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by Vision Loss**

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New MLERF “QR” code

This is the MLERF QR code that can be used on all sales and fundraising material. This QR Code, when a picture of it is taken with a smart phone, will direct the person to the MLERF website for more information about MLERF or to donate to MLERF.

Presidents Circle Pin \$33.00

Join the Presidents Circle by donating \$33.00 to MLERF. Anyone can join for just \$33.00. If half of the 6,805 lions in Massachusetts donated \$33.00 that would give MLERF a \$112,266 start toward another hope full goal of \$1,000,000.00 for our Research Hospitals to help find cures for preventable and reversible blindness.



Journey for Sight- Pennies Project

If half of all the lions in Massachusetts donated just \$10.00 in pennies/coins that would give MLERF another \$34,020. Can you imagine if we all shared this on facebook how much more we could collect for the Pennies Project. Now every time you order online from AmazonSmile. same as Amazon, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total price to MLERF. To date, in just this year, AmazonSmile has donated \$1,667.00 to MLERF just from people ordering online.

More ways to support MLERF

Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

Did you know that if one-half of all the lions in Massachusetts hosted a \$100 Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook we could raise another \$340,200 for MLERF? It's easy, just login to your Facebook page and click on the fundraising link on the left sidebar and select raise money for a non-profit. Type in MLERF in the search bar and select Massachusett Lions Eye Research. Edit the information in the left sidebar and click create. It's that simple.... tell your fellow Lions and friends!

smile.amazon.com

Who doesn't love to shop on Amazon? They literally have everything you could possibly need... and now you can support MLERF while shopping for those new bunny slippers! In your browser (Chrome, Safari or Firefox) type smile.amazon.com into the address bar and login to your Amazon account. Once there, you'll see "Your Charity" in the upper left menu bar, click and search for Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Inc. and press "Select". Now every time you order from Amazon, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total price to MLERF. So far in 2020, AmazonSmile has donated early \$1,800.00 to MLERF just from people ordering online. Tell your fellow members and friends.

IGive.com

IGive.com is another easy fundraiser. Like smile.amazon.com, you will need to create an account and choose what nonprofit you would like to help, Massachusetts Lions Eye Research, and IGive will donate a portion of your total to MLERF.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot express how honored I am to be the 55th President of MLERFi. For 69 years, MLERF has been at the forefront of cutting-edge vision research and I am very proud and humbled to be part of this great organization... one that has done so much for so many because of great Lions like you.



We are facing uncertain and challenging times in the year (and years) ahead, but I am confident in our commitment to ending blindness, vision impairment and vision disease in our lifetime. I promise to do my best as your president, to lead us through the next 12 months with integrity, dedication and compassion. Things will be different, for sure, but we are a hearty and creative group, and we will navigate this “new normal” with courage and conviction.

As we are all painfully aware, MLERF cannot fund the great research projects being done in our medical and academic institutions without money. And although we have not lost our focus as Lions, it is going to be quite challenging this year, and perhaps future years, for our clubs to hold fundraising events that support MLERF. I challenge you, the directors of MLERF and Club presidents and secretaries, to think outside the box this year. Solicit and encourage new and innovative ideas from your families, friends, club members when it comes to fundraising.

I am sensitive to the new world and the skyrocketing unemployment rates and financial constraints many of our club members and supporters are facing, but I am optimistic that these new changes will bring new opportunities for all of us, and these new opportunities will allow us to reach our financial goal this year and in the years ahead.

Our annual goal of \$1,000,000 may seem out of reach this year, but 2020 is the year of VISION... the year of change and

the year of new beginnings. Let's use "2020" as our focus this year. Let's see if we can engage our area ophthalmologists, optometrists and vision centers by using the marketing tagline ... "2020 - Vision for the Future," to help us raise money. Ask these individuals and companies to make a one-time donation or monthly donations. Ask these businesses and other area businesses like convenient, package and grocery stores, if they would allow you to put a canister in their location for 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. Collect your loose change and save it in a canister on your kitchen counter... every penny helps. We are great and mighty Lions. I know that we can reach our goal with a solid plan and great commitment.

"Knights of the Blind" My pin this year is in the shape of a shield. A knight carries a shield for protection. We are the "Knights of the Blind" ... set upon a path by Helen Keller to protect the vision and well-being of everyone. I ask you to become part of the President Circle and proudly wear this shield of honor, this shield of protection to remind you of your commitment to end blindness and vision impairment in our lifetime. Each pin is \$33.00, and all proceeds will go directly to helping us reach our goal this year.

For some other fundraisers and our new QR Code see page 8.

I look forward to working with each of you this year. I hope to join you at your MLERF fundraising events. Please let me know when your event will be and how I can help you.

And as always, I thank you all for your dedication, compassion and understanding as we navigate the coming year. If you need anything, please ask. I'm here for you. I wish you all a wonderful and safe year.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Roland Grenier
MLERF President 2020-2021



2020 – 2021 Calendar of Events

2020

- 9/10/20 6:30pm Virtual Schepens visitation
- 9/24/20 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 10/22/20 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 10/29/20 6:00pm Virtual On the Road 33S
- 11/2/20 6:30pm Virtual Children's Hospital visitation
- 11/14/20 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 12/10/20 7:00pm Virtual Exec Board Meeting

2021

- 1/14/21 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 1/22-24/21 **33S Midwinter**
Double Tree by Hilton, Hyannis, MA
Theme: "Surf's Up - 60s"
- 1/29-31/21 **33Y Midwinter**
La Quinta Inn, Springfield, MA
Theme: "Dr. Seuss"
- 2/5-7/21 **33N Midwinter**
Crown Plaza Hotel, Woburn, MA
Theme: "Halloween"
- 2/12-14/21 **33K Midwinter**
Dedham Hilton, Dedham, MA
Theme: "Beatles"
- 2/12-14/21 **33A Midwinter**
Double Tree, Leominster, MA
Theme: "Teddy Bear Picnic"

2020 – 2021 Calendar of Events

- 2/25/21** 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 3/11/21** **6:00pm Virtual Boston Medical Visitation**
- 3/25/21** **On-the Road-33A**
The Crystal Room, Milford - TBD
- 4/8/21** **6:00pm Virtual Tufts Medical Visitation**
- 4/22/21** 7:00pm Virtual MLERF Board Meeting
- 5/13/21** **6:00pm Virtual Joslin Visitation - TBD**
- 5/27/21** **6:00pm 'On the Road' District Y** (Nominations)
Bluebonnet Diner, Northampton, MA
- 6/10/21** **6:00 MEEI Visitation - TBD**
MLERF Board Meeting
- 6/24/21** 7:00pm MLERF Board Meeting (Election)
The Crystal Room, Milford, MA - TBD
- 6/25-29/21** **LCI International Convention**
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 7/24/21** **6:00pm Annual Meeting** (Grants Distribution)
Tufts Medical - TBD
- August 21** **MLERF Installation/Awards Banquet**

All meetings will be virtual until further notice.

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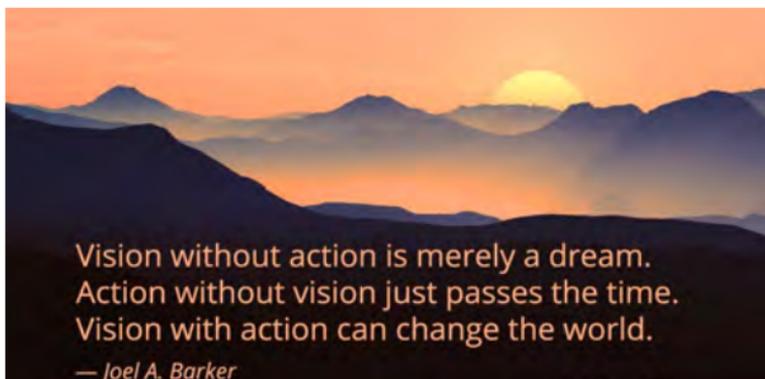
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“No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.”

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Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
New England College of Optometry
Schepens Eye Research Institute
Tufts University School of Medicine, NEEI
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
UMass Medical School-Worcester
UMass Memorial Medical Center

OUR HISTORY

Almost 70 years ago...

A \$5,000 Lions donation...

Facilitated a renaissance for eye research in Massachusetts.

In the ensuing years, \$37 million has been raised for eye research by the Lions of Massachusetts.

But back in 1950, the Great Depression was still a faint memory. Kids were watching “Howdy Doody” on 12-inch black-and-white TVs. The median family income was \$3,300 per year, and milk was still delivered to the doorstep. The average home price was \$1,940.

And babies were going blind.

During the summer of 1950, E. Daniel Johnson, then-Massachusetts District Governor of 33N, was visited by a friend who brought with him his four-year-old son, blind since birth with retrolental fibroplasia or so-called “baby blindness.”

Turns out that Johnson’s fellow Lion, Massachusetts 33K District Governor Harry Hartford, also had a friend with a blind baby—Al Hirshberg, a sports writer for the Boston Post and a Trustee of the Foundation for Eye Research.

In October 1950, these men—Johnson, Hartford and Hirshberg—along with a small group of Lions, met with Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. Dr. Dunphy explained that there was a disease, discovered just 10 years previously by Dr. Theodore L. Terry at Boston’s Lying-In Hospital (known today as Brigham & Women’s Hospital), called retrolental fibroplasia (commonly known as “baby blindness”) that was affecting 4 out of 5 premature babies weighing less than 4 pounds. With no known pathology and no financial resources to investigate the cause, 2,500 babies (just the US) were losing their sight every year.

What could be done?

An informal meeting in DG Harry Hartford's hotel room at the 1951 Lions Clubs International Convention in Atlanta led into the first committee appointed by the Council of Governors in October 1951, which then led to Eye Research being voted at the State convention in 1952 as the statewide official project of the Lions of Massachusetts; The Lions of Massachusetts raised a whopping \$5,000, equivalent to \$50,000+ in today's dollars. Soon thereafter, the first Eye Research Grant was given to Dr. Theodore H. Ingalls of Harvard Medical School, who was instrumental in confirming that baby blindness was being caused by using too much oxygen in the incubators of premature babies. Today over 150,000 adults can see because of the foresight and concern of these Lions.

Soon thereafter, the Lions supported the Ophthalmic Plastics Laboratory, operated by Dr. William Stone, Jr., which developed pure plastic corneas to be used for persons afflicted with scarred corneas.

