Medical Advisory Board Elects New Officers

AT THE MAY 17TH MEETING OF THE EYE-BANK’S MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD, members elected Himani Goyal, M.D. to the position of Chair and Joann J. Kang, M.D. as Secretary. The Board welcomed back returning members Richard E. Braunstein, M.D., Richard D. Najac, M.D. and Jules A. Winokur, M.D. Members of the all-physician Medical Advisory Board consult on matters related to the Ocular Laboratory in coordination with The Eye-Bank’s Medical Director Michelle K. Rhee, M.D. Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms, after which they must rotate off the Board for a minimum of one year.

CHAIR HIMANI GOYAL, M.D. is part of the Faculty Group Practice of NYU Langone Health in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. A graduate of The College of New Jersey, she received her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She completed an internship in internal medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital followed by an ophthalmology residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Later, she completed a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the Belmont Eye Center/NYU Medical Center. Dr. Goyal is currently an attending ophthalmologist at Coney Island Hospital and the VA NY Harbor Healthcare System as well as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Ophthalmology at NYU Langone Health. She is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Cornea Society and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Joann J. Kang, M.D. was elected Board Secretary. She is Director of Cornea and Refractive Surgery and an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She earned her B.S. in Human Biology from Cornell University and her medical degree from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Kang completed an internship at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn and her residency training at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Later, she completed a fellowship in cornea and external diseases at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Kang currently serves on the Scientific Committee of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), is Scientific Chair and Director at Large of the Eye and Contact Lens Association and is Councilor of the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology. She is also a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Cornea Society.

Eye-Bank Board of Directors Elects New Member

THE EYE-BANK’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED ITS NEWEST MEMBER, SRUTHI MADHAVAN, AT ITS MEETING ON JUNE 14. Ms. Madhavan currently serves as a Director at Strategy&, the strategy and management consulting business unit of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), in New York, where she advises and supports the implementation of strategic initiatives for C-suite executives in the financial, healthcare, retail and tech sectors. Previously, she served as an Analyst at Goldman Sachs in Bangalore, India.

Ms. Madhavan received her MBA from the University of Michigan’s Stephen M. Ross School of Business in Ann Arbor and her B.E. with a Major in Computer Science from the PSG College of Technology in Tamil Nadu, India. Born into a family of ophthalmologists, Ms. Madhavan championed the creation of an in-house laser center at eye clinic in Erode, India, where she collaborated with local partners to expand affordable access to laser eye surgeries for underserved communities.

The Eye-Bank’s Board of Directors has 20 members and comprises professionals from the areas of marketing and communications; finance; legal counsel; management consulting and information technology who provide expertise in helping the organization fulfill its mission of sight restoration.

The Board and Executive Director Patricia Dahl extend a warm welcome to Ms. Madhavan and look forward to having her expertise contribute toward The Eye-Bank’s sight-restoring mission.

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Laura Medina
Richard D. Najac, M.D.
part of her project for the Young Ambassador
College as a physical education student and also
is currently enrolled at Nassau Community
A graduate of Farmingdale High School, Adriana
or Math (STEM).

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Physicians Elected to Medical Advisory Board (continued from page 1)

RICHARD E. BRAUNSTEIN, M.D. is the Arlene and
Arthur Levine Professor and Chair of
Ophthalmology at the
Donald and Barbara
Zucker School of
Medicine at Hofstra/ Northwell, Senior Vice
President and
Executive Director of
Ophthalmology at Northwell Health and also
serves as Chair of Ophthalmology at North
Shore University Hospital and Long Island
Jewish Medical Center. A graduate of the
University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Braunstein
received his medical degree from Columbia
University’s College of Physicians and
Surgeons. He completed his ophthalmology
residency at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia
University Medical Center’s Edward Harkness
Eye Institute, followed by a fellowship in cornea
and external disease at the Wilmer Eye
Institute, John Hopkins School of Medicine in
Baltimore, MD.

