You are cordially invited
to the
FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK
2013 INSTALLATION DINNER
Saturday, June 1, 2013
Courtyard by Marriott • Coral Gables
2051 Le Jeune Road • Coral Gables, FL 33134
Silent Auction
Cocktails: 6 pm • Dinner: 7 pm
$40 Per Ticket • Please call (305) 326-6359 by May 29th
EYE BANK HOSTS ‘BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK’

The Florida Lions Eye Bank participated in the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine’s Take your Child to Work event. More than 125 sons and daughters of UM staff visited displays set up by various School of Medicine departments. There was also music, face-painting, tours of Fire Rescue equipment and lots of great giveaways that brought smiles from all ages. The Eye Bank’s Jorge Pena, M.D. (at left below) provided hands-on experiences and age-appropriate information to the children at the popular eye bank table. Of particular interest were the real tissue samples and a whole human eye, which a youngster found to be “disgusting but cool!”

AROUND THE EYE BANK

Anniversary Patch Honors Lions Club Donors

The Eye Bank commemorated its 50th Anniversary with a unique banner patch given to all Lions Clubs who donated more than $50 in the 2012 Calendar Year. Over 70 Lions clubs throughout Florida received the new patch!

Eye Bank Technicians Certified

The Florida Lions Eye Bank has two new Certified Eye Bank Technicians! Cristissa Piedra and Jeffrey Young received their certification in April from the Eye Bank Association of America after passing their CEBT exam. Cristissa and Jeff now join the eye bank’s current CEBTs Jorge Pena, Concetta Triglia, and Ken Bryan with this distinguished certification.
**Eye Bank Participates in Lions Meetings**

**Eye Bank Hosts Hospitality Suite at State Conference**

The Florida Lions Eye Bank hosted its first Hospitality Suite at the state-wide Florida Lions Convention in Daytona Beach on May 3rd to thank the Lions of Florida for their continuous and generous support.

The suite was well attended with plenty of champagne and cocktail snacks for all. The Eye Bank also included a drawing for a $50 gas card for all who attended. The winner of this gift card was announced the next evening and was awarded to Connie Carro, of the Bonita Springs Lions Club.

**Multiple District Conference**

The Florida Lions Eye Bank made an impact at the Lions Multiple District 35 Fall Conference for Florida and the Bahamas with staff making a presentation and eye bank officers networking with Lions and dignitaries from throughout the state. The event was held in Altamonte Springs, near Orlando.

**District 35N Conference**

Eye Bank Past President District Governor Juan J. Tejera recently convened the District 35N Conference at the Frost Art Museum in Dania Beach. The Eye Bank was on hand to support the Lions and to provide materials to help promote eye donation throughout the State.

Checking in at the event are (L-R) Eye Bank Past President Bill Sweeney, District 35N Chair for Leo Clubs Adelfa Zamoranos and Leo Ryan Rioux.
The Florida Lions Eye Bank’s 2013 Lions Appreciation Night proved to be a popular ticket, attracting a large crowd of Lions and guests to Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Attendees filled the Retter Auditorium for a report of the past year’s achievements, several presentations and to receive thanks for the work and support provided by the Lions.

New this year was the expanded tours that included the ophthalmic surgical suite, the outpatient laser surgery center and the Rare Book Room inside the Mary and Edward Norton Library. Toward the end of the evening, the crowd made its way to the decorated Retter Patio to enjoy music, sangria and a delicious paella dinner.

Above: For the first time, tours included the 6th Floor ophthalmic surgery center. Below right: Tour stops in at the FLEB Pathology Lab.
LATION NIGHT!

Upper left (L-R): Eye Bank President James Brauss, Executive Director Elizabeth Fout Caraza, Medical Director Sander Dubovy, M.D. Above: Dr. Brauss makes a presentation to the crowd in Retter Auditorium. Left: Lions tour Bascom Palmer’s laser surgery center. Below: Lions and guests enjoy the sangria, a delicious paella dinner and dessert.
Donations

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Mrs. Mildred Agronow
Mr. Roberto Aguilera
Mr. Luis G. Alemany-Planell
Mrs. Dolores B. Allen
Mr. Peter Amrein
Ms. Isabel Anderson
Mr. Eloy Aparicio
Mrs. Mildred D. Armbrister
Banco de Corneas de la
Republic Dominicana
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Memorial Foundation
Mr. Harvey Batleman
Mr. Valdo J. Benedetti
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Mr. Luis S. Blanco
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Mr. Nick Bogdos
Mr. Bruce Bottoms
Mrs. Andrea Brooks
Mr. Richard T. Bueschel
Mr. Arnold T. Butkus
Mr. Olin D. Button
Mrs. Noeli Castro
Lion Henry Chiminiello PDG
Mr. John Choto
Mrs. Shirley Christian
Mr. Robert D. Christian
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Mrs. Caridad Cordero
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Mr. George Coughlin
Victor Curtin, M.D.
Mr. William E. Davis
Mr. Gus De Leon
Ms. Yolanda De Venanzi
Mr. John W. Dove
Mr. Austin D’Souza, Ph.D.
Sander Dubovy, M.D.
Ms. Betty Eisenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Emerson
Mr. John Erskine
Mrs. Maria Estigarribia
Mr. Carroll Felleman
Mrs. Elena Fernandez
Mrs. Angela Fields
Mrs. Velia Focaracci
Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Forget
Mr. Joe Garcia, Jr.
Ms. Nana S. Gautier
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Dr. Patricio Grayeb
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The Florida Lions Eye Bank joined with the United Sight organization to exhibit at the meeting of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery in San Francisco (see photo below).

United Sight is a group of independent eye banks that work together in an environment of cooperation to promote the free exchange of ideas, information and eye banking best practices.

All United Sight eye banks are Accredited by the Eye bank Association of Florida and work together to distribute quality tissue throughout their service areas. The Florida Lions Eye Bank is proud to be a founding member of this group, which has helped us continue to improve service to our surgeons and recipients.
EYE BANK STAFF GOES THE DISTANCE TO SUPPORT ORGAN DONATION

The Florida Lions Eye Bank joined in supporting the Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA) 5K Run and Walk held in Aventura. Nearly a dozen eye bank staff and family members participated in the event. LAORA, a Division of the Daughtry Family Department of Surgery at University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, is one of the nation’s 58 federally designated, certified and regulated recovery agencies for organs, tissue and bone.

(L-R) FLEB Medical Director Sander R. Dubovy, Melanie Vega, Desiree Delgado, Concetta Triglia, Carly Caraza, Christie Caraza, Elina Hackworth, Elizabeth Fout-Caraza, Magdaly Rivas and Indiana Rivas where just some of the runners representing the Eye Bank.

With the UM mascot Sebastian, are (L-R) first place age group winners, Carly and Christie Caraza, Judith Cornille.