In 1953 support was given to the Joslin Clinic under the direction of Dr. Elliot P. Joslin, an energetic man in his early nineties, concerned with the cure for diabetes, which is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The "Lions Laser Lens" project, which can detect diabetes in the eye before any other physical signs appear, was headed by Dr. Sven Bursell. In addition, Tufts New England Medical Center's Dr. Bertram Silverstone also received grants for his work using radioactive isotopes to cure eye and brain tumors. Further, Dr. Bernard Schwartz at Tufts New England Medical Center received Lions support for his work on modern photographic techniques for damage to the optic nerve and disc in glaucoma.

By 1955, a \$45,000 fellowship was awarded was established in honor of Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy for his contributions to eye research. The Retina Foundation (now known as The Schepens Eye Research Institute), under the direction of Dr. Charles Schepens, constructed the first upside down operating table to repair detached retinas using the Lions grant. Schepens has

the longest continuous relationship with MLERF and have dedicated some of their laboratories to the Lions for their continued support of their research efforts.

In fact, there are three major laboratories dedicated to the Massachusetts Lions. The first was at the Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary called the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology run by Dr. David Cogan. The Fund set aside \$40,000 for a lab for young doctors being trained in eye research. The lab was actually a janitorial supply room located on the top of the building and was affectionately known as "The Lions Penthouse."

The second laboratory was established in 1969 at Boston University Medical Center, where a major commitment was made for space located on the 9th floor of the new instructional building. It was dedicated exclusively to eye research and is known as "Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Laboratory." Dr. Ephraim Friedman, the first director, and his successor, Dr. Howard Liebowitz, were instrumental in conceiving, designing and constructing one of the first photocoagulator ophthalmic laser beams, which was later used in surgery. The prototype was housed in an entire room, while today's model is the size of a small microwave oven. The world's first clinical specular microscope was also conceived and built here. In 1975 the "Elton MacNeil Memorial Unit" was dedicated in his name for his many years as chairman and president (1954–1961) of the Mass Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. PDG MacNeil was known as "Mister Massachusetts Lions Eye Research."

The third laboratory was established in 2011 at Schepens Eye Research Institute. The Lions Laboratory for Genetic Research was established by Dr. Neena Haider to treat and prevent retinal diseases. The lab identified a genetic modifier that is able to ameliorate retinal degeneration. The lab's current research also revealed a novel role for Vitamin D metabolism in the development of Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and antioxidants in neuroprotection from light-induced retinal damage. The lab has also developed unique genetic models to study the retinal and vascular observable characteristics associated with macular degeneration.

These are just a few of the major Boston research centers we have supported over the years and just a few examples of some of the basic research conducted in those early years. Today, research has moved light years ahead with the use of DNA, growing of culture cells and the separation of genes to find the genetic cause of eye diseases, but there is still so much more to be done.

The Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Inc. was incorporated on January 20, 1958, and was given tax exempt status 501(c)(3) in February 1959. In 1971, a memorial fund was established to honor the memory of a loved one allowing individuals to contribute. A separate Trust and Endowment Fund was established in 1980 to perpetuate our research efforts. Today the T&E corpus is over \$1,300,000. The 1998/1999 year was the first time the Fund raised over \$1 million in a single year in donations from the clubs and memorials.

The first statewide project offered to the Clubs was the sale of Westinghouse "Light Bulbs." The Fund bought the bulbs wholesale, and they were then distributed to the clubs for door-to-door sale. This was a major fundraiser for many years through the late 60s and 70s. In the mid 1970s we participated in "White Cane Day" during which white cane stickers were given out for donations and later evolved to a Lions Candy Day. In April 1983 all the special fundraising projects were combined into the "Journey for Sight" project, which asked each club to have one extra project and contribute the proceeds in addition to their regular donations. It was the first time the Fund used advertising on radio, newspapers and TV along with T-Shirts, hats and aprons. The "Pennies" project was born at the same time using a 1/2 gallon milk container to collect coins in local establishments across Massachusetts. The container displayed the new "Lions Logo" and the "Journey for Sight" lettering. In June 1982 the Fund was designated as the Charity of the Senior PGA Golf Classic at Marlboro Country Club. The sponsor was Digital Equipment Corp., who donated a \$25,000 computer for eye research. It was given to Joslin Clinic, and was the first computer to be used for research at that center.

In 1999 the Fund established a "Presidential Grant" in conjunction with LCIF. It is a one-time grant, separate from the normal grants, directed towards projects which do not meet the normal grant criteria but are considered worthy for the advancement of eye research. LCIF matches the MLERFI monies up to \$100,000 annually. The monies from the Fund come from the interest in the T&E trust fund and uncommitted monies from the treasury. To date there have been more than 10 matching grants totaling \$2,336,000.

Over the years, the Fund has given out over \$32 million in research grants. We are proud of the fact that every penny donated since 1951 has been given back in grants to the Eye Research Laboratories of Massachusetts. The grants are directed for pure research and not brick-and-mortar projects. The most important aspect of the Lions support is flexibility.

These initial grants are the "seed money" that allow researchers to do initial trials and preliminary studies to see if further research is warranted. Once the data is confirmed then the laboratory can apply for government grants which is usually matched on a 10-to-1 basis (or more). Because of Lions support, Boston has become one of the leading eye research centers in the world.

Much has been accomplished...
but there is still much more to be achieved.



We are the
"Knights of the Blind."

While we are not able to fund all the requests we receive annually, with the determination of the Lions, Lionesses, and Leos of Massachusetts, we will continue the battle against preventable blindness.

ABOUT THE CORPORATION

THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CORPORATION WAS FORMED:

To carry on and conduct a general program of sponsoring medical, surgical and scientific research, investigation, laboratory and clinical procedures, relating to eye research, prevention of blindness, conservation of sight, sight training, and correction of blindness, loss of visual acuity and all such matters pertaining to or related thereto.

To engage in the obtaining of funds for the purpose of sponsoring such projects and matters and to expend such funds, without limiting the generality thereof, for the giving of grants for scientific and/or clinical research and techniques and the payment of fees to professional medical and surgical doctors, laboratory technicians, chemists, bio-chemists, and research technicians all within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the payment of costs for materials, supplies, and for material and mechanical aids for such work.

To make and enter into any and all kinds of contracts, agreements, and obligations by and with any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for any of the above purposes.

To conduct, in and for the corporation and in its name, a laboratory and/or clinic, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, said laboratory and/or clinic to be engaged in the promotion of advancement of medical, surgical, clinical and scientific procedure related to the aforesaid purposes.

To buy, sell, hire, repair, let or hire, alter, improve, treat and deal in all apparatus, machines, materials and articles of all kinds which are capable of being used for any of the above purposes, and to give or donate to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, school or schools, medical la-

boratory or laboratories, clinic or clinics, any or all of the above apparatus, machines, materials and articles.

To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire, to hold, own, maintain, improve, alter and sell, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property, and any Interest therein, in this in this Commonwealth in and for the corporation and in its name.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A minimum of thirty (30) directors including at least six (6) members from each of the five (5) sub-districts of Multiple District 33: three (3) previous four-year appointees, a new four-year appointee made by each District Governor, the incumbent District Governor and the incumbent First Vice District Governor. To provide continuity the By-Laws provide that the President, each Vice President, and Secretary whose terms are expiring may be elected to those offices and automatically added to the above thirty (30) members of the board.

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1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents
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Executive Board Director
Treasurer (five-year term/not required to be a voting member of the Board)
Committee Chairpersons
Board Members

COMMITTEES

Finance, Trust & Endowment, Grants, Nominating, Public Relations, Eye Catcher, Memorials, Long Range Planning,

By-Laws, Journey for Sight, Sight Award Historian, Canister & Pennies for Sight, Sight Awards, Wills/Bequests, Club Coordination, and other committees the President may create.

MEETINGS

The Board holds regularly scheduled meetings from July through June. Visitations to research centers or presentations by the centers at our Board meetings are scheduled annually by the President.

PUBLICATION

The Eye Catcher newsletter is distributed to each Massachusetts Lion electronically and a limited number of print copies are given to the institutions receiving grants, International LCI Officers, MLERFI Board Members and other interested readers. The position of Editor is not covered in our current By-Laws but has historically been an on-going position as long as the Editor and the President consents to the appointment. Each District submits news relating to eye research projects and activities through a District Reporter. Historically the Editor has sought out and selected qualified and willing reporters from each District. Each District Governor and his cabinet are urged to keep their District Reporter apprised of any eye research projects, activities and outstanding individuals to be reported on.

FUNDS

Club Donations, Journey For Sight, Pennies For Sight. Memorials, Regular and Special Donations received from Lion, Lioness, LEO Clubs and individuals throughout the year are disbursed as research grants as approved by the Board of Directors, in full, the following July at the Annual Meeting.

TRUST AND ENDOWMENT FUND (T&E)

The Mass Lions Eye Research Fund Corporation's long and proud history of supporting much-needed research has found significant procedures of improved treatment in eye research diseases. The "Living" trust fund was established in 1984, and these funds are used to ensure important support for eye research well into the future.

Trust and Endowment Fund donations are held under a trust agreement currently managed by Rockland Trust. No more than 5% of the income of the Trust may be used for charitable purposes each year or retained in Trust principal as decided by the Directors.

The seven (7) members of the T&E Committee are elected to overlapping two-year terms by the Directors (Four must be corporate directors). With a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Clerk the committee oversees the functions of the T&E. Committee recommendations are reported to the directors for their considerations. The Trust instrument precludes the donation of any portion of the Trust Corpus. Only income accrued in the most recent fiscal year may be used. A Board resolution with an amendment to the Trust agreement allows a maximum of 5% withdrawal calculated on the last 3 year rolling average of the fiscal year end value of the trust. The amount withdrawn is recommended by the T&E Committee with final approval by the Board of Directors.

Contributions to the T&E may be made by direct contributions or Bequests. Clubs, businesses, organizations, or individuals have supported the T&E honoring deserving living recipients or memorializing those who they would like to remember. An engraved award is presented to the person so designated by the donor. Awards are available in the following categories:

SPONSOR AWARD - \$1,000 Contribution (10" plate)
RESEARCHER AWARD - \$5,000 Contribution (plaque)
FOUNDER AWARD - \$10,000 Contribution (plaque)

PROTECT YOUR WISHES WITH A WILL

A Will is one of the most misunderstood legal instruments. When mentioned in books or featured in the news, wills are often shrouded in mystery and usually linked with people of great wealth. Rarely are they associated with men and women we meet every day. Few Americans, indeed, understand the true value of a will for everyone. Many people see

the preparation of a will as something "nice" to do, but not at all essential. This kind of thinking fosters the waste and confusion which all too often results when persons of even modest means die without a will.

