

News from The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc.

Summer 2017



Medical Advisory Board Elects New Members

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Of Interest

The Eye-Bank's Medical Advisory Board, in consultation with the Medical Director, provides medical oversight to the ocular laboratory. Members may serve two three-year terms in succession and are then required to rotate off for a minimum of one year. Joining the Board for the very first time are Beverly Forsyth, M.D., who came aboard in January, and Leela V. Raju M.D. and Danielle Trief, M.D., both of whom were elected to the Board during the spring meeting held in May.



Dr. Forsyth currently serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Medical Education Department and serves as the

Director of the Morchand Center for Clinical Competence and the Director of Medical Student Electives. Previously, Dr. Forsyth was the Medical Director of the Care Coordination Program at the Jack Martin Fund Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital.

A graduate of Cornell University with a B.A. in Biology and Society, Dr. Forsyth received her medical degree from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. She interned and completed her residency at Montefiore Medical Center at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A fellowship in infectious diseases followed at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai where she was awarded the Nicolas A. Rango HIV Clinical Scholarship.

Dr. Forsyth's current research interests are in clinical skills remediation for medical students, with a particular focus on communication skills. Her honors and awards include, Outstanding Resident in Outpatient Primary Care, Internal Medicine, from Montefiore Medical Center at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a virology fellowship from Bristol Myers Squibb.



Dr. Raju is Chief of Ophthalmology at Bellevue Hospital in New York City and Associate Professor at the Langone Medical Center, New York University, specializing in cornea, anterior segment and refractive surgery. Prior to these appointments, Dr. Raju served as Assistant

Professor and Medical Director/Vice Chair of the Charles T. Campbell Microbiology Laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Dr. Raju graduated from Brown University with a B.A. in Biology (Honors) and received her medical degree from Marshall University in West Virginia. Post doctoral work included: studies in eye pathology at Johns Hopkins University under the supervision of W. Richard Green, MD; an internship in Internal Medicine at Mercy Medical Center in New York; training in Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh and studies in Cornea and External Diseases at Baylor College of Medicine in Texas.

Research interests center on herpetic eye disease and ocular surface treatment and reconstruction. Dr. Raju has authored and co-authored numerous medical articles, reviews, books and book chapters.

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Eye-Bank Hosts its First Fall Benefit



Join us on Tuesday, October 3
for our first-ever Fall Benefit —
A Wine, Whiskey and Sweets
Tasting at the Bohemian
Benevolent & Literary Association,
in Manhattan. Sip, swirl and
sample some of the finest wines
and whiskeys along with some
delicious pairings, enjoy a fallthemed dinner and don't forget
to save room for some sweets!

Bid on some incredible, hot-ticket items at our silent auction including two house seats (the best seats in the house!) to *Hamilton the Musical*; an in-home wine tasting with one of the top sommeliers in the country; dinner for two at the most exclusive restaurants in New York; sports tickets; spa packages and more!

Mix and mingle with the Board of Directors and Medical Advisory Board, along with many friends and partners of The Eye-Bank. What better way to support The Eye-Bank's mission of restoring sight than by enjoying a fun and delicious autumn evening in Manhattan.

For more information on sponsorships and tickets, contact Karen Bardavid at kbardavid@ebsr.org.

New Physicians Join Medical Advisory Board

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Professional societies include the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.



Dr. Trief is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She specializes in the medical and surgical management of cornea, pediatric cornea, cataract and external diseases. Her surgical expertise includes corneal transplantation, cataract surgery, secondary intraocular lens placement,

anterior segment reconstruction and laser vision correction.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Trief received a B.A. in the dual major of Communications and the Biological Basis of Behavior. She was awarded a fellowship to study Neuroscience

at Oxford University where she graduated with honors. Dr. Trief completed medical school at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and her ophthalmology residency at Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Subsequently, she pursued a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Trief has published several articles, book chapters and teaching videos on adult and pediatric cornea and has been invited to speak nationally and internationally. She is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Cornea Society, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery.

Rotating off the Board after having served two three-year terms are Richard Braunstein, M.D. and Gerald Zaidman, M.D. Their expertise and support of The Eye-Bank are much appreciated!

Volunteers and Staff Advocate at the State Capital

On May 2, The Eye-Bank joined other members of the New York Alliance for Donation (NYAD), a statewide organization of organ, eye, and tissue recovery agencies, in Albany to meet with legislators and advocate on behalf of donation.

