.



Lions' guests included a young mother and her daughter, a recipient of donated ocular tissue.



Lions relax after the tours.

Donations

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Pearl Goldberg Research Fellowship Awarded Dr. Noriyuki Unoki

The second Pearl Goldberg Research Fellowship has been awarded to Dr. Noriyuki Unoki. Dr. Unoki graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at Kyoto University in Japan in 2001 and completed his Ph.D. in medicine at Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine in 2010. He gained experience in vitreous surgery at multiple hospitals in Japan and studied retinal vascular biology during his graduate school years.

Thanks to the Pearl Goldberg Research Fund, Dr. Unoki is now working with Dr. Sander Dubovy, Director of the Ocular Pathology Laboratory and the Eye Bank's Medical Director, and will continue his new Fellowship for a full year. Dr. Unoki finds retinal pathology of interest as a retinal spe-

cialist and has already undertaken retinal pathology research under the guidance of Dr. Dubovy.

Dr. Unoki will return to Japan in August 2012 and will give back to society through his knowledge and experience. Dr. Unoki is from Kyoto, Japan and came to Miami with his wife and three children.



Dr. Noriyuki Unoki