Bequests may be directed to the T&E. A brochure is available which informs you of the options you may consider to help to see that your wishes are respected at your death. It discusses much of the information you need to know about a Will, including but not limited to: what happens if there is no will, equal treatment to heirs, including friends, extra expenses, rigid division of property, how a will works, control timing, tax benefits, etc. The fact is, everyone needs a will to claim important rights to which all are entitled. Copies are available by a request to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc., 43 Stewart Terrace, Belmont, MA 02478.

MLERF MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Many of our Lion members do not know that memorial donations can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special occasion of a loved one, such as a birthday, anniversary, or other special event. We want each and every Lion, Lioness and LEO in Massachusetts to be aware of the memorial and honorary gifts one can make on behalf of another. This is a gift that announces to the family that you wanted to give that little extra in their name in the form of a living and lasting gift toward eye research.

This program was begun in 1971 and Memorial envelopes are available for your convenience from any officer or director of the MLER Fund. All donations will be acknowledged to the family.

SIGHT AWARDS

This is an award which can be used to recognize an individual or organization that has contributed or displayed outstanding and dedicated service to their club or community with ideals of eye research in mind. A Lion, Lioness, or LEO club may qualify for the Sight Award when there is a mini-



Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and
the blind can see.

Mark Twain



mum increase of \$1,000 in their eye research donation from the previous year. A three-year average may also be used at the discretion of the Executive Board. Applications with complete requirements are available from any officer or director of the Corporation.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Donations for eye research or Trust and Endowment are tax deductible. The Corporation is a qualified 501(c)3 charity eligible to receive gifts or capital assets, life insurance, life income agreements, charitable remainder annuity trusts and charitable income trusts. If necessary, a receipt can be obtained from the current treasurer, or a copy of your check should be suitable.

SUCCESS STORIES

These reports from the medical institutions supported by Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. are testimony of the accomplishments of the researchers only made possible by the grants which are funded by the generosity of the Lions of Multiple District 33.

Boston University School of Medicine
Department of Ophthalmology
Sharmila Masli, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Chronic inflammation of the eye's surface is known as dry eye. The inflammation can affect the whites of the eye, the cornea, and the glands that make tears. This is seen in patients diagnosed with rheumatic disease and Sjögren's syndrome. The abnormal production of tears lead to a loss of its protective and lubricating quality. This irritation and susceptibility to infection of the eye's surface results in chronic inflammation reducing quality of life, and risking the loss of vision if left untreated. While there is no cure, the treatments are limited to steroids and biologics to suppress the inflammation. Long-term use of these treatments are known to cause many complications including infection and death. Previously our research identified a protein called thrombospondin. We found that it has a role in regulating inflammation. Without this protein, chronic dry eye disease develops in animal models. The support from the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation helped us to demonstrate that a small part of the thrombospondin protein inhibits immune cells from migrating out of the blood into the tissue. Using a small part of the thrombospondin protein in eye drops, we were able to suppress inflammation in the animal models of dry eye. This finding holds a promise for an effective and safe new therapy for dry eye disease.

The support from MLERF is helping us to understand how this newly developed therapy suppresses the inflammation of chronic dry eye, and whether it can restore healthy tear

production. Our preliminary findings were presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and were submitted for publication. Moreover, we used these preliminary results to get an industry-sponsored research project. Such a project means that we are moving closer to clinical trials of this therapeutic approach. The support of the MLERF gave us the potential of finding a possible cure for dry eye disease.

Boston University School of Medicine
Department of Ophthalmology
Andrew Taylor
Associate Dean for Research
Professor and Director of Research

Over the past years the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation has supported our pilot projects to understand how immune cells are controlled within the eye. Recently we have been studying how the healthy eye controls macrophages. Macrophages are the white blood cells that eat material cell waste, bad proteins, and pathogens. They do this to clear or eliminate material that is harmful or infections. When the macrophages do this they mediate inflammation. Within the eye inflammation causes loss of vision; therefore, the healthy eye has a way to prevent inflammation. We have been asking that if the eye prevents inflammation is it also preventing the macrophages from eating? The support of the MLERF had allowed us to do the research to find an answer to this question.

We found that macrophages do eat, but do not process the material in a way that mediates inflammation. We have even found the molecules made by cells in the eye that cause this change in processing the eaten material. By finding the molecules that mediate this activity within the eye, we have the potential of finding new therapeutic approaches to suppress inflammation when it happens in eyes with uveitis.

This work has led to one published paper, and the results were used in a grant submitted to NIH. Also, through the

support of the MLERF two masters students in medical sciences competed their thesis on this work and graduated. In addition, one undergraduate student completed an independent research project, and will be an author on the second paper being submitted. Moreover, I recruited a new Research Assistant Professor in my laboratory whose work will include this research, which would not have happened without MLERF support to begin this new direction in our vision science research.

**Joslin Diabetes Center, Beetham Eye Institute
Joslin Vision Network Case Report:
Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy and
Macular Edema in a Patient with Type 1
Diabetes Reporting Last Eye Examination
Elsewhere 15 Months Previously**

A 27-year-old woman with type 1 diabetes for 26 years had JVN imaging as part of her scheduled medical visit. The last self-reported eye examination had been elsewhere 15 months prior with annual follow up recommended. The patient had been aware of retinopathy from JVN imaging several years earlier but thought the retinopathy had resolved. A1C was 8.7% and medications included insulin and losartan. Total cholesterol was 181 mg/dL, HDL 79 mg/dL and triglycerides 81 mg/dL. Widefield JVN imaging revealed disseminated hemorrhages and/or microaneurysms (H/Ma), intraretinal microvascular abnormalities (IRMA), retinal neovascularization (NVE) and marked cotton wool spots (CWS) in both eyes. Macular hard exudates (HE) with adjacent thickening were observed in the right eye with suspicion of macular thickening in the left eye. Clinical examination confirmed the diagnosis of proliferative diabetic retinopathy approaching high risk characteristics in both eyes and diabetic macularedema in the right eye. Laser treatment was scheduled

Discussion

JVN evaluation identified sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy and macular edema in a patient who was overdue for

eye examination and unaware of the presence of retinopathy.

The patient had no visual symptoms and best corrected visual acuity was 20/16 in each eye despite the presence of macular thickening. The patient subsequently found out that she was pregnant, which further increased her risk for rapid retinopathy progression. Due to her pregnancy, scatter (pan-retinal) laser photocoagulation was the appropriate treatment rather than intravitreal injection of an anti-VEGF agent.

JVN Impact in this Case:

- o JVN identified sight-threatening eye disease in an asymptomatic patient with proliferative diabetic retinopathy and macular edema.
- o JVN re-established expert retinal care for a patient who subsequently learned that she was pregnant at the time of imaging and eye exam.
- o Timely, expert and ongoing retinal evaluation is vital for patients with existing diabetic retinopathy and multiple risk factors for progression

Each year approximately 4,000 patients are imaged by the JVN program in the adult diabetes section of Joslin Diabetes Center. Data suggest that among patients who do not receive their eye care at Joslin, 63% of those with vision threatening diabetic retinopathy are unaware of the presence of any diabetic retinopathy at the time of JVN imaging. Furthermore, 71% with potentially vision threatening diabetic retinopathy at the time of JVN imaging do not have recommended follow-up scheduled in a timely manner in light of their disease severity. Since transitioning to our ultra-wide field imaging cameras, diabetic retinopathy has been identified 17% more frequently, and peripheral retinal lesions imaged with this equipment led to detection of a more severe level of diabetic retinopathy in 9% of patients. Additionally, the rate of ungradable eyes has decreased by 78%, to less than 3% of all eyes imaged with the nonmydriatic ultra-wide field imager.

We welcome your comments on these cases and thank you for your support of the JVN program, which helps to extend evidenced-based eye care to our patients with diabetes.

Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary

Title: Neuroplastic reorganization in cortical visual impairment

Investigators: Lotfi B. Merabet and Peter Bex

Cortical visual impairment (CVI) is the leading cause of permanent visual impairment in children and has become a significant, yet poorly understood public health concern. The condition is clinically defined as significant visual dysfunction caused by injury to visual pathways and structures occurring during early perinatal development. Depending on the location and extent of damage, children with CVI often present with a myriad of visual deficits including decreased visual acuity and impaired visual field function. Most striking, however, are impairments in visual processing and attention which have a significant impact on learning, development, and independence. There is evidence that children affected by CVI can successfully undergo intensive training to recover a certain degree of visual function. However, more research is needed to fully understand how the developing brain reorganizes in relation to sensory functional recovery.

A key question is whether observed compensatory behaviors in CVI reflect differential susceptibility in sensory processing streams that sub serve object identification and spatial localization (referred to as the ventral “what” and dorsal “where” pathways respectively). The knowledge gained would assist a multidisciplinary caregiver team in the clinical neuro-developmental assessment, rehabilitation, and the education of a child with CVI.

Thanks to this initial support, we have been able to demonstrate the feasibility and proof of concept of an advanced brain imaging approach that can tract how the brain re-wires itself in young individuals with CVI. Specifically, using high

angular resolution diffusion imaging (HARDI), we have demonstrated that the brain of CVI patients is indeed wired differently not only to that of normally sighted individuals, but also individuals who are visually impaired due to diseases of the eye. Furthermore, the degree of developmental brain malformation appears to be associated with the visual and cognitive difficulties observed in individuals with CVI. To our knowledge, this is the first demonstration of its kind using the brain imaging methodology we employed. This has led to an number of conference presentations and a publication in the Journal of American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (JAAPOS; note that our work was the issue cover feature). Finally, due to the pilot data and initial results obtained under this initial support, we were able to secure a substantial grant (\$300,000 over three years) from Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB) and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to further study neuroplasticity and CVI.

