



## CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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### The Foundation President's Message

As Connecticut Lions, you are all members of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. As president of the Foundation, I want to personally thank you for your support and dedication to the Foundation. Our 60th year of service was very successful last year, culminating with the 60th Anniversary gala event held May 21, 2016 on the campus of the University of Connecticut. Much of our efforts last year were dedicated to expanding and developing our Connecticut Lions Kidsight USA vision screening program. With the collective efforts of the Lions of Connecticut, the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation and a \$100,000 LCIF matching grant, we will be able to purchase 25 additional SPOT screeners and meet the growing demand of the program statewide. The Lions Kidsight program has received a great amount of attention in the press and many of our dedicated Lions have been recognized with awards for their efforts. We should be very proud of our success.

With the Kidsight USA program well underway, we need to now focus our attention and efforts towards the original mission of our Foundation, eye research. In order for our Foundation and the Lions of Connecticut to help eradicate blindness, we need to continue to support our grants program. There is now an increasing demand from both UCONN and Yale for support of eye research and other sight conservation programs.

We need to continue to collectively use our resources to support our Foundation. The Board of Directors has the ominous responsibility of utilizing our funds for programs which best represent the mission of our Lions. It is important for us to not only support our Foundation financially but we need to continue to support our Board of Directors and committee members. They are a group of dedicated and passionate Lions who are serving our Foundation with great pride.

In Lionism,

President Lion Keith Lemire, PDG  
Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation

#### *Foundation's Purpose*

To foster and encourage the citizens of Connecticut a lively interest in the conservation of sight and in the prevention and treatment of blindness.

#### Meeting Dates

#### Board of Directors

#### And Committees

- August 15, 2016

First Board Meeting of the year

All meetings held at the Manor Inn Restaurant in Southington

7:00 PM

#### Special Events

September 23, 2016  
CT Veterans Stand  
Down Rocky Hill



President Keith Lemire announced the receipt of a \$100,000 LCIF matching grant for the Connecticut Lions Kidsight USA vision screening program at the 60th Anniversary Gala event on May 21, 2016. The Lions of Connecticut raised an additional \$80,000 last years towards the future purchase of 25 new SPOT vision screeners. The Connecticut Lions Kidsight USA vision program is expected to grow and flourish this year with the goal of screening over 200,000 preschool children in Connecticut. It is because of the collective efforts of all Connecticut Lions that the Kidsight USA program is quickly becoming the leading preschool vision program in Connecticut. The Lions of MD23 Connecticut have been recognized and honored by many for their efforts and success in providing the Lions Kidsight USA program.



## Congratulations!

Lions John and Linda Bradshaw were recently honored with an award from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. John and Linda were recognized for their efforts in providing Lions Kidsight USA vision screenings in Middlesex county. We are very proud of both John and Linda and congratulate them on a well deserved award.

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