RICHARD D. NAJAC, M.D. is currently in
private practice at Najac Vision in Kew Gardens,
NY. He earned a B.A. in
Mathematics from
Amherst College in
Amherst, MA and his
medical degree from
Weill Cornell University’s
Medical College.
Dr. Najac completed his
internship at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, CT,
followed by an ophthalmology residency and a
fellowship in cornea, external disease and
refractive surgery at New York Eye and Ear
Infirmary. His professional memberships include the American Academy of
Ophthalmology, the New York State
Ophthalmological Society and the American
Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

JULES A. WINOKUR, M.D., MBA is the Vice Chair
and the Director of the Ophthalmology
Residency Program at Northwell Health/ Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital. He is an
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the
Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. A graduate of Queens
College, he received his medical degree from
Tel Aviv University’s Sackler School of Medicine,
New York State/American Program. He
completed his internship in internal medicine at
Montefiore Medical Center, followed by an
ophthalmology residency at Northwell Health.
Dr. Winokur completed his fellowship in cornea,
refractive and external disease at the Illinois
Eye and Ear Infirmary at the University of
Illinois in Chicago.

As of May 2023, Leela V. Raju, M.D. has
rotated off the Board as Chair; James D.
Auran, M.D. has rotated off after one term and
Danielle Trief, M.D. has rotated off after
completing two three-year terms as is
required. The Eye-Bank thanks them all for
their outstanding contributions and generous
support of our mission.

Eye-Bank Awards Two Scholarships

THE EYE-BANK’S SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE named
Adriana Eugenio, The
Eye-Bank’s 2023
Young Ambassador
Scholarship recipient, and
Laura Medina, this year’s winner of The Eye-Bank’s
scholarship award for students studying in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM).

A graduate of Farmingdale High School, Adriana
is currently enrolled at Nassau Community
College as a physical education student and also
serves in the New York Army National Guard. As
part of her project for the Young Ambassador
Scholarship, Adriana, whose uncle was a tissue
donor, conducted polls on Instagram Stories to
gather data on public perception of eye, organ
and tissue donation, providing education as well
as linking to digital resources from The Eye-
Bank and Donate Life New York State. Estab-
lished by Eye-Bank Board Member Andrea
Nordquist, the Young Ambassador Scholarship,
named in memory of her son Christopher who
became an eye donor when he died suddenly at
the age of two, seeks to engage high school and
college students in activities that highlight the
importance of eye, organ and tissue donation.

A rising senior at the State University of New
York College of Optometry, Laura has spear-
headed multiple programs to offer underserved
communities in Grenada, Mexico and rural
upstate New York free eye exams and cataract
surgeries as well as weekly vision screenings for
daycares in Philadelphia. In her research paper,
Laura proposed more
personal and frequent
relationship-building with optometrists and
optometry students to
raise public awareness
about eye donation and
address the need for
increased enroll-
ment in the New York
State Donate Life Registry. The STEM Scholar-
ship was established in memory of James
Fabian, The Eye-Bank’s former president and
dedicated member of The Eye-Bank’s Board of
Directors for 18 years until his passing in 2020.
The Eye-Bank wishes both Adriana and Laura
every success. Each will receive a $3,000
scholarship prize from The Eye-Bank.

Laura Medina

Eye-Bank Fellowship Available for Research in Ophthalmology

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration’s R. Townley Paton Fellowship is a $10,000 merit award for research in ophthalmology. The Eye-Bank established the R. Townley Paton Fellowship to help meet today’s needs for innovative research by encouraging basic science and clinical research in the discovery of possible treatments and cures of blinding eye diseases.

The Fellowship is open to all ophthalmology disciplines located within The Eye-Bank’s service area of New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley.

Deadline for submission is October 15, 2023. Full criteria and application form can be found at www.eyedonation.org/r-townley-paton-fellowship/.
By Isabelle Weiner

**NATASHA KING IS SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH HIGH-STRESS SITUATIONS.** As a nurse who worked in the emergency department (ED) at Maimonides Midwood Community Hospital in Brooklyn during the COVID-19 pandemic, she has seen crisis first-hand. But, despite the pressures of her career, Natasha speaks with enthusiasm for the care she provides her patients. “We do intakes with patients and give medications,” she said. “It can be as little as cuts and bruises to as severe as injuries and cardiac arrests.”