Title: Lymphangiogenesis in thyroid eye disease
Investigators: Nahyoung Grace Lee, MD, Leo A. Kim, MD, PhD, Suzanne K. Freitag, MD

Thyroid eye disease (TED), or thyroid ophthalmopathy, is a potentially sight-threatening condition that has perplexed physicians for nearly two hundred years. The annual incidence rate of thyroid eye disease has been estimated at 16 cases per 100,000 women and 3 cases per 100,000 men. Most cases occur between the ages of 30 and 50. Approximately 10-20 percent of patients who suffer with this systemic autoimmune condition can develop such severe inflammation and swelling around the eyes that can lead to disabling double vision or irreversible vision loss.

With funding from the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation, we investigated the vascular biology of this vision threatening disease. Specifically, we evaluated the presence of lymphatic and blood vessels within patient specimens from patients with acute and chronic TED. Our study revealed that normal orbital tissue lack lymphatic vessels,

which play a key role in decreasing swelling within tissues. In addition, we discovered that in acute cases of TED, there was formation of new blood vessels, which may play a role in increasing orbital swelling, and growth of orbital tissue. Surprisingly, some lymphatic vessels also formed in these acute cases, but they were very rare and unlikely to relieve the orbital swelling. Additionally, by comparing orbital specimens from acute cases of TED versus chronic cases of TED, we discovered elevated levels of vascular endothelial growth factor and its concomitant receptors in acute cases. These studies suggest a specific molecular therapy for the management of acute TED, which is currently treated with surgical decompression of the orbit.

This work was recently published in the journal *Ophthalmology*, and was also funded by the NIH/NEI through the R21 funding mechanism. Clinical trials are currently being designed for potential molecular treatment of acute TED.

Title: Fibrosis or regeneration in corneal scarring
Investigators: Andrius Kazlauskas and James Zieske

Fibrosis is part of the natural healing process wherein normally quiescent fibroblasts are transformed into myofibroblasts, which secrete excessive amounts of extracellular matrix (ECM) materials resulting in a scar. In most instances, the process is self-limiting and helps restore the functionality of the tissue. In the eye, fibrosis or scarring can be devastating, as it leaves an opaque tissue that impairs or destroys vision. Transforming growth factor beta (TGF β) is a principal driver of the healing process, however there are important issues that are poorly understood. For instance, the three isoforms of TGF β engage the same receptor yet evoke distinct responses. TGF- β 1 (T1) and - β 2 (T2) stimulate fibrosis, while TGF- β 3 (T3) promotes regeneration (healing without fibrosis). Recently, we developed a 3-dimensional (3D) culture model comprised of human corneal fibroblasts (HCF) that mimics the human corneal stroma and shows the same responses to T1, T2, and T3 as seen in vivo. The focus of this proposal was to understand the differential effects of

TGF β isoforms. We posited that T1 and T3 induce diametrically opposed responses because they differentially activate additional contributors to fibrosis. We chose to examine the relationship of T1, T3 and platelet-derived growth factor receptor α (PDGFR α), which can promote or antagonize fibrosis,

Our original hypothesis was that PDGFs contributed to TGF mediated fibrosis by differentially activating PDGF receptors. This was supported by findings reported in the literature that TGF can induce myofibroblast differentiation through the activation of PDGF. To examine the interaction of PDGF receptors and TGF- we generated HCF where PDGF receptor alpha (PDGFR was knocked down using lentiviral technology (HCFP). We cultured these HCFp cells in our 3D cell culture model for 4 weeks with/without 0.1ng/ml T1 or T3. At the end of 4 weeks, the constructs were processed for analysis by immunofluorescence (IF) and stained for a marker of fibrosis (smooth muscle actin (SMA)). Both T1 and T3 showed an increase in the expression of SMA when compared to their control. These results show that T3 decreases SMA expression in HCF cells while remarkably increasing SMA expression in HCFp cells. The presence or absence of PDGFR elicited contrasting responses to the same T3 treatment. We believe understanding the role of PDGFR α in T3's anti-fibrotic response may potentially help in stimulating corneal healing with reduced levels of scarring. These cells provide an outstanding model to examine how T3 differentially effect fibrosis shown by SMA expression.

Our experiments lead to the very exciting discovery that PDGFR drives the anti-fibrotic effect of T3. The HCFp cells provide us with a wonderful opportunity to dissect the effect of T3. This is the first model that we are aware that allows the differential effect of T1 and T3 to be studied. A manuscript entitled "PDGFR α is a key regulator of TGF- β 3's anti-fibrotic activity in Human Corneal Fibroblasts" has been prepared and submitted describing the PDGFR α results.

Tufts University School of Medicine YOUR MLERF FUNDS Resulted In – The Discovery Of A Novel Protein That Promoted Healing Of Corneal Wounds

Researchers were able to carry out in vitro experiments for a study which discovered a novel protein, galectin-3, that promotes healing of corneal wounds. Initial preliminary, in vitro experiments for this study were carried out using a Mass Lions Eye Research grant made to the New England Eye Center/Tufts University School of Medicine. The pilot data resulting from this support enabled us to successfully compete for a large NIH grant (\$~2.0 million) to perform in vivo studies in animals and to characterize the molecular mechanism by which Galectin-3 promotes healing of wounds. This study conclusively established that galectin-3 has a potent ability to promote healing of corneal wounds by a novel mechanism. Mass Lions support was acknowledged in the publication resulting from this work. Tufts University has licensed this invention to a Biotech company to develop a drug for treatment of non-healing wounds.

Our findings that galectin-3 promotes healing of corneal wounds have provided impetus to other scientists to assess the beneficial effect of galectins in promoting healing of skin, intestinal, kidney and uterine wounds.

In summary, modest support made possible by Mass Lions for pilot studies on cornea have resulted in discovery of novel drug targets that may help millions of individuals.

YOUR MLERF FUNDS Resulted In – Maintaining And Expanding A Large Macular Degeneration Database And Repository – Discovery Of Several New Genes

MLERF funds have helped to support the Ophthalmic Epidemiology and Genetics Service maintain and expand their large and unique macular degeneration database and biorepository, a source of numerous studies leading to important discoveries. The databases were initiated 25 years ago at

the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. The investigator was the first to study epidemiology and to conduct genetic studies of macular degeneration at that institution. This resource has continued to be developed at Tufts Medical Center with the help of the MLERF.

The team has discovered several new genes for macular degeneration in various biologic pathways, made possible by genotyping and genetic sequencing partially supported by MLERF. The team was the first to identify rare genetic variants for this disease, which are strong predictors of disease and provide targets for new therapies. Most recently they discovered more rare variants in 3 genes, and demonstrated that rare variants explain disease in some families with the typical form of age-related macular degeneration.

These results are published in Nature Genetics and other scientific journals which acknowledge Lions support.



Taken from PDG James Reed's
"History of Lionism in Massachusetts"

(A composite of a History written by Dr. Ray Fessenden, President, in 1961; a History written by Elton MacNeil, President, in 1965, in the first Issue of The EYE CATCHER; "How It All Began" by Wendell Ring, in the Fall 1970 of The EYE CATCHER; and History compiled by Robert Woodsum from the notes and minutes of E. Daniel Johnson PID and Founder, which appeared in The EYE CATCHER, Fall 1974)

Back In the summer of 1950, E. Daniel Johnson, then District Governor of 33N, had a visit from a friend to his farm In

Lyndeboro, N.H. This friend brought his little four-year-old blind son, a blind baby, so called Retrolental Fibroplasia baby, born blind. The cause was unknown. Later developments showed that the baby was blinded by too much oxygen in the incubator.

In talking of this with Harry Hartford, then District Governor of 33K, Johnny found that Harry had a friend, Al Hirshberg, who had a blind baby, born the day Al landed in France on D Day. In October of that year, they and a small group of Lions, had lunch with Al Hirshberg, Sports Writer for the Boston Post and Chairman of the Foundation for Eye Research, and Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, Professor at Harvard and Chief of Staff of the Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, and member of the Scientific Board of the above Foundation. They were told of a new disease, one which was first discovered in Massachusetts in 1941 by a Dr. Terry, known to the physicians, using lay terms, as "baby blindness". This unknown disease was not only baffling, but discouraging because no funds were available to attempt to discover its cause; the Lions were asked to try to do something to help the medical profession in raising funds to combat this terrible affliction, which was attacking 4 out of 5 premature babies weighing four pounds or less.

The story was so amazing, the Lions asked Al to write a pamphlet telling this story that they could carry to the Lions Clubs. Dr. Dunphy edited this pamphlet and Johnny Johnson, now a Past International Director of Lions Clubs International, had several thousand copies printed and mailed to all Lions in Massachusetts and to all District Governors in the United States and Canada, at his own expense.

To quote from D.G. Johnson's MONTHLY NEWS-VUES in 1950: "The attached leaflet tells briefly about the lack of research in the field of blindness. To me, an engineer, it is unbelievable that so little money is spent on trying to prevent a malady and I shudder to think that probably a child or grandchild of mine or yours might well be the victim of this

..... which strikes rich and poor alike, baby blindness.

“With 2500 babies around the country born totally sightless, and no one knows the reason, can we, as Lions, sit back and not do something about it? It seems that this is a challenge to the Lions of Massachusetts; yes, to the country. Our primary aim is “Sight Conservation”, although we do a lot of other civic and charitable acts. It is not my idea to give up our good projects, but to add another bigger project - - the underwriting of “Eye Research”. It would be a boon to mankind and add glory to Lionism. How about making a Lions Pin mean “Eye Research.”

In 1952, Eye Research was voted to be the official project of the Massachusetts Lions.

From an Informal meeting In Harry Hartford's room at the Lions International Convention In Atlantic City in 1951; to the first Committee on Eye Research appointed by the Council of Governors, October, 1951; to the first permanent Eye Research Committee appointed In 1953 at the State Convention at Wentworth By The Sea in New Hampshire; to the Mass. Lions Eye Research Fund, incorporated In January 1958; to the present, the Lions of the 5 Districts of Multiple District 33 In Massachusetts, have been totally dedicated to one primary, statewide project - Eye Research.

The first Committee on Eye Research recommended that a permanent committee be formed to administer the project of stimulating interest of all Lions Clubs in Massachusetts in raising funds to support Eye Research, and that the duties of this Research Committee be;

- A. Suggest means of raising monies – light bulb sales were the first statewide recommended project for raising money
- B. Promote publicity
- C. Receive donations
- D. Give an accounting end report progress to the Council of Governors
- E. Receive requests for funds to be approved by both the Mass. Eye Research Committee and the Mass. Council of Governors

In very few fields has there been less research done on so important a problem. No research is successful if you cannot keep at it. It took DuPont 13 years and 12 million dollars to produce the first pound of nylon. And we spent a paltry half million dollars in the whole world in 1950 on so important a matter as eye research to prevent blindness for millions of people.