This year's legislative agenda included several measures that would increase public awareness of organ, eye and tissue



(L-R) Eye-Bank volunteer Marian McCauley; Eye-Bank staff Lori Maxwell; Assemblyman Nick Perry's Chief of Staff, Joyce Elie, Esq.; Eye-Bank staff, Marilyn Oliver and Chadwick Shank

donation as well as expand the opportunities for New Yorkers to enroll in the Donate Life Registry. Results of our advocacy efforts were immediate with the New York State Senate announcing that same afternoon the passage of three bills.

Sponsored by Senator Chris Jacobs (60th District), the first would mandate SUNY, CUNY and library card applications to include the option of signing up in the NYS Donate Life Registry. This legislation expands Lauren's Law, passed in June 2015, which requires DMV form applicants to either check "yes" or "skip this question" when asked about enrolling in the Registry.

The second bill, introduced by Senator José Peralta (13th District), would add the option of signing up in the Registry to applications for professional and occupational licenses as well as on motor vehicle registration and state income tax forms.

The Senate passed a third bill, sponsored by Senator Susan Serino (41st District), to designate human organ delivery vehicles as emergency vehicles to minimize transport time. With the state session having ended in June, the Bills will be re-introduced and voted upon in the Assembly next year.

The Eye-Bank sincerely thanks our donor families, corneal transplant recipients and volunteers for taking the time to participate and share their stories with our state legislators and their staff, all of whom made Legislative Education Day highly successful.

Bellmore Resident Wins Eye-Bank Scholarship

The 2017 winner of The Eye-Bank's Young Ambassador Scholarship is Nassau Community College student Flor Centeno, who was awarded the \$1,000 prize for promoting the cause of eye, organ, and tissue donation.

The 22-year old student from Bellmore set up a table at the Nassau Community College Spring Festival and engaged with attendees, educating them about the good donation can do and helping to dispel commonly held myths surrounding donation. After having successfully signed up 10 New Yorkers in the Donate Life Registry, Flor then further raised awareness of the donation cause by

sharing the Donate Life message on Facebook—in both English and Spanish.

Andrea and Ray Nordquist founded the Scholarship in memory of their son, Christopher, who left the gift of sight as an eye donor when he passed away as a young child. The Scholarship seeks to recognize high school seniors and college students who advocate for donation and the good that it can do.

Flor Centeno (L) with Eye-Bank Board Member Andrea Nordquist



A Career in Technology Becomes Possible for New Yorker Thanks to Cornea Transplants



By Marilyn Kim Oliver

After nineteen years of service as a scanning coordinator for a supermarket chain, Terese Winston was forced to change jobs after her company closed. She was concerned that her deteriorating eyesight would prevent her from securing a new position, but she was hired as a front desk receptionist for a large building. The only drawback was that she had to work a 12-hour night shift and this took a severe toll on her waning eyesight.

It was three years earlier in 2011 when Terese began to experience vision problems. Her optometrist had referred her to New York Eye and Ear Infirmary where she was diagnosed with keratoconus, an eye disease in which the cornea, the clear outer covering of the eye, becomes cone shaped, eventually resulting in blindness.

At the time, Terese was attending college and working towards an Associate degree in Administration and Technology, so when she heard she had a progressive eye disease, she became very concerned. Although hard contact lenses had been prescribed, they were extremely uncomfortable and Terese's eyesight continued to worsen. Her doctor stated that she was visually impaired and her professors allowed her to take exams with extended times.

While working at the supermarket, Terese was forced to wear sunglasses indoors because light caused her great discomfort, a symptom known as photophobia. Her eyes were always tearing and she squinted continuously as she used the computer and cash register. Terese was thankful to have an understanding supervisor and co-workers who rallied around and assisted her.

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However, when the company closed and Terese found a new position, her managers did not understand the severity of her eye condition. She realized her failing eyesight was threatening her livelihood and she sought a second medical opinion. She was referred to David Ritterband, M.D., ophthalmologist and corneal surgeon, who recommended cornea transplants because, over time, the hard contact lenses had caused severe scarring to her corneas. Terese admits to having

mixed emotions about the surgery, but her faith, family and great desire to see again helped her overcome the apprehension she felt.



