JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS of our Fifty Years of Giving the Gift of Sight!

50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE
Mark your calendar for this special milestone event
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 • Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Presentations • Historical Displays & Memorabilia • Tours • Dinner

GALA DINNER
Saturday, March 24, 2012 • Weston Hills Country Club
Reception • Gala dinner • Displays • Presentations
Grammy-nominated singer and songwriter Karen Taylor-Good is scheduled to perform

Turn to page 7 for more information on sponsorship and tickets

REQUEST FOR FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK MEMORABILIA
Be a part of history! Search your closets and filing cabinets for photos, documents or any items connected with the Eye Bank’s early days. Call (305) 326-3659 for more information.

President James Brauss, O.D. at the Lions Installation Dinner See Pages 4 & 5

Cornea recipient Brenda Harmelin urges support of eye bank. Page 8
SUPPORTING THE EYE BANK

Pin Collection A Legacy for Late Eye Bank President Sol Widener

Lion and eye bank Past President Sol Widener (1977-78) sadly passed away in March of this year. But in his will he found a way to keep his memory alive while supporting the eye bank. He requested that his extensive collection of Lions pins be sold with the proceeds donated the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

Despite his other responsibilities, Lion Dennis Walton, President of the Florida Lions Pin Trading Club, has kindly taken on the task to benefit the Florida Lions Eye Bank. Sol’s daughters and a close friend, Doris Scott, helped get the pins to Lion Dennis. Lion Dennis will be offering the pins for sale at the District 35-I meeting in late October in Palmetto and at the Florida Council of Governors Meeting in Sebring in November.

Mary Anne Taylor-Rollins, FLEB executive director from 1984-2005 said, “I do remember that back then pins were very important to the Lions. Each new Eye Bank president would pick a theme and we would have lapel pins made representing the theme. The president would first give them to the FLEB officers, then hand them out when he represented the eye bank at various Lions functions.”

Don’t miss the opportunity to own one or more of the treasured pins in Sol’s collection. The purchase will help support the Florida Lions Eye Bank. Be on the lookout for Lion Dennis at upcoming Lions events.

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.
Eye Glass Donations a Labor of Love for Vitas Hospice

Vitas Innovative Hospice has done it again – donated thousands of pairs of eyeglasses so that people across our nation and foreign countries could regain the GIFT OF SIGHT.

Don Dolan, RN, Vitas Innovative Hospice Manager, spearheaded the effort to collect the eye glasses again this year, showing their smiles are only outsized by their giving hearts.

In addition to the eye glass donations, Vitas Hospice has, for many years, partnered with the Florida Lions Eye Bank for eye donation. Don Dolan and Reverend Misti Johnson-Acre, Chaplain and Senior ACPE Supervisor, set the stage for VITAS’ Dade and Broward county chaplains and social workers to receive training on eye donation and the consent process. Donated corneas and sclera tissue from VITAS hospice patients has been used primarily for research and teaching, but also for surgical transplant.

Medical Director Sander Dubovy to Speak at Bonita Springs Lions Club

Florida Lions Eye Bank Medical Director Sander Dubovy, M.D. will be lecturing at the Bonita Springs Lions Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2011. The topic will be *Macular Degeneration: Disease, Treatment and Advancements*.

Dr. Dubovy is associate professor of Ophthalmology and Pathology at UM’s Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He specializes in diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration and macular disease. For more information, contact the Eye Bank at 305-326-6359.
The 2011-12 Florida Lions Eye Bank Officers and Directors gathered for their installation ceremony at a festive dinner in June at Broward County’s Signature Grand. Amid royal blue orchids and white formal jackets, incoming President Dr. James Brauss and his Board took the oath of office. Immediate past president Stacey Jones was also honored for his service during 2010-11.