The major diseases that cause blindness and where research was desperately needed in 1952 were:

1. Glaucoma, caused by pressure in the eye which slowly throttles the optic nerve.
2. Cataracts, caused by the clouding of the crystalline lens of the eye.
3. Retrolental Fibroplasia or baby blindness.
4. Retinitis Pigmentosa, an insidious degeneration of the retina.
5. Uveitis, organic, and can be arrested if caught in its early stages.
6. Detached Retina which causes blindness in thousands.

HOW THE LIONS EYE RESEARCH FUND GRANTS HAVE BEEN USED BY SOME OF THESE RECIPIENTS:

Dr. Theodore Ingalls, Harvard Medical School, research on baby blindness, supported by the Lions from 1953 through 1957.

Dr. William Stone Jr., Ophthalmic Plastics Laboratory, research on developing pure plastic corneas to be used on a person afflicted with scarred corneas.

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and Dr. Alexander Marble, Joslin Clinic, now The Joslin Diabetes Foundation, research in the cause and cure of diabetic retinopathy, supported in part by the Lions since 1953.

Dr. Bertram Selverstone, Tufts New England Medical Center, for work on eye and brain tumors using radioactive isotopes.

PUBLICITY A NEWSLETTER was published in 1961 by then President, Dr. Ray Fessenden to inform the Lions of Massachusetts about The Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. "As long as there is a person who, for whatever reason, does not now have his sight, the Lions of Massachusetts must continue their search for support of the Eye Research program to help in relieving the suffering of those who must walk in darkness."

Over a period of two years, there were professional football games, Patriots vs Titans, and some local games sponsored by the Eye Research Fund. Promotional publicity for these was done on a District and/or Club level.

Three pamphlets were printed to distribute statewide to publicize eye research.

- 1964/65 - Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

- 1965/66 - Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. Sponsored by the more than 200 Lions Clubs and 8000 Lions of Massachusetts

- 1965 - The Mass. Lions Eye Research Directors voted \$2,200 to purchase five, 16 MM films on eye research, one for each District, for use by any club in the District, either as a club program, or as an instructional tool at a Club project to alert and educate the public about eye research, and what the Lions do to promote it.

- 1965 - D.G. Simeone Fouracre proposed an Eye Research Fund Newsletter, to be called The Eye Catcher, to be published 2 or 3 times a year, and mailed to every Lion in Massachusetts.

This was voted by the Board. The first Issue of The EYE Catcher was May 1965, Simeone Fouracre, Editor.

Publicity and Promotion Kit, LIONS CLUB EYE RESEARCH FUND DRIVE, Campaign Dates: October 1 to 31, 1966.

- 1969 - Robert Woodsum became Editor of The EYE CATCHER, Fall, 1969, and it has been issued since then 3 or 4 times per year.
- WHITE CANE DAY, Statewide Project, was adopted by the Eye Research Fund in 1977/78 - Saturday, April 15, 1978. It will again be observed on Saturday, April 7, 1979.

More publicity is needed statewide, especially to the public, non-Lions, through all news media, newspapers, radio, TV, and by all Districts and by all Clubs.

- 1969/70 - Mass. Lions Drama of Eye Research Help 10,000 Mass. Lions win the fight to eliminate blindness

1951-1952 International Convention, Atlantic City, 1951
The following "Committee" met in PDG Harry "Tops" Hartford's room to discuss the possibility of forming a Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Committee: Daniel Johnson PID, Chairman George Doggett, Elton MacNeil PDG, Dr. William Stone Jr., PDG and Harry Hartford, PDG

First Committee on Eye Research, appointed by the Council of Governors, met Oct. 7, 1951: E. Daniel Johnson, 33N Chairman; Roger Hintze, 33Y Treasurer; Dr. Francis A. Reynolds, 33A; Dr. William Stone Jr., 33K and Dr. Alfred D. Hanson, 33S. Ex—Officio members Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles Bruninghaus, PDG and Harry Hartford, PDG

Founders: Harry Hartford PDG, E. Daniel Johnson and PID George Doggett

1952-1953

First Permanent Committee: Elton MacNeil, Chairman; Roger Hintze, Secretary-Treasurer and E. Daniel Johnson, Director.

Five Year Appointed Committee: 33Y Sherwood Cronk, PDG 33A; Dr. Charles Bruninghaus, PDG 33N; Elton MacNeil, PDG 33K; Harry Hartford, PDG 33S and Alex Fozzard, PDG.

Board of Governors: Aubrey C. Reid, 33Y Treasurer; Wendell D. Ring, 33A Vice Chairman; Arthur F. Allen, 33N; Paul H. Young, 33K and Dr. Thomas E. McNally, 33S.

From State Convention Report, Wentworth-By-The-Sea, May 22, 23, 24, 1953

Report, Elton L. MacNeil: History of the start of the Eye Research Committee; people in Commonwealth of Massachusetts became interested in the increasing growth of baby blindness -- contacted International Director Johnnie Johnson and other Lions in official capacity who became vitally interested and Eye Research was adopted as the official project of the Massachusetts Lions and a permanent Eye Research Committee was appointed. Committee believes there should be one concentrated drive each year to raise funds. The Committee has decided to sell light bulbs during the month of October and the Governor has agreed to declare that month as Sight Conservation Month ... "All applications received will be scanned by the Eye Research Committee, at present, 5 doctors and 5 lay people. Those applications deemed worthy and of merit are submitted to a board of 3 neutral doctors from out-of-state, to pass judgment and make final recommendations. The Eye Research Committee will then decide who will get the funds and how much. After that, the function of the Committee stops; they do not have the authority and right to spend any of the funds allocated to Eye Research. Their job is to raise the money and decide where and how it is to be distributed; the final disposition of the funds remains in the hands of the Massachusetts Council of Governors."

IMPAIRED VISION SIMULATOR

What text would look like through these diseases

Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much.
Helen Keller

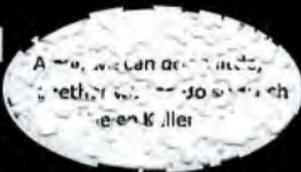
MACULAR DEGENERATION

Central vision and color perception loss, distorted or fuzzy vision, difficulty with reading or facial recognition. Most common cause of vision loss.



DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Patches of vision loss (floaters or blind spots), cloudy vision, glare sensitivity, decreased night or low-light vision.



GLAUCOMA

Side vision loss, tunnel vision, blurred central vision, seeing colored rings on lights. More common after age 40.



RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA

Progressive loss of side vision that can result in mobility issues over time.



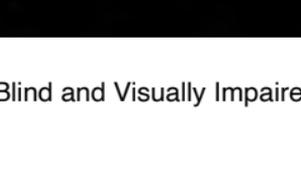
CATARACTS

Blurry, hazy, multiple images, glare sensitivity, color perception loss, decreased night or low-light vision. More common after age 55.



BLINDNESS

Loss of useful vision. Light, dark or gray haze may still be visible. Few blind people experience total darkness.



Complements of

The Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Year End Report
DISTRICT "Y"
7/1/2019 ---> 6/30/2020

Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
Adams	\$2,226				\$1,500		\$1,500	\$79,234
Agawam	\$6,756	\$2,281		\$1,075	\$8,500		\$11,856	\$588,586
Agawam Lioness	\$0						\$0	\$33,726
Amherst	\$0				\$300		\$300	\$11,837
Amherst Leo	\$0						\$0	\$350
Ashfield	\$500				\$500		\$500	\$10,527
Belchertown	\$3,500				\$3,500		\$3,500	\$67,837
Charlemont	\$0	\$200					\$200	\$23,332
Cheshire	\$600				\$800		\$800	\$57,915
Chicopee Centennial	\$0						\$0	
Cummington	\$100	\$66		\$200			\$266	\$22,399
Dalton	\$4,395			\$200	\$4,000		\$4,200	\$186,741
Deerfield	\$200				\$200		\$200	\$33,020
East Longmeadow	\$10,285				\$5,000		\$5,000	\$226,440
Easthampton	\$35			\$50			\$50	\$67,091
Granby	\$1,250						\$0	\$38,029
Granville-Tolland	\$100						\$0	\$10,427
Great Barrington	\$0						\$0	\$40,266
Greenfield	\$40						\$0	\$56,299
Hadley	\$0	\$255	\$920		\$1,000		\$2,175	\$25,566
Hampden	\$1,833						\$0	\$140,922
Hatfield	\$2,220				\$2,000		\$2,000	\$32,639
Hinsdale	\$1,102				\$1,000		\$1,000	\$52,783
Holyoke	\$10				\$2,000		\$2,000	\$52,573
Hoosac Valley Leo	\$200						\$0	\$2,550
Huntington	\$2,985				\$1,000		\$1,000	\$90,593
Lee	\$500	\$88		\$100	\$1,000		\$1,188	\$24,228
Ludlow	\$1,388			\$50			\$50	\$55,764

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Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
North Adams	\$0						\$0	\$7,244
Northampton	\$6,119	\$515			\$5,000		\$5,515	\$150,005
Pelham	\$240				\$550		\$550	\$27,525
Pittsfield	\$1,000				\$3,500		\$3,500	\$88,049
South Hadley	\$1,000						\$0	\$104,684
South Hadley Leos	\$0						\$0	\$50
Southampton	\$1,500			\$50	\$1,500		\$1,550	\$38,968
Southwick	\$5,820	\$318	\$250	\$500	\$5,500		\$6,568	\$74,006
Springfield 16 Acres	\$3,351	\$163	\$1,285	\$25	\$3,000		\$4,473	\$65,002
Westfield Centennial West	\$508						\$0	\$658
Springfield	\$2,200				\$3,000		\$3,000	\$262,669
Wilbraham	\$100				\$450		\$450	\$37,885
Williamsburg	\$903				\$500		\$500	\$20,219
District 33Y	\$1,306			\$100	\$2,500		\$2,600	\$538,878
Total Donations	\$64,271	\$3,885	\$2,455	\$2,350	\$57,800	\$0	\$66,490	\$3,447,516