Volunteer Terese Winston shares her dreams for the future

"I see

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better than I did before.

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but twice!"

In October 2015, Dr. Ritterband performed a successful cornea transplant on Terese's right eye at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary with donor cornea tissue provided by The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration. Terese was thrilled to see the letters on the eye chart,

something she could not do before the surgery and she noticed after only a few days, that she experienced no sensitivity to light. Her eyesight steadily improved from 20/400 prior to her transplant to 20/40, corrected to 20/20 with a soft contact lens, post transplant. She received a second cornea transplant in November 2016, this time to her left eye. She is still healing and to date her eyesight is 20/40 uncorrected.

Terese says, "I see one hundred percent better than I did before! I am grateful to my doctor, and especially to the cornea donors who provided the means for me to have my sight restored, not once, but twice!" With plans in the works to relocate and return to school, Terese states she is ready to take some major steps to make her dreams to work in the technology field become a reality. You, too, can help

someone like Terese by signing-up in the New York State Donate Life Registry. Sign up today and SeeWhat Your Eyes Can Do for OthersTM.

Volunteers Attend Workshop

A Volunteer Training Workshop was held on April 20 where volunteers learned about The Eye-Bank's history and how to succinctly share their personal donation stories.

Included in the workshop was a chance to role-play as different scenarios were created. At the conclusion, a tour of the laboratory was provided by transplant coordinator, Brian McArdle, CEBT.

We look forward to an exciting year of working with all our volunteers as they share their stories and help us engage the general public about the issues surrounding donation and the importance of signing up in the New York State Donate Life Registry.



(Front Row, L-R) Terese Winston, Cynthia Sackey, Nevin Rawji and Bernie Sosa (Back Row, L-R) Marshall Sackey, Tony Thompson, Charles Kagacos, John Bambury and David Adler

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc. Financial Report 2016



2016 was a very successful and productive year for The Eye-Bank and I am pleased to provide commentary about a number of the year's highlights that correlate to the financial information contained in this annual report.

In 2016, The Eye-Bank's Ocular Laboratory recovered a total of 1,830 eye/cornea donations and provided tissue for a total of 1,381 cornea transplants.

Of those transplants, 665 cases were endothelial keratoplasty (EK) procedures and 76 percent (76%) of the tissue provided for the EK procedures was prepared by The Eye-Bank's laboratory technicians.

The first quarter was marked by the launch of The Eye-Bank's successful, multi-media ad campaign featuring several donor family members sharing their personal stories of how proud they were to honor their loved one's wishes to donate the beautiful gift of sight. Following the way the previous year's campaign used the creative substitution of the word "Eye" for "I," the 2016 ads emphasized, "Eye am so Proud." In addition, the 2016 media plan made effective use of digital marketing via websites, email and social media.

In April, a work group comprising members of the Eye-Bank's Board of Directors, Medical Advisory Board and Department directors participated in a two-day strategic planning session resulting in identifying clear, actionable goals for strengthening the organization by more closely aligning the business operations with The Eye-Bank's mission and vision. Special thanks go to Board member Leo Corbett for his effective leadership of this in-depth planning effort.

Also in the second quarter, The Eye-Bank held its second annual Casino Night, on May 17, at the Bohemian Benevolent & Literary Association in Manhattan. The lively evening of black jack, poker and roulette was well-attended and raised more than \$48,000 for The Eye-Bank's programs. Sincere thanks to the Spring Benefit Committee and its chairs — Giovanni DiCenso and Douglas Lazzaro, M.D.—for a fun and successful event.

The Eye-Bank hosted the 2016 recipient of the Mary Jane O'Neill Fellowship in International Eye Banking for a week in June following the EBAA annual meeting which was held in St. Louis. Ellen S. Lagan, Eye Bank Manager of the Santa Lucia International Eye Bank of Manila (SLIEB) in the Philippines, observed best practices in The Eye-Bank's ocular laboratory for the recovery and distribution of

eye donor tissue; quality assurance methods for documentation; and public education for community outreach efforts. Ms. Lagan was excited to gain methods for improving processes at her eye bank in Manila.

George Florakis, M.D, corneal surgeon and chair of The Eye-Bank's Medical Advisory Board, also attended the EBAA's annual meeting, as the recipient of The Eye-Bank's 2016 Wing Chu Professional Education Award. The Eye-Bank created the award to provide physicians with an opportunity to gain a wider perspective of the field of eye banking.