While working in the ED during the pandemic, it seemed for Natasha, as though life could not become any more stressful—until she began to lose her sight. Her vision loss impacted her work, as she could not read patients’ medical charts or administer medications. Though it was her passion to work in the ED, her deteriorating eyesight was making her important work impossible.

This was not Natasha’s first experience with vision problems. “When I was about 16,” she said, “I would stand at the bus stop, and I could not see the numbers on the bus to know what bus was coming. I always would have to ask the driver, ‘What bus is this?’” Or, even in a classroom setting, I had to sit in the front of the class because I really couldn’t see the board. I was going to eye doctor after eye doctor, and they were just giving me prescription eyeglasses, which did not help.” When she was 18, Natasha was diagnosed with keratoconus, a progressive eye disease that causes the shape of the cornea to become cone-like, distorting vision. As the disease progresses it can cause blindness. Natasha was prescribed hard contact lenses which worked at first, but unfortunately her condition worsened.

Over the course of 2020, Natasha’s eyesight continued to deteriorate. Her hard contact lenses no longer helped and became painful to wear. “It felt like I had sand in my eyes.”

The disease progressed until an extreme condition called cornea hydrops occurred, when the Descemet’s membrane (a layer of the corneal tears or splits and aqueous enters the eye, causing swelling and significantly blurred vision. After experiencing cornea hydrops, Natasha rushed to New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai. “I didn’t know what was going on. I panicked. I was in pain. I couldn’t see. I was nervous. They told me that I needed a cornea transplant as soon as possible.” The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration was able to provide the donor eye tissue necessary for Natasha’s emergency surgery. In October 2020, Natasha received a cornea transplant in her right eye in a successful transplant procedure performed by Richard D. Najac, M.D. at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai.

Approximately two years later, Natasha suffered an abrasion in her other eye. Initially, she was treated with medication, but the abrasion resulted in an ulcer and, once again, Natasha was fighting blindness. “The abrasion didn’t heal, and the ulcer worsened until I could not see out of my left eye at all. For the whole summer I couldn’t work. I couldn’t do anything at all.” Natasha received a second cornea transplant in October 2022, this time in her left eye, with tissue provided by The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration.

Today, Natasha is healing well. She is able to enjoy time with her family and transition back to the life she had before her issues with vision loss. According to Natasha, “My daughter had a baby while I was getting out of surgery, so I had the surgery in time to see my grandson. That was exciting for me. Just being able to see my kids at all is a joy for me.”

Receiving two cornea transplants has also meant that Natasha can drive her car and return to work. “I was not able to work for about seven months,” she said. Back in the ED, Natasha has developed a new perspective on her patients’ experiences after having had two emergency surgeries herself. “I think it makes me understand my patients more, especially if they’re in pain. I understand how they feel when they’re scared and can’t describe what’s happening and it feels like nobody understands what they’re going through.”

Natasha is grateful for her gift of sight and the quality of life it has afforded her. “I am the most grateful person for this because, without this, I don’t know what I would be doing. You just never know what predicament you can be in and I’m so grateful.”

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**Eye-Bank Volunteers Support NYS Legislative Effort**

**EACH YEAR, THE EYE-BANK PARTICIPATES IN ADVOCACY WORK WITH DONATE LIFE NEW YORK STATE (DLNYS) for funding that supports the Donate Life Registry.** Joining other eye, organ and tissue recovery agencies, Eye-Bank staff members and volunteers met with state legislators and their staffs in virtual meetings from February 13-15 to request a state budget allocation for DLNYS and then again for both in-person and virtual meetings from May 1-3 in support of two legislative bills.

Due in part to the dedication of our volunteers, our advocacy efforts helped secure a modest increase to the state’s financial support of DLNYS programs.