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Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
Ashburnham	\$650				\$500		\$500	\$46,973
Athol	\$1,381	\$66	\$78		\$1,025		\$1,169	\$96,838
Auburn	\$0						\$0	\$11,962
Barre	\$768		\$364		\$500		\$864	\$11,260
Berlin	\$0						\$0	\$32,618
Blackstone								
Valley Leo	\$1,000						\$0	\$10,826
Bolton	\$1,875	\$335					\$335	\$70,377
Boylston	\$3,000				\$2,000		\$2,000	\$101,632
Brookfields	\$3,700			\$50	\$3,600		\$3,650	\$95,274
Charlton	\$1,035				\$300		\$300	\$43,529
Clinton	\$0						\$0	\$81,361
Dudley	\$500				\$500		\$500	\$50,437
Fitchburg								
Community	\$1,078			\$50	\$1,000		\$1,050	\$97,832
Gardner	\$1,100				\$1,100		\$1,100	\$40,235
Gardner Leo	\$0						\$0	\$249
Grafton	\$1,010		\$120		\$1,000		\$1,120	\$68,856
Harvard	\$1,000			\$1,644	\$1,000		\$2,644	\$49,560
Holden	\$100						\$0	\$14,786
Hopedale	\$0				\$200		\$200	\$15,370
Hubbardston	\$60	\$66					\$66	\$14,836
Leicester	\$1,586	\$105		\$25	\$750		\$880	\$98,357
Leominster	\$889	\$423	\$42	\$50	\$250		\$765	\$12,362
Lunenburg								
Turkey Hill	\$3,303						\$0	\$11,561
Mendon	\$14,937		\$116	\$475	\$14,000		\$14,591	\$329,529
Milford	\$15,100	\$297		\$500	\$15,000		\$15,797	\$318,850
Millbury	\$18,450		\$1,500	\$400	\$17,000		\$18,900	\$554,570
Monson	\$400				\$100		\$100	\$5,221
Montachusett								
Reg Leos	\$0						\$0	\$700
Northboro	\$2,500						\$0	\$154,570
Orange	\$30						\$0	\$7,309
Oxford	\$0				\$1,000		\$1,000	\$46,575
Palmer	\$1,175			\$100	\$500		\$600	\$52,360

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Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
Paxton	\$0				\$2,350		\$2,350	\$8,755
Petersham	\$3,708				\$400		\$400	\$47,312
Phillipston	\$735				\$237		\$237	\$5,765
Rutland	\$1,735		\$750	\$800			\$1,550	\$101,728
Shrewsbury	\$3,000						\$0	\$196,805
Southbridge	\$500			\$100			\$100	\$35,748
Spencer	\$0						\$0	\$10,502
Sterling	\$0						\$0	\$20,814
Sturbridge	\$1,500			\$100	\$675		\$775	\$51,821
Sutton	\$2,000				\$2,000		\$2,000	\$60,725
Templeton	\$700				\$500		\$500	\$21,371
Uxbridge	\$500				\$524		\$524	\$2,941
Wachusett Area Leo	\$0						\$0	\$56
Ware	\$0						\$0	\$49,544
Ware Leo	\$0						\$0	\$82
Webster	\$1,100			\$100			\$100	\$105,873
West Boylston	\$150						\$0	\$26,471
West Brookfield	\$500						\$0	\$3,786
Westborough	\$1,000				\$1,000		\$1,000	\$15,016
Westminster	\$0				\$24		\$24	\$52,540
Winchendon	\$1,501				\$1,000		\$1,000	\$22,863
Worcester Host	\$0						\$0	\$158,555
District 33A	\$8,214	\$133	\$307	\$485	\$400		\$1,325	\$295,472
Total Donations	\$103,468	\$1,425	\$3,277	\$4,879	\$70,435	\$0	\$80,015	\$3,841,320

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DISTRICT "N"

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Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
Acton	\$20,110	\$147		\$750	\$10,000		\$10,897	\$706,438
Amesbury	\$10,138					\$100	\$100	\$246,439
Ayer/Shirley	\$100						\$0	\$77,302
Beverly	\$0						\$0	\$2,283
Billerica	\$3,120		\$75	\$75			\$150	\$176,563
Billerica Leo	\$0						\$0	\$829
Chelmsford	\$2,000						\$0	\$142,537
Concord	\$18,200				\$12,000		\$12,000	\$260,971
Danvers	\$1,042	\$752	\$1,782				\$2,534	\$101,880
Dracut	\$1,066						\$0	\$173,992
Dracut Leo	\$0						\$0	\$12,416
Dunstable/Tyngsboro	\$595	\$270	\$100				\$370	\$126,859
Essex	\$0				\$25		\$25	\$55,005
Essex County Reg.	\$210						\$0	\$1,000
Haverhill	\$6,447		\$125		\$3,000		\$3,125	\$126,208
Ipswich	\$6,500					\$100	\$100	\$268,462
Lawrence	\$0						\$0	\$111,789
Lawrence Latin	\$3,700						\$0	\$24,393
Lexington	\$19,635			\$50			\$50	\$622,249
Lowell	\$5,100		\$500	\$300	\$5,095		\$5,895	\$140,511
Lynn	\$5				\$5,000		\$5,000	\$377,363
Lynnfield	\$2,385						\$0	\$167,958
Magnolia	\$0						\$0	\$88,746
Melrose	\$5,200						\$0	\$138,038
Merrimac	\$0						\$0	\$116,963
Methuen	\$350	\$100	\$412	\$100	\$250		\$862	\$70,663
Nahant	\$199	\$33	\$85		\$3,070		\$3,188	\$82,255
Newburyport	\$35,650		\$600		\$10,000		\$10,600	\$758,411
North Andover	\$500	\$33			\$600		\$633	\$146,791
Peabody	\$8,165						\$0	\$200,397
Pepperell	\$10,863	\$387					\$387	\$196,712
Reading	\$10,000		\$100		\$10,000		\$10,100	\$286,234
Salem	\$0				\$100		\$100	\$15,486
Salisbury	\$711	\$66			\$100		\$166	\$75,388
Saugus	\$14,725		\$100	\$100	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$12,200	\$400,920
Shoe City (Lynn)	\$2,214	\$462	\$100	\$1,130	\$3,852	\$50	\$5,594	\$109,165
Swampscott	\$594				\$2,250		\$2,250	\$36,546

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Club Name	Last Year	Pennies	J for S	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total	Historical Totals
Tewksbury	\$7,088			\$250			\$250	\$390,647
Townsend	\$2,900		\$1,800	\$50	\$965		\$2,815	\$49,586
Wakefield	\$6,550	\$330	\$500		\$2,560		\$3,390	\$181,755
Woburn								
Breakfast	\$17,120	\$82	\$500	\$25	\$13,500		\$14,107	\$389,322
Woburn Host	\$22,757	\$33			\$10,000		\$10,033	\$614,178
Woburn								
Middlesex	\$10,633	\$754	\$615	\$720	\$5,825	\$2,000	\$9,914	\$273,018
Woburn Leo	\$1,300						\$0	\$27,003
Wyoma	\$9,927	\$2,522		\$625	\$2,625	\$5,125	\$10,897	\$159,145
District 33N	\$1,088		\$3,462	\$440	\$6,777	\$150	\$10,829	\$1,572,623
Total								
Donations	\$268,888	\$5,970	\$10,856	\$4,615	\$112,594	\$14,525	\$148,560	\$10,303,439

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
What are you doing for others?”**

— Martin Luther King, Jr.



Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

Year End Report

DISTRICT "K"

7/1/2019 ---> 6/30/2020

Club Name	Previous Year	Pennies	Journey for Sight	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total Donation	Historical Totals
Arlington	\$620			\$250	\$48		\$298	\$53,558
Ashland	\$18,500		\$220	\$750	\$10,000		\$10,970	\$561,002
Ashland Leo	\$0						\$0	\$350
Bellingham	\$1,500	\$33			\$1,500		\$1,533	\$92,919
Belmont	\$30,299	\$54			\$30,030	\$10,000	\$40,084	\$597,734
Blackstone	\$536	\$178		\$150			\$328	\$65,008
Boston								
Chinatown	\$1,090				\$650		\$650	\$27,725
Boston Host	\$367				\$250		\$250	\$149,871
Assoc	\$1,000				\$1,105		\$1,105	\$6,410
Cambridge	\$0				\$10		\$10	\$3,310
Canton	\$1,000				\$10		\$10	\$144,971
Charlestown	\$0			\$50	\$10		\$60	\$30,551
Foxboro	\$2,000		\$60				\$60	\$98,735
Framingham	\$6,891	\$584		\$100	\$5,192		\$5,876	\$224,313
Franklin	\$395	\$33					\$33	\$46,065
Greater								
Ashland	\$4,273			\$3,821			\$3,821	\$92,178
Himalayan								
NE	\$100				\$100		\$100	\$909
Hingham	\$0				\$10		\$10	\$86,426
Holliston	\$11,475		\$28		\$5,000		\$5,028	\$315,954
Holliston Leo	\$0						\$0	\$325
Hopkinton	\$0		\$3,025		\$10		\$3,035	\$135,461
Hull	\$2,300				\$10		\$10	\$60,824
Hyde Park	\$312	\$59					\$59	\$68,743
King Philip								
Leos	\$1,762						\$0	\$3,322
Malden	\$3,588	\$65	\$264	\$100	\$800		\$1,229	\$309,365
Marlboro	\$1,250	\$87			\$1,200		\$1,287	\$122,783
Medfield	\$7,089	\$149			\$6,900		\$7,049	\$241,522
Medford	\$50				\$10		\$10	\$216,069
Medway	\$11,510	\$33	\$376	\$100	\$3,000	\$2,050	\$5,559	\$281,971
Millis	\$11,877				\$2,700		\$2,700	\$250,797
Natick	\$804	\$272			\$750		\$1,022	\$131,680
NECO	\$0				\$25		\$25	\$650
Newton	\$3,000				\$5		\$5	\$114,518
Norfolk	\$9,211		\$2,368				\$2,368	\$140,384
Norwood	\$200				\$45		\$45	\$95,134

Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

Year End Report

DISTRICT "K"