The Eye-Bank was excited to host the first Wing Chu, M.D. Cornea Fellow Day on August 27. Named for the late Dr. Chu who was The Eye-Bank's Medical Director for 30 years, the day provided an opportunity for participants to become familiar with the purpose and mission of eye banking. The program, attended by 10 physicians currently in cornea fellowships with leading medical centers in the New York City area, was divided into a morning didactic session and an afternoon wet lab offering participating fellows hands on instruction for performing Decemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) surgery. The successful education program will be offered again in 2017.

The Eye-Bank's 7th Annual Swing for Sight golf outing, took place in September at the historic Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo, NY. A large field of golfers took to the course and played for some wonderful prizes including rounds of golf at premier courses in the area, dinners at fine restaurants and gift cards for the club's pro-shop. Swing for Sight raised more than \$27,000 for The Eye-Bank and we especially want to thank Dr. David Haight and Dr. Laurence Sperber, for co-chairing the outing.

On behalf of The Board and staff at The Eye-Bank, and especially for those men, women and children who have received the beautiful gift of sight, I express heartfelt gratitude to our many donor families. Thanks to their kind cooperation and their loved ones' legacy, many people have regained sight and have been able to resume a happier

James Fabian President

Major Donors \$500+ total giving from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 Italics denote EBSR Board Member or Medical Advisory Board Member.

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration is grateful to the following individuals and foundations for their generous gifts to achieve our sight-saving goals. A contribution envelope is enclosed.

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The John N. Blackman, Sr.

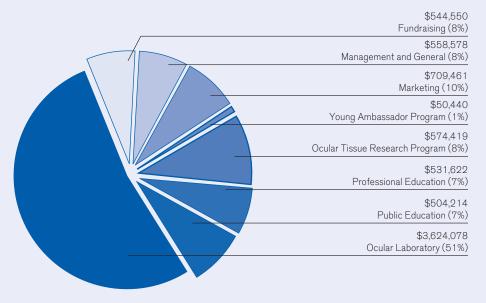
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION 2016 OPERATING EXPENSES \$7,097,362



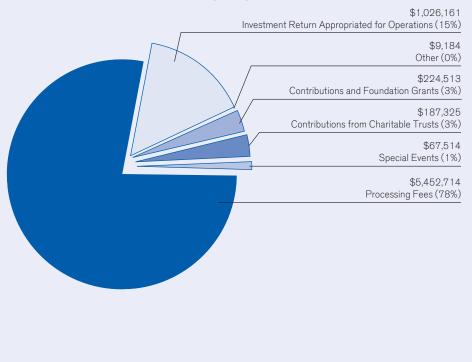
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| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 351,286 | \$ 129,196 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,072,312 | 1,085,984 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 87,285 | 87,640 |
| Pledges and bequests receivable | 2,100 | 51,735 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 127,160 | 118,138 |
| Property and equipment, net | 1,752,854 | 1,916,574 |
| Investments, at fair value | 44,658,038 | 40,744,187 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trusts | 4,116,340 | 4,096,330 |
| Total assets | \$52,167,375 | \$48,229,784 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 324,447 | \$ 202,072 |
| Deferred rent payable | 477,337 | 463,358 |
| Due to organization | 65,157 | 35,389 |
| Total liabilities | \$866,941 | \$700,819 |
| Net assets | | |
| Unrestricted | | |
| Undesignated | \$ 2,522,706 | \$ 2,677,108 |
| Designated for long-term investment | 44,553,938 | 40,640,087 |
| Total unrestricted | 47,076,644 | 43,317,195 |
| Temporarily restricted | 569,398 | 590,894 |
| Permanently restricted | 3,654,392 | 3,620,876 |
| Total net assets | 51,300,434 | 47,528,965 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$52,167,375 | \$48,229,784 |



STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 31 2016 2015 Public support and operating revenue Public support Contributions and foundation grants 224,513 213,946 Contributions from charitable trusts 187,325 212,483 Special events 67,514 70,521 . Total public support 479,352 496,950 Operating revenue 5 452 714 Processing fees 5 021 799 Investment return appropriated for operations 1.026,161 979,627 9,184 15,298 Total operating revenue 6,488,059 6,016,724 Total public support and operating revenue \$6,967,411 \$6,513,674 Expenses Ocular laboratory \$ 3,624,078 s 3,628,939 Public education 504,214 479,004 Professional education 531,622 470,628 Ocular tissue research program 574,419 511,211 Young ambassador program 50,440 47,335 Marketing 709,461 503,435 558,578 502,244 Management and general 544,550 530,501 Fundraising Total expenses \$7,097,362 \$6,673,297 Deficiency of operating revenue over expenses \$ (129,951) (159,623)Non-operating revenue Contributions from legacies and bequests s 1 583 158 s 22 093 812 Change in value of beneficial interest 20,010 (317, 327)in charitable trusts, net Investment return designated for 2,298,855 (1,242,763)long-term investment Net (loss) on disposal of property and equipment (603) \$3,901,420 Total non-operating revenue \$20,533,722 Change in net assets \$3,771,469 \$20,374,099

2016 TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OPERATING REVENUE \$6,967,411



This data has been extracted from our financial statements which were audited by Condon O'Meara McGinty & Donnelly LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, NY 10004-1405

CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

The Eye-Bank, in association with outside, independent counsel, has its investment portfolio under continuous review. The review's purpose is to improve dividend and interest income with securities, which, in the carefully considered opinions of all concerned, are of sound value. With these objectives in mind, changes in holdings are made from time to time.

A copy of the Annual Report BSW-497 can be obtained on request from the Attorney General's Office, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271 or from The Eve-Bank.

The first eye bank in the world, The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration was established in 1944 and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. It is a voluntary, charitable organization devoted to the collection, processing and distribution of donor eye tissue for transplantation, research and medical education.

The Eye-Bank office and laboratory are located at 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005. Telephone (24 hours): (212) 742-9000, Fax: (212) 269-3139. E-mail: info@ebsr.org, Internet address: www.eyedonation.org.

These statements of conditions and results for the years ending December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 have been prepared by Condon, O'Meara, McGinty & Donnelly LLP and presented in condensed form by management to provide a capsule view of our finances. Since January 1, 1978, in order to meet day-to-day expenses, The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., like other eye banks throughout the country, has assessed a fee for the processing of corneas.

The Eye-Bank has been able to build up a financial reserve thanks to the receipts from legacies. However, legacy income is largely unpredictable. We hope that our benefactors and good friends, a major source of support, will continue to aid us and, through this means, greatly help The Eye-Bank meet its daily operating needs. To include The Eye-Bank in your will, just add the following language: "I give and bequeath to The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., the sum of \$_ _to be applied to the uses and purposes of the corporation."

Officers and Board Members as of December 31: Mel M. Immergut, Honorary Director; David Paton, M.D., Honorary Director; James Fabian, Esq., President; Kathleen O'Donnell, Vice-President; Rachel A. Heisler, Secretary; Umber Ahmad, Treasurer; Donna G. Banks; Marilyn L. Castaldi; Leo J. Corbett; Joseph J. D'Ambrosio, CFA; Giovanni F. DiCenso; Edith Greenwood; Paul Kayaian; Richard A. Mittenthal; Andrea Nordquist; Carla H. Skodinski; Michael Zambrelli.

Medical Advisory Board: George J. Florakis, M.D., Chair; Stephen C. Kaufman, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary; Penny A. Asbell, M.D.; Kichiemon Asoma, M.D.; James D. Auran, M.D.; Richard E. Braunstein, M.D.; Robert C. Cykiert, M.D.; Himani Goyal, M.D.; David H. Haight, M.D.; Maayan E. Keshet, M.D.; Stephen D. Klyce, Ph.D.; Edward C. Lai, M.D.; Douglas R. Lazzaro, M.D.; Sid Mandelbaum, MD.; Martin Mayers, M.D.; Richard D. Najac, M.D.; David C. Ritterband, M.D.; Kimberly C. Sippel, M.D.; Laurence T. D. Sperber, M.D.; Christopher E. Starr, M.D.; Leejee H. Suh, M.D.; Jules A. Winokur, M.D.; Gerald W. Zaidman, M.D.



