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BASCOM PALMER EYE INSTITUTE • UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



FALL 2011

*50 Years!*

GIVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT

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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**

# 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



*Pins and more pins. Lion Dennis Walton (R) at the first 2011-12 District 35-I Cabinet meeting, with another eye bank Past President Lion Bill Arthur.*

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.donateliflorida.org](http://www.donateliflorida.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



(R) Don Dolan, RN, Vitas Innovative Hospice Manager at Florida Medical Center seen here with Terrell Jackson, CHHA

process. Donated corneas and sclera tissue from VITAS hospice patients has been used primarily for research and teaching, but also for surgical transplant.

## LECTURES

### 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.

### Palm Beach Lecture

Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
at Bascom Palmer Eye  
Institute of the Palm Beaches  
7101 Fairway Drive  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Speaker and Topic  
to be announced

# LIONS 2011-12 INSTALLATION



*Past Presidents Juan Tejera and Jim Klug share a laugh.*



*Lion Sellewyn And Huldah Skinner*



*Medical Director Sander Dubovy, M.D. and Executive Director Elizabeth Fout Caraza*

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.



*In-coming President James Brauss, O.D. with Past Presidents Elizabeth and Robert Dawson, PDG.*



*(L-R) Alma Miron, Vice President Rosa Galliani, Michelle Lola, Ana Padron*

# 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 Seira.*



*(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.*

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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.

*Diamond Level - \$10,000*

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*Individual tickets - \$100*

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for more information or  
to receive a sponsorship  
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Contact Name (Person in charge of making sponsor arrangements)

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**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@fleeb.org](mailto:info@fleeb.org).

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

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## 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!



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

- And recently, in a moving speech at her 50th wedding anniversary, Brenda asked those in the audience again to give to the Florida LionsEye 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.