7/1/2019 ---> 6/30/2020

Club Name	Previous Year	Pennies	Jouney for Sight	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total Donation	Historical Totals
Plainville	\$7,102		\$2,333		\$1,900		\$4,233	\$155,430
Quincy	\$5,785				\$1,024		\$1,024	\$201,050
Randolph	\$5,618	\$288		\$215	\$4,647		\$5,150	\$104,705
Sharon	\$3,300	\$33			\$700		\$733	\$38,084
Sherborn	\$1,010	\$66	\$2,638	\$205	\$24		\$2,933	\$76,332
Somerville	\$1,000				\$10		\$10	\$133,029
Stoughton	\$1,100		\$200		\$1,100		\$1,300	\$97,295
Stow	\$3,000	\$33			\$3,000		\$3,033	\$86,842
Walpole	\$2,000				\$2,010		\$2,010	\$63,693
Waltham	\$30,000				\$5,000		\$5,000	\$486,529
Wellesley Centennial	\$0	\$33					\$33	\$158
Westwood	\$0				\$10		\$10	\$143,717
Weymouth	\$1,558	\$409			\$1,024		\$1,433	\$71,953
Wrentham	\$11,101		\$2,333		\$1,000		\$3,333	\$185,904
District 33K	\$3,060			\$300	\$78		\$378	\$1,265,211
Total Donations	\$208,632	\$2,408	\$13,845	\$6,041	\$90,897	\$12,050	\$125,241	\$7,881,469

Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.**Year End Report****DISTRICT "S"**

7/1/2019 ---> 6/30/2020

Club Name	Previous Year	Pennies	Jouney for Sight	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total Donation	Historical Totals
Abington	\$13,818	\$792	\$1,334	\$250	\$7,702	\$300	\$10,378	\$290,719
Acushnet	\$23,046	\$100	\$1,753	\$2,160	\$10,102		\$14,115	\$633,008
Attleboro Triboro Com	\$1,077			\$150			\$150	\$9,035
Barnstable Yarmouth	\$0		\$20		\$1,000		\$1,020	\$87,390
Barnstable High Leo	\$0						\$0	\$714
Bridgewater	\$7,977	\$556	\$1,929	\$75	\$3,506		\$6,066	\$282,370
Bridgewater Academy	\$2,366		\$963	\$250	\$13		\$1,226	\$301,381
Bridgewater Community	\$2,008		\$266	\$100	\$110		\$476	\$15,125
Bridge/Raynham Leo	\$0						\$0	\$1,283
Brockton	\$1,100	\$230	\$704		\$8		\$942	\$29,313
Chatham/Nauset	\$289						\$0	\$238,551
Dartmouth	\$1,801	\$495	\$887		\$540		\$1,922	\$59,159
Dennis/Harwich	\$8,288	\$1,352	\$568	\$715	\$2,130		\$4,765	\$283,965
Dennis Yarmouth Leo	\$0						\$0	\$1,992
Dighton	\$11,675	\$500	\$600	\$25	\$10,004		\$11,129	\$223,997
Dighton Rehoboth Leo	\$0						\$0	\$749
Duxbury	\$950			\$100	\$525		\$625	\$5,885
East Bridgewater	\$3,696	\$371	\$60		\$1,500		\$1,931	\$215,807
Easton	\$33,363	\$1,018	\$50		\$22,508	\$2,000	\$25,576	\$614,771
Easton Oliver Ames Leo	\$150				\$150		\$150	\$8,276
Fairhaven	\$9,225		\$129	\$125	\$10,506		\$10,760	\$188,358
Fall River	\$150		\$230		\$2,000		\$2,230	\$152,359
Fall River Carousel	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$78		\$500		\$1,578	\$221,476
Falmouth	\$795	\$100	\$320		\$200		\$620	\$11,964
Freetown	\$2,400				\$500		\$500	\$36,487
Greater Attleboro Leo	\$50				\$50		\$50	\$1,109
Greater Taunton Leo	\$0						\$0	\$188
Halifax- Pembroke	\$1,815		\$790		\$2		\$792	\$29,606
Hanover	\$3,525				\$1,200		\$1,200	\$152,971
Kingston	\$2,812				\$1,500		\$1,500	\$81,750

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Year End Report

DISTRICT "S"

7/1/2019 --> 6/30/2020

Club Name	Previous Year	Pennies	Journey for Sight	Memorial	Grant	T&E	Total Donation	Historical Totals
Lakeville	\$8,020	\$500			\$4,500		\$5,000	\$152,352
Lakeville OCA	\$0						\$0	\$17,729
Lower Cape Cod Light	\$0						\$0	\$6,854
Mattapoisett	\$12,750	\$500	\$771	\$100	\$13,001		\$14,372	\$431,671
Middleboro	\$5,393		\$31		\$2,121		\$2,152	\$52,067
New Bedford Host	\$1,458				\$1		\$1	\$97,216
North Attleboro Leo	\$200						\$0	\$350
Norton	\$1,310		\$600		\$2,500		\$3,100	\$104,425
Norton Community	\$2,291		\$160		\$1,150		\$1,310	\$22,967
Plymouth	\$16,550		\$475		\$10,000		\$10,475	\$280,724
Provincetown	\$25,679	\$176	\$150		\$15,000		\$15,326	\$400,255
Raynham	\$10,686	\$331	\$212	\$1,700	\$1,600		\$3,843	\$290,874
Rehoboth	\$10,883		\$8,250	\$50	\$3,500		\$11,800	\$276,730
Rehoboth Anawan	\$13,491	\$66		\$100	\$13,005		\$13,171	\$231,272
Rochester	\$4,251	\$169	\$98		\$503		\$770	\$79,195
Rockland	\$4,900	\$300	\$3,000				\$3,300	\$134,457
Sandwich								
Bourne	\$5,800	\$1,230	\$349	\$50	\$505		\$2,134	\$253,581
Seekonk	\$15,040				\$9,000		\$9,000	\$246,000
Somerset	\$12,219	\$132	\$1,413	\$325	\$6,012	\$100	\$7,982	\$326,004
South Attleboro	\$4,215	\$1,680	\$341	\$375	\$1,104		\$3,500	\$280,188
South Attleboro Village	\$11,177	\$245	\$347	\$1,105	\$4,037		\$5,734	\$203,908
South Carver	\$0				\$50		\$50	\$69,997
Taunton	\$0						\$0	\$56,897
West Bridgewater	\$5,158	\$272	\$1,555		\$5,006		\$6,833	\$255,772
West Bridgewater Leo	\$357				\$500		\$500	\$857
Westport	\$4,245	\$200	\$235	\$75	\$1,004		\$1,514	\$207,242
Whitman-Hanson Cent.	\$25				\$1,003		\$1,003	\$1,028
District 33S	\$5,613		\$2,884	\$200	\$3,500		\$6,584	\$1,657,480
Total Donations	\$315,311	\$12,314	\$31,551	\$8,030	\$174,857	\$2,400	\$229,153	\$10,317,850

2019 - 2020 TOTAL DONATIONS

\$620,484.00

THANK YOU!

**Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.
Memorials**

Springfield 16 Acres	IHO Claudette Placzek	\$25.00
Sherborn	IHO Dawn Rice Norton	\$20.00
Sherborn	IHO Diana Faust - Retirement	\$30.00
Woburn Middlesex	IHO Diane Dever	\$50.00
Somerset	IHO Fairhaven 75th Anniversary	\$75.00
Westport	IHO Fairhaven Lions Club	\$75.00
Bridgewater Community	IHO IPID Joyce Middleton	\$100.00
Woburn Middlesex	IHO Jeanne Farrow	\$25.00
Fairhaven	IHO Somerset 75th Anniversary	\$75.00
Acushnet	IHO Ted & Doris Gavoni	\$25.00
Acushnet	IHO Ted & Doris Gavoni	\$25.00
Abington	IMO Richards	\$50.00
Randolph	IMO 1st IVP Judge Haynes Townsend	\$10.00
Diane Sears	IMO Adeline B. Levine	\$25.00
Marilyn Engblom	IMO Adora Jeannotte	\$25.00
Wyoma	IMO Albert Bailey	\$125.00
Palmer	IMO Albert Brooks	\$25.00
Milford	IMO Albert Brooks	\$100.00
Southbridge	IMO Albert Brooks	\$50.00
Leicester	IMO Albert Brooks	\$25.00
Sturbridge	IMO Albert Chlapowski	\$50.00
Doris M. Hall	IMO Alfred Bussiere	\$10.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Alfred Ouellette	\$25.00
Doris M. Hall	IMO Alice Rancort	\$10.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Andrea Florentino	\$100.00
Wyoma	IMO Andrea Florentino	\$125.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Andrea Florentino	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Andrea Florentino	\$20.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Andrea Florentino	\$50.00
Methuen	IMO Ann Boyko	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Anthony DaCosta	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Arthur Alcock	\$100.00
Dalton	IMO Barb Scott	\$100.00
Dighton	IMO Barbara Erickson	\$25.00
Sandwich Bourne	IMO Barbara Gills	\$50.00
Kathleen Roeber	IMO Barbara H. Connolly	\$100.00
Rutland	IMO Bert Eaton	\$600.00
Sherborn	IMO Beth Holohan	\$20.00
Ashland	IMO Beth Holohan	\$250.00
Greater Ashland	IMO Beth Holohan	\$3,821.00
Doris Hall	IMO Bishop Roger Morin	\$10.00
District 33Y	IMO Bob & Maddie Richards	\$100.00
Cummington	IMO Bob & Maddie Richards	\$200.00
Easthampton	IMO Bob & Maddie Richards	\$50.00
Milford	IMO Bob Richards	\$100.00