This year’s legislative priorities included the Doorways to Donation Act of 2023, which would require electronic health record providers to offer patients the opportunity to enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry, and a proposed senate bill allowing the addition of a “close friend” to the New York Gift Act’s order of priority for those who can authorize donation on behalf of the decedent. While the two bills did not pass, there is strong interest for taking early action in 2024.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for sharing your personal stories about eye donation with state legislators and their staffs. •••

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While the COVID-19 outbreak, which was declared a pandemic in March 2020, began to recede and make way for a new normal in 2021, it can be said that activity at The Eye-Bank came much closer to normal than we are able to report on many more notable activities that were conducted during 2022 in conjunction with the financials shared here.

The Eye-Bank’s Ocular Laboratory recovered a total of 1193 eye/cornea donations in 2022 and provided a total of 1166 corneas for transplants. Of those transplantations, 581 cases used pre-cut and prepared tissue which included 567EK (endothelial keratoplasty) and 14 ALKS (anterior lamellar keratoplasty) and ninety-five percent (95%) of the tissue provided for those procedures was prepared by The Eye-Bank’s technicians.

In addition to tissue provided for transplants, The Eye-Bank, through its growing RPE Research Project, distributed 9 vials (500,000 cultured cells per vial) of adult human retinal pigment epithelial cells (ah-RPE) to multiple retina research projects in the United States. The Eye-Bank also processed and/or distributed 126 units of research tissue comprising mostly corneas, whole eyes and shells for retina cells.

In January, The Eye-Bank’s Marketing Program launched its 2022 advertising campaign that was changed up to acknowledge that New Yorkers had been under a lot of pressure during the pandemic by praising them with the positive messages that “New Yorkers are Giving; Considerate and Caring,” and therefore want to help others by signing up to give the gift of sight and life in the New York State Donate Life Registry. The ads ran throughout the year on broadcast TV; radio; in newspapers and on social media in both English and Spanish.

The Eye-Bank Board of Directors elected three new members in April, increasing the governing Board to 18 members. We are pleased to have joined us; David Adler, Chief Investment Officer of Adler Asset Management LLC and cornea transplant recipient; Michele A. Masucci, Partner at Nixon Peabody LLP where she is counsel to health care companies; and Joseph J. Shaheen, cornea transplant recipient and retired attorney in pro bono legal services to New York City Departments of Health as well as Parks and Recreation.

After having hosted a number of virtual fundraising events during the pandemic, it was a pleasure in 2022 to have in-person gatherings again and we enjoyed a tremendous amount of support for two exciting benefits, one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring benefit at a beautiful indoor-outdoor venue in SoHo was attended by approximately 250 guests and raised more than $86,000. This was followed by a fall benefit in October featuring a three-course gourmet dinner and private performance by popular jazz guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli, which raised more than $107,000 due to the terrific turnout of supporters. We thank them all for their generous contributions and spirited participation.

In June it was my pleasure to join The Eye-Bank’s CEO Patricia Dahl and several staff members in Baltimore, MD at the annual meeting of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) which was held in-person for the first time since 2019. The four-day conference consisting of meetings and workshops pertaining to the eye banking profession was attended by approximately 300 eye bankers and cornea surgeons from across the country. The Eye-Bank’s Communications Director Noël Mick led portions of the meeting as Chair of the EBAA, a post she assumed in June of 2019 and she was honored at the meeting’s annual dinner for her leadership during the two-year, COVID-19 health crisis.

Also joining us at the EBAA annual meeting was Yveta Urbanová, Director of Eye Bank Prague in the Czech Republic as the 2022 recipient of the Mary Jane O’Neill Fellowship in International Eye Banking. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Urbanová spent a week at The Eye-Bank learning from our staff the best practices in eye bank administration, fundraising, communications and tissue processing.

In closing, I reflect on the challenges that were met so remarkably by the many professionals in eye banking who are dedicated to restoring sight to those in need. And how it all relies on the selfless gift of eye donation. On behalf of all our cornea transplant recipients, we are grateful.