People Who Help Make a Difference



From left to right: Jennifer Shannon, RN, MSN, CCU-NM; Patricia Downing-Janos, RN; Doreen Mirante, RN, FNP, CNS; Marva Distant, BSN, OR-ANM; Kelly Ellsworth, RN, MSN, CCRN; Sigrid Crandall Stieger, OCN-NM

The Eye-Bank is pleased to recognize the nursing staff of White Plains Hospital for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the success of their donor program. As a result of their diligence, White Plains Hospital led the Northern Suburbs in eye donations for 2016.

With leadership from chief nursing officer, Leigh Anne McMahon, and support from other nursing administrators, the nursing team works collaboratively with The Eye-Bank in providing educational sessions aimed at facilitating the process of eye, organ and tissue donation. These nurses have a clear understanding of donation policies and ongoing reviews of procedure have helped to increase referral timeliness, professional accountability and proactive issue management.

The Eye-Bank would especially like to acknowledge and thank Donor Council chair and critical care nurse manager, Jennifer Shannon, for her valuable time and contribution in making this program successful.

The Eye-Bank Names New Development Director



The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration welcomes
Karen Bardavid as our new Director of
Development. In this role, Karen will plan, manage
and direct all The Eye-Bank's fundraising efforts
which will help underwrite costs associated with
educating New Yorkers about donation and sight
restoration through cornea transplants.

She has more than 10 years of experience in overseeing both individual and corporate-giving

campaigns, as well as organizing special events and other fundraising-related activities.

According to Karen, who joined The Eye-Bank in December, 2016, she is excited about the idea of joining an organization with such a long-standing history of profoundly improving people's quality of life by helping to provide the gift of sight.

She wants to ensure that all development efforts focus on communicating the incredible stories of the donors, the donor families and the recipients as a way of engaging the community to support the incredible work of The Eye-Bank. Additionally, Karen believes it is extremely important to make every effort to inform those generous individuals who make a contribution to The Eye-Bank about the significant impact their gift has on implementing our mission.

Prior to The Eye-Bank, Karen worked in development at New York University's Langone Medical Center and the YAI Network, a group of health and human service agencies that work to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. A New York native, Karen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Marketing from the University of Maryland at College Park and is currently earning her Master of Arts in Non-profit Management online from Harvard University.

Honor/Memorial Gifts from December 1, 2016—May 31, 2017

Memorial and honor gifts are given to recognize loved ones or to mark a special occasion. To make a gift in honor or memory of someone, please use the enclosed envelope, visit www.eyedonation.org/give or contact The Eye-Bank's Development Department at 212-742-9000.

In Memory of...

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Marilyn L. Castaldi Wing Chu, M.D. Brian J. Curtin, M.D.

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Alan Davis Celestino DeLaurentis Erich J. Desch Bernyce Dunham

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Estelle Eiger

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Anna McCarthy Doris McLean Jack Metcalfe

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Mary Jane O'Neill

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George J. Florakis, M.D. Sheldon H. Forman's 85th birthday and 65th year as a cornea recipient G

Richard P. Gibralter, M.D. Michael T. Goldstein, M.D.

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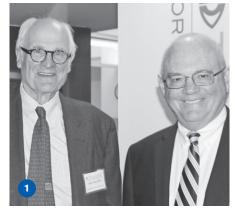
The Eye-Bank Hosts Major Contributors

The Eye-Bank was pleased to host an Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, April 6 in our offices at 120 Wall Street to honor a number of our major contributors for their ongoing and generous support.

Guests in attendance heard from David Paton, M.D., who shared a few personal anecdotes and inspiring stories about his father, R. Townley Paton, M.D., who established The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration in 1944. Dr. Paton, who just this past year wrote a biographical memoir about his father and his work, was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Joan Tilney, who is also a longtime supporter of The Eye-Bank.

Luncheon guests learned about the latest innovations in corneal surgery from George J. Florakis, M.D., Chairman of The Eye-Bank's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Florakis is Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of the Cornea Clinic at Columbia University Medical Center. Following the event's catered lunch, Patricia Dahl, Executive Director and Noël Mick, Director of Communications, shared an inside look at The Eye-Bank's latest news and advertising campaign. The afternoon concluded with a tour of The Eye-Bank's offices and its state-of-the-art ocular laboratory. Each attendee received a signed copy of David Paton's aforementioned book, *Insight: R. Townley Paton and the World's First Eye Bank*. The Eye-Bank thanks all of our generous contributors for their continued support of our mission to restore sight.









