



CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Foundation President's Message

As Lions of Connecticut, 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 your Foundation. Our 60th year of service was very successful last year. The Lions of Connecticut donated over \$130,000 to the Foundation, 30% more than last year. Our efforts last year were dedicated to expanding 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 were able to purchase 23 additional SPOT screeners and meet the growing demand of the program statewide. More than 30,000 children were screened last year by the great Lions of Connecticut.

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. Dr. Safarazi's research of genetic genome sequencing in families with Glaucoma at the UCONN Health Center embodies our Foundation's core mission of supporting eye research in Connecticut with the purpose of preventing blindness. Dr. Safarazi has requested \$100,000 in funding for his research project. We need to find a way to support Dr. Safarazi's project for all of those who depend on the Lions to save their vision.

As president of your Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, I am pleased to be your keynote speaker at the 2017 Midwinter Conference Luncheon on February 4, 2017. I encourage all Lions of Connecticut to attend the luncheon and support our Foundation. We will also see the return of the "Parade of Checks" at the luncheon! Let's make this an event to remember with the purpose of celebrating our Foundation's history and strengthening our Foundation's future.

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

December 12, 2016

February 13, 2017

April 3, 2017

June 19, 2017

All meetings held at the
Manor Inn Restaurant in
Southington 7:00 PM

Special Events

February 4, 2017
Midwinter Conference
Luncheon and Parade
of Checks

April 22, 2017
Sight Saver Day



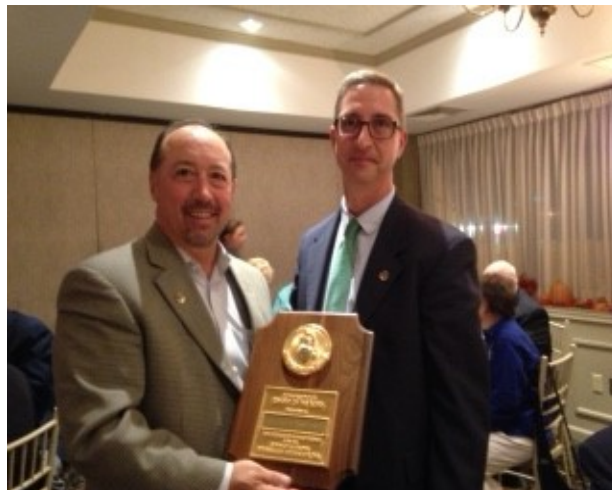
During International President Bob Corlew's visit to Groton, the Lions of Connecticut had the opportunity to thank IP Bob and LCIF for the matching \$100,000 grant. The grant, along with the \$100,000 contributed by the Lions of Connecticut, was used to purchase an additional 23 Welch Allyn SPOT vision screeners for the Kidsight USA screening program in Connecticut.



A special THANK YOU to the Bennett Family

The Bennett family and the New Haven Lions donated \$8000 to the Foundation's Kidsight USA program in memory of Lion Alan Bennett. Lion Alan Bennett served for nearly 59 years and was a lifetime supporter of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation.

For his contributions and service to the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, Foundation Treasurer Greg Destefano was presented with the CT Knight of the Blind by Foundation President Lion Keith Lemire.



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