Leo J. Corbett
President
The Eye-Bank For Sight Restoration, Inc. Financial Report 2022

### Statements of Financial Position

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### Statements of Activities

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<td>200,228</td>
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<td>Processing fees</td>
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<td>3,891,037</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>22,557</td>
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<td><strong>Total operating revenue</strong></td>
<td>$ 9,102,007</td>
<td>8,125,614</td>
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<td>1,513,541</td>
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<td>$ 9,961,308</td>
<td>9,221,146</td>
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<td>Excess of operating revenue over expenses</td>
<td>($195,991)</td>
<td>($631,095)</td>
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### Non-operating revenue

| Contributions from legacies and bequests | $ 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Change in value of beneficial interest in charitable trusts, net | ($15,771,133) | 585,479 |
| Investment return designated for long-term investment | ($16,573,503) | 748,242 |
| **Total non-operating revenue** | ($17,454,616) | 8,063,681 |

### Change in net assets

| $ (17,841,607) | 7,430,588 |

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

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 Eye-Bank. A copy of the 2022 President’s Report is available at eyedonation.org/financial-reports or upon request at (212) 742-9000.

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. Email: info@ebsr.org, Internet address: www.eyedonation.org. These statements of conditions and results for the years ending December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 have been prepared by Condon, O’Meara, McGinnity & Donnelly, LLP and presented in condensed form by management to provide a capsule view of our finances. Since January 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
- Leo J. Corbett, President
- Dennis R. Tarzan, Vice-President
- Rachel A. Heisler, Secretary
- Umer Ahmad, Treasurer
- David R. Adler, Joseph J. D’Ambrosio, CFA, Giovanni F. DiCenso, Courtney DiTullio
- Paul Kayaian, Marthinas Krishnan, Joan L. Larson, Audrey Mactasac, Michele A. Musucchi, Jeanne McCoey, Richard A. Mittenhal, Andrea Nordquist, Joseph J. Shaheen, Michael Zambrelli
- Medical Advisory Board:
  - Leela V. Raja, M.D., Chair
  - Himani Goyal, M.D., Secretary
  - Joann J. Kang, M.D.
  - Maayan E. Keshet, M.D.
  - Robert C. Cykiert, M.D.
  - Angela E. Wen, M.D.
  - Gerald W. Zaidman, M.D.
  - George J. Florakis, M.D.
  - Beverly A. Forsyth, M.D.
  - Anita Gupta, M.D.
  - Alexandra Herzlich, M.D.
  - Viral V. Juthani, M.D.
  - Laurence T.D. Sperber, M.D.
  - Leejee H. Suh, M.D.
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  - Manish Krishnan
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  - Michele A. Musucchi
  - Jeanne McCoey
  - Richard A. Mittenhal
  - Andrea Nordquist
  - Joseph J. Shaheen
  - Michael Zambrelli

Patricia Dahl, Executive Director/CEO; Michelle K. Rhee, M.D., Medical Director

This and the 2022 President’s Report are available at eyedonation.org/financial-reports or upon request at (212) 742-9000.
THE EYE-BANK IS PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE NYU Langone Health and the NYU Langone Transplant Institute for their exceptional support of the eye donation process in their surgical intensive care unit (SICU). Led by the System Director of Organ Donation and SICU Co-Director Philip Sommer, M.D. and Nurse Manager Mary Maloney, MSN, the SICU team manages the care of consented organ donors, many of whom become eye donors as well.

This year, in partnership with The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, NYU Langone Health’s SICU developed a new eye-care protocol to maintain the eye health of organ donors and improve cornea transplant outcomes. They also incorporated eye care educational materials in their unit’s reference and training binders.

Eye donation is an extremely time-sensitive process, and NYU Langone Health’s surgical intensive care staff always gives round-the-clock support for Eye-Bank staff even when the eye donor is not located on their unit.