- 1. David Paton, M.D. (L) and Eye-Bank President James Fabian
- 2. Diana J. Kalman (L) and Eye-Bank Communications Director Noël Mick
- 3. Major supporters learn about what's new at The Eye-Bank

Two Notable Supporters Are Remembered

The Eye-Bank was deeply saddened by the passing of two long-time supporters, both of whom were notable in their respective fields and whose leadership and expertise helped to advance our mission of sight restoration.



Marilyn Castaldi

Marilyn Castaldi, who passed away on January 5, 2017 served on The Eye-Bank Board of Directors for more than 17 years having been first elected in June 1999. She was President of The Eye-Bank from 2004 to 2009 and during her tenure was a generous contributor of her expertise in healthcare management, marketing and communications.

Most recently, Ms. Castaldi was a communications consultant in New York City and had previously served as the Interim Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs at NYU Langone Medical Center. Prior to that she served as Chief Communications Officer for Columbia University Medical Center. She also served in top-level positions at Hill and Knowlton, Inc. and Fleishman Hillard, both international public relations firms. A graduate of Syracuse University and New York University's Stern School of Business, she received many national awards for her communications work including the prestigious Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

In addition to serving as President of The Eye-Bank, Ms. Castaldi served on The Eye-Bank Board's nominating committee and its public education and marketing committee and was a dedicated supporter of The Eye-Bank's annual fundraising events.



Richard C. Troutman, M.D.

Later, in the spring, The Eye-Bank received sad news of the passing on April 6 of Richard C. Troutman, M.D. (1922–2017), who had served on both The Eye-Bank's Board and Medical Advisory Board. A graduate of Ohio State University School of Medicine in 1945, he completed his residency and fellowship training in ophthalmology in 1951 at New York Hospital—Cornell University Medical

Center. His renowned contributions to the field of ophthalmology and cornea transplantation spanned more than 50 years and were widely recognized most notably for his development of the ophthalmic surgical zoom microscope.

Beginning in 1953, he worked with Zeiss Oberkichen, a German microscope manufacturer, in developing a microscope specifically designed for ophthalmic microsurgery. He later worked with the Instrument Company of London to design the first zoom-magnification ophthalmic surgical microscope and in 1965, Weck Surgical incorporated his concepts for remote-activated focusing and magnification tilting. This instrumentation more fully enabled the surgeon's performance and continues to be used in today's operations.

Dr. Troutman was Professor and Head of the Division of Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center for 27 years, retiring in 1983. He generously served The Eye-Bank for more than 30 years, first on its Board of Directors (1962–1981) and then on the Medical Advisory Board (1981–1994) which he helped establish.

In 1992 he received the Eye Bank Association of America's prestigious Paton Award which is presented to ophthalmologists in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the field of eye banking.

Dr. Troutman's legacy in the field of ophthalmology and eye banking will always be admired and remembered.



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Congratulations to Eye-Bank laboratory technician **James Goehl** who recently passed The Eye-Bank Association of America (EBAA) Certified Eye Bank Technician (CEBT) exam. The Eye-Bank's laboratory technicians are required to meet EBAA quality medical standards consistently while providing ocular tissue for transplant.

James joined The Eye-Bank in August 2015 and holds a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Fordham University. The spring 2017 class of CEBTs was recognized in the general session of the EBAA's annual meeting in June.



Congratulations to **Stephen Kaufman, M.D., Ph.D.**, who was elected to the Eye-Bank Association of America's (EBAA) Board of Directors at its annual meeting June 17, 2017 in Salt Lake City, UT. The EBAA represents approximately 65 member eye banks from across the country and internationally. He will serve a one-year term beginning in July.

Dr. Kaufman, who is also a member of The Eye-Bank's Medical Advisory Board, has been actively involved with the EBAA for many years, serving on the association's Medical Advisory Board as well its Scientific Committee. His expertise and knowledge of eye banking will be beneficial to the EBAA Board as it meets future challenges in the profession.



Patricia Dahl, Executive Director and CEO of The Eye-Bank with Dr. Julio Emilio Lossio de Macedo, the Medical Director of the San Francisco Valley Eye Bank in Petrolina, Brazil. While visiting The Eye-Bank for a week in June, Dr. Lossio learned about the Ocular Laboratory's policies and procedures and was able to practice preparing corneal tissue for DMEK procedures with Mudassir Razvi, Tissue Processing Manager at The Eye-Bank.



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