
2018 President’s Report

I am pleased to share some important highlights from 2018 that correspond with the attached financial statements for The Eye-Bank.

The Eye-Bank’s Ocular Laboratory recovered a total of 1613 eye/cornea donations in 2018 and provided tissue for a total of 1387 cornea transplants. Of those transplants, 706 cases were endothelial keratoplasty (EK) procedures and 97 percent (97%) of the tissue provided for those EK procedures was prepared by The Eye-Bank’s laboratory technicians.

Last year began with a bang as The Eye-Bank was at long last able to launch its highly effective multi-media ad campaign in January urging New Yorkers to sign up online in the Donate Life Registry using their laptops, computers and smartphones. This was made possible by the implementation of the highly anticipated, fully electronic New York State Registry. The Eye-Bank’s campaign focused on the user-friendly aspect of smartphones for signing up in the Registry with the message “Now the power to give the beautiful gift of sight is literally in the palm of your hand.” The campaign appeared on television, radio, in the NY Daily News, subway cars and on digital platforms. Later in June, The Eye-Bank’s ad campaign appeared for the first time rolling by on the outside of more than 300 MTA buses travelling throughout Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and The Bronx. The Eye-Bank’s website activity measured a high of 1.6 million hits during the January 2018 campaign and 1.5 million hits during the month of June.

At its June meeting, The Eye-Bank Board of Directors elected an impressive slate of four new members — Jeanne McCooey, Daryl Paxson, Dennis R. Tarzian and Elizabeth Wruszek who collectively bring an extremely valuable amount of expertise to The Eye-Bank in the areas of communications, finance, legal counsel and non-profit management. The new member bios can be accessed at www.eyedonation.org. We welcome the new directors’ participation and generous contributions to our mission.

Also in June, The Eye-Bank’s Director of Communications Noël Mick was elected to the position of Chair-Elect of the Eye Bank Association of America’s (EBAA) Board of Directors at its annual meeting held in Philadelphia. The two-year term as Chair-Elect will automatically transition to EBAA Chair for the 2020-2022 term. EBAA Board positions are elected by the association’s House of Delegates which consists of approximately 60 accredited member eye banks from across the country and Canada.

For the third year in a row, The Eye-Bank hosted the Wing Chu, M.D. Cornea Fellow Day in August. A total of nine physicians (seven from the New York City Area, one from South Florida and one from China) attended the morning’s didactic session followed by a half-day wet lab in the afternoon. Cornea Fellow Day provides attendees the opportunity to become familiar with the purpose and mission of eye banking and to receive hands on instruction for performing Descemet’s Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) surgical technique.

In October, a full-capacity crowd came out to support The Eye-Bank’s second annual Fall Benefit, aptly named Bites for Sight Close to 300 guests filled the room at the Bohemian Power Media. The afternoon’s Cornea Fellow Day provided attendees the opportunity to become familiar with the purpose and mission of eye banking and to receive hands on instruction for performing Descemet’s Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) surgical technique.

Lastly, it is a great honor for me to remember our cornea donors and to recognize and thank their families for the selfless generosity that gives others the beautiful gift of sight. On behalf of The Eye-Bank and all our cornea recipients, we extend heartfelt gratitude for these gifts and thank all our donors and their families for thinking of others in the most generous of ways.

James Fabian
President

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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 under continuous review. The review's purpose is to improve dividend and interest income. The Eye-Bank has been able to build up a financial reserve thanks to the receipts from legacies. Without donor restrictions, these have exceeded all other revenue sources.

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