In the first half of 2023, more than 25 individuals have received sight-restoring transplants from the eye donations that have occurred at NYU Langone Health, thanks in part to the collaboration of the SICU team. Thank you, NYU Langone Health SICU staff, for your dedicated efforts in helping The Eye-Bank fulfill its sight-restoring mission.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HOSTED ITS ANNUAL SUMMER KICK-OFF CELEBRATION on the beautiful Roof at Park South. More than 50 attendees sipped specially crafted summer drinks, sampled some lite bites from a globally inspired menu by James Beard Award-winning chef Bryce Shuman, all while enjoying stunning, unobstructed views of New York City’s skyline.

A few lucky guests won raffle prizes from a fantastic selection of offerings that included jewelry from Artisans of IQ, dinner at Morton’s steak house, a tour of the Great Jones Distillery and more. Council Members Marsha-Ann Hay and Jaclyn Newman, who are both cornea recipients, welcomed guests and shared their personal connection to The Eye-Bank, emphasizing the critical importance of our sight-saving work.

Most importantly the evening was a fundraising success! With the help of a matching challenge from the Krishnan Family Foundation, the Council reached its goal of raising $6,000 for The Eye-Bank’s sight-saving mission.

For information about joining the Leadership Council, contact Robert Hankins (rhankins@ebsr.org) or (646) 930-2197.

Honor/Memorial Gifts from January 1, 2023 – June 15, 2023

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.
Eye-Bank Spring Benefit—“20/20 Vision” was a Roaring Success!

ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, APPROXIMATELY 300 FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE EYE-BANK joined together for a roaring good time on the multi-level garden terraces of Veranda (now 23 Grand) in SoHo to raise funds for The Eye-Bank’s sight-restoring mission.

Many Eye-Bank guests arrived in 1920s-themed attire, from long strands of pearls to feather fascinators to straw boaters, to sip cocktails in the “secret” speakeasy and enjoy swinging tunes played by the live jazz band. Attendees could play a variety of lawn games, such as corn toss and giant Jenga, or take a spin at roulette where they could win raffle tickets for exciting prizes, such as access to the coveted VIP tent at the Hampton Classic; house seats to Hamilton; luxury box seats to New York Yankees and New York Mets baseball games; exquisite jewelry from Artisans of IQ; or a TOD’S leather handbag.

Thanks to the evening’s sponsors and our generous supporters, the 20/20 Vision benefit was the “bee’s knees,” raising more than $102,000 for Eye-Bank programs.

A special thank you goes to the entire Benefit Committee and this year’s Benefit Co-Chairs Audrey MacIsaac, member of The Eye-Bank’s Board of Directors, and John J. Kim, M.D., member of The Eye-Bank’s Medical Advisory Board.
Fall Benefit: Save the Date

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, THE EYE-BANK WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT – SALSA NIGHT FOR SIGHT at the Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Association on the Upper East Side.

Guests will gather for a vibrant, unforgettable evening to raise funds for Eye-Bank programs. Make your way from station to station as you enjoy Latin-inspired fare paired with signature cocktails from Mexico, Brazil and Spain!

Visit the silent auction to bid on unique New York experiences and high-end prizes, and enjoy the unmistakable music and energy that only a live salsa band can provide along with a spectacular performance by two of New York’s award-winning salsa dancers. The Eye-Bank is excited to welcome our Speaking Program Sponsor, Dompé.

For tickets or to donate, go to www.eyedonation.org/fallbenefit. ¡Olé!

2023 EBAA Annual Meeting

THE EYE BANK ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (EBAA) HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN DALLAS, TEXAS FROM JUNE 21-24. In attendance from The Eye-Bank were (from left to right) Associate Director Edwin H. Roberts; Director of Communications and Immediate Past Chair of the EBAA Noel Mick; Executive Director Patricia Dahl; Eye-Bank Board President Leo J. Corbett; Research and Relationship Development Manager YoonJung Yoon, Ph.D.; Communications Manager Maria Chelko; and Laboratory Technician Supervisor Hannah Flagg, CEBT. Eye-Bank Associate Medical Director and Medical Advisory Board Member Maayan E. Keshet, M.D. was in attendance for the scientific session.

Of Interest...

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