Medical Director Dr. Sander Dubovy was awarded the Ross Carr Award, presented by Past President Bill Arthur. District Governor Diana Castillo accepted the Jimmy Nelson Award for the Lantana Lions Club, presented by Past President Ken Shivel, PDG. In addition to the installation, those in attendance enjoyed gourmet cheese appetizers, an auction/raffle, favors and warm Lion fellowship.
DINNER A GRAND EVENT

Immediate Past President Stacey Jones, PCC

Dr. Sander Dubovy receives the Ross Carr Award, presented by Past President Bill Arthur

District Governor Diana Castillo accepted the Jimmy Nelson Award for the Lantana Lions Club, presented by Past President Ken Shivel, PDG.

Installation dinner sponsor Linda Lubitz (in yellow) with her company staff, Linda Lubitz Financial Group.

Elina Hackworth and son, Chris, with Michelle Sieira.

(L-R) Incoming Board of Directors include Mike San Miguel, Bill Arthur, George Letakis, Larry Schiff, John Desouza, Secretary Colleen Pinkerton PDG, President James Brauss O.D., Bob Hillard, Blair Anderson, Vice President Rosa Galliani and Bud Mansolilli. Not pictured: Director Bob Woomer and Treasurer Luis San Miguel.
Received from MAY 16 - AUGUST 15, 2011

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Mrs. Shirlee Abbott
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Adams
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Mrs. Mildred D. Armbrister
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BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG!
BE A SPONSOR OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

All eyes will be on you or your organization as you support the Florida Lions Eye Bank’s programs at our 50th Anniversary on March 24, 2012 at Weston Hills Country Club. Your support at this once-in-a-lifetime event will assist us as we provide corneas and scleras for eye surgery, eyes and funding for sight-saving research, ocular pathology studies.

Depending on the level of support you choose to give, you will receive advertising and a descriptive story in our Commemorative Program, your name on lobby signage, a banner in the cocktail party, acknowledgement from podium and slide show and complimentary tickets to the event.

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Contact the eye bank for more information or to receive a sponsorship brochure

Name ___________________________________________ Phone: _________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________

Sponsoring Organization or individual(s) name (As it should appear in all printed material)

Address        City    State   Zip
_________________________________________________ _______________________________________________

Contact Name (Person in charge of making sponsor arrangements)   Signature of contact person

Commemorative Program advertising
For information on rates and deadlines for individual ads in our Commemorative Program please contact the eye bank at (305) 326-6359 or email info@fleb.org.

I will charge my gift to a major credit card □VISA □ M/C Card # __________________________

Exp. date_________ Card holder name ___________________________ Signature_____________________

After completing this form, fax to the eye bank at (305) 482-5106 or email to info@fleb.org.

Payments by check should be made payable to:

Florida Lions Eye Bank • 900 NW 17th Street #347 • Miami, FL 33136

If you have questions or need more information, call (305) 326-6359 or email info@fleb.org
Cornea Recipient Marks 50th Wedding Anniversary With Plea to Support FLEB

“There is no remedy for love but to love more.” Henry David Thoreau wrote those words in 1839 and Brenda Harmelin lives them today.

Twelve years ago, she benefitted from the love and generosity of an eye donor through a cornea transplant. Brenda, a talented calligrapher, has been giving back to the Florida Lions Eye Bank ever since. She was the featured recipient in the 2006 Eye Bank Annual Report. Her support includes:

- Making innumerable donations to the eye bank, honoring special occasions of family and friends.
- Donating her time and talent, she designed and artistically penned the calligraphy for a unique eye bank holiday card.
- Sharing her cornea transplant experience with an auditorium filled with Lions during an eye bank Open House, even though public speaking is not her favorite thing to do!
- And recently, in a moving speech at her 50th wedding anniversary, Brenda asked those in the audience again to give to the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

We hope that your entire family and friends continue to enjoy the beauty in life. Your support of our mission, To Give the Gift of Sight, has helped restore beauty in the lives of countless others.

(L-R) Steve Lokoff, daughter Lisa Lokoff, Brenda and Mickey Harmelin, grandchildren Sophia and J.D. Harmelin, son Louis Harmelin, Hannah and Barrie Harmelin.