Acushnet	IMO Bob Taylor	\$100.00
Leominster	IMO Bonnie Sweatman	\$50.00
Ludlow	IMO Carlos Santos	\$50.00
South Attleboro	IMO Carol "Cookie" Shultz	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Charles Booker	\$25.00
Noreen Begley	IMO Choi Ha Ng	\$100.00
Mattapoissett	IMO Chris Richards	\$50.00
Acushnet	IMO Christopher Landreville	\$100.00
Somerset	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$100.00
South Attleboro Village	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$1,055.00
Fairhaven	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$50.00
Fitchburg Community	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$25.00
Attleboro Tri Boro Com	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$25.00
Bridgewater	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$25.00
Duxbury	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$100.00
South Attleboro	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$50.00
Attleboro Tri Boro Com	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$25.00
Attleboro Tri Boro Com	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$25.00
South Attleboro Village	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$50.00
Abington	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$50.00
Attleboro Tri Boro Com	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$75.00
Sherborn	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$20.00
Randolph	IMO Cindy Moreau	\$10.00
Acushnet	IMO Clair Aeria	\$100.00
Mary & Bob Braman	IMO Claudette Picklesimer 738	\$50.00
Sherborn	IMO Clay Robinson	\$20.00
Randolph	IMO Clay Robinson	\$10.00
Easton	IMO Clifford Davis, Jr.	\$1,000.00
Medway	IMO Col. Michael F. Matondi	\$2,000.00
Lowell	IMO Conrad L. Smith	\$50.00
Southbridge	IMO Dave Clements	\$50.00
Raynham	IMO Dave Sylvia	\$200.00
Bridgewater	IMO David Cox	\$25.00
Tewksbury	IMO David Gath	\$100.00
Wyoma	IMO Deborah Walsh	\$25.00
Wyoma	IMO Deborah Walsh	\$50.00
Billerica	IMO Don Melendy	\$25.00
Randolph	IMO Don Stewart	\$10.00
Randolph	IMO Donald Burlone	\$50.00
Wyoma	IMO Donald Felker	\$25.00
Methuen	IMO Donald Felker	\$25.00
Billerica	IMO Donald Melendy	\$25.00
Gino & Lois Angelone	IMO Donald Stewart	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Donna Pepe	\$50.00
Millbury	IMO Dorothy Indeck	\$100.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Dorothy Macaione	\$290.00
Bridgewater Academy	IMO Dorothy Silva	\$25.00
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Bridgewater Academy	IMO Dorothy Silva	\$25.00
Bridgewater Academy	IMO Dorothy Silva	\$25.00
Bridgewater Academy	IMO Dorothy Silva	\$25.00
Bridgewater Academy	IMO Dorothy Silva	\$100.00
Bridgewater	IMO Dr. Lloyd M. Aiello	\$25.00
District 33N	IMO Edward Irvin	\$100.00
John & Sondra Lucente	IMO Elizabeth Jalbert	\$25.00
Mattapoisett	IMO Elizabeth Lamdureaux	\$50.00
Rehoboth Anawan	IMO Emma Correiro	\$50.00
Webster	IMO Francis Walkowiak	\$100.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Frank Ciambriello	\$25.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Frank Ciambriello	\$50.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Frank Ciambriello	\$50.00
Raynham	IMO Frank Gendneau	\$500.00
Raynham	IMO Frank Gendreau	\$1,000.00
South Attleboro	IMO Frank Gendreau	\$50.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Frank Maher	\$25.00
South Attleboro	IMO George Gibney	\$50.00
Lowell	IMO Gerald Cohen	\$100.00
Palmer	IMO Geraldine Molleur	\$25.00
Lowell	IMO Gerry Cohen	\$50.00
Doris Hall	IMO Gilbert Duprey	\$10.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Helen Kossifos	\$200.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Helen Kossifos	\$50.00
Mendon	IMO Herbert Wood	\$325.00
South Attleboro	IMO Howard Hoover	\$100.00
Wyoma	IMO James Bailey	\$50.00
John & Sondra Lucente	IMO James Corr	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Jayne Ober	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Jean Des Roches	\$100.00
Ashland	IMO Jens Thoresen	\$500.00
Sherborn	IMO Jens Thoreson	\$20.00
Wyoma	IMO Jeremiah Callahan	\$50.00
Wyoma	IMO Joan Parcewski	\$100.00
Wyoma	IMO Joan Parcewski	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Joan Parcewski	\$50.00
District 33N	IMO Joan Parcewski	\$100.00
Rehoboth Anawan	IMO Joey Amarel	\$50.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO John F. Procopio	\$25.00
Rehoboth	IMO John Ferreira, Sr.	\$50.00
Doris M. Hall	IMO Joseph Dussault	\$10.00
Sherborn	IMO Josephine & Felix Moschella	\$75.00
Medway	IMO Josephine Moschella	\$50.00
Acton	IMO Keith Krayser	\$250.00
South Attleboro	IMO Kenneth Kingsford	\$100.00
Millbury	IMO Kenneth Pousland, Sr.	\$100.00
Cynthia Mainini	IMO Kenney Laucis	\$100.00
Townsend	IMO Kris Vaz	\$50.00

Malden	IMO Lan Fong Choi	\$100.00
Acushnet	IMO Larry Mulvey	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Lawrence Mulvey	\$250.00
Acushnet	IMO Lawrence Mulvey	\$500.00
Randolph	IMO Letetia Angelone	\$25.00
Randolph	IMO Letetia Angelone	\$10.00
Brookfields	IMO Lillian Coulson	\$50.00
Randolph	IMO Lillian Fisher	\$25.00
Randolph	IMO Lillian Fisher	\$10.00
Milford	IMO Linda DeMonick	\$100.00
Bridgewater Academy	IMO M. David Levine	\$25.00
Abington	IMO Madeline Richards	\$50.00
Randolph	IMO Madeline Richards	\$10.00
Milford	IMO Madeline Richards	\$100.00
Acton	IMO Malcolm MacGregor, Sr.	\$250.00
Mary & Bob Brown	IMO Marcia McLeod	\$50.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Margaret A. Brown	\$25.00
Cynthia Mainini	IMO Margaret Cannell	\$50.00
Rutland	IMO Margaret Canrella	\$100.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Margaret Donahue	\$100.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Margaret Donahue	\$20.00
Wyoma	IMO Marion Birch	\$5,000.00
Harvard	IMO Mary Andrews	\$500.00
Harvard	IMO Mary Andrews	\$1,144.07
Saugus	IMO Mary DeThomas	\$100.00
Framingham	IMO Mary Friel	\$50.00
Lexington	IMO Mary Harty Pynn	\$50.00
Woburn Breakfast	IMO Mary Jane O'Rourke	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Mary Kiley	\$100.00
Framingham	IMO Mary T. Friel	\$50.00
John & Liz Pettis	IMO Mike Dicus	\$25.00
Medway	IMO Mike Matordi	\$50.00
Rutland	IMO Mis Mack	\$100.00
Bob & Mary Braman	IMO Natalie Bosse	\$50.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Norma Osgood	\$100.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Norma Osgood	\$10.00
Acushnet	IMO Norman Nichols	\$100.00
Millbury	IMO Normand Audette	\$100.00
Agawam	IMO Patricia Jones	\$10.00
Agawam	IMO Patricia Jones	\$25.00
Agawam	IMO Patricia Jones	\$40.00
Millbury	IMO Patricia Pousland	\$100.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Paul Lockwood	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Pauline Cote	\$15.00
Bert & Muriel Patenaude	IMO PDG Frank Gendreau	\$35.00
Somerset	IMO PDG Frank Gendreau	\$100.00
Blackstone	IMO PDG Marcel Cote	\$50.00
Abington	IMO PDG Ted Irvin	\$50.00

Dalton	IMO Peg Lewis	\$100.00
Abington	IMO Phil Hamric	\$50.00
Agawam	IMO Raymond Olson	\$390.00
Carol Richards	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$25.00
Effective Fitness	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$100.00
Roger Marion	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$25.00
Caroline Bateson	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$100.00
Gerald Peaslee	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$25.00
David & Melissa Prather	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$50.00
Tewksbury	IMO Raymond Paquin	\$150.00
Randolph	IMO Richard Hayes	\$25.00
Wyoma	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$50.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$100.00
Lowell	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$50.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$70.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$50.00
Lowell	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$50.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$50.00
Methuen	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$100.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Richard MacPherson	\$100.00
Charlestown	IMO Robert Flynn	\$50.00
Arlington	IMO Robert Garrity	\$75.00
Arlington	IMO Robert Garrity	\$25.00
Arlington	IMO Robert Garrity	\$100.00
Arlington	IMO Robert Garrity	\$50.00
Randolph	IMO Robert Garrity	\$10.00
Mendon	IMO Robert Kinball	\$150.00
Southampton	IMO Robert Richards	\$50.00
Southwick	IMO Robert Richards	\$500.00
Randolph	IMO Robert Richards	\$10.00
Billerica	IMO Robert Rogers	\$25.00
Palmer	IMO Robert Sikorski	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Robert Viera	\$100.00
Lee	IMO Robert Welcome	\$100.00
Blackstone	IMO Roy Charlette	\$100.00
Bob & Mary Braman	IMO Salvatore Tarara	\$25.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Sarah G. Starion	\$25.00
Methuen	IMO Sharon Hooper	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Shirley Hall	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Shirley Hall	\$20.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Stephen Massone	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Susan Poritras	\$100.00
John & Sondra Lucente	IMO Sylvester MODOONO	\$50.00
PDG Paul Davis	IMO Ted Irvin	\$50.00
Richard Denton	IMO Ted Irvin	\$40.00
Doris M. Hall	IMO Ted Irvin	\$10.00

33N PDG Assoc.	IMO Ted Irvin	\$50.00
Abington	IMO Ted Irvin	\$200.00
Medway	IMO Ted Irvin	\$50.00
Wyoma	IMO Ted Irvin	\$100.00
Ipswich	IMO Ted Irvin	\$100.00
Wyoma	IMO Ted Irvin	\$25.00
Amesbury	IMO Ted Irvin	\$100.00
Saugus	IMO Ted Irvin	\$7,000.00
Shoe City (Lynn)	IMO Ted Irvin	\$50.00
Somerset	IMO Ted Irvin	\$100.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Terry Lett	\$80.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Terry Lett	\$100.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Terry Lett	\$10.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Terry Lett	\$25.00
Dennis/Harwich	IMO Terry Lett	\$125.00
Rose Almeida	IMO Terry Simoes	\$25.00
John & Sondra Lucente	IMO Theresa Hamilton	\$25.00
Woburn Middlesex	IMO Theresa Tropea	\$70.00
Agawam	IMO Thomas Dacey	\$580.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$100.00
Clara Gorczyński	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$50.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$25.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$200.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$20.00
Acushnet	IMO Thomas Flynn	\$15.00
Palmer	IMO Thomas Haemer, PDG	\$25.00
Fitchburg Community	IMO Thomas Haemer, PDG	\$25.00
Sturbridge	IMO Thomas Haemer, PDG	\$50.00
Milford	IMO Thomas Haemer, PDG	\$100.00
Agawam	IMO Tom Dacey	\$30.00
Easton	IMO Veronica Lamb	\$1,000.00
Acushnet	IMO Wendy Pelletier	\$100.00
Acton	IMO William F. Lavoie	\$250.00
Somerset	IMO William Moss	\$25.00
Somerset	IMO Yvette Hebert	\$25.00

Total Memorial Donations
\$42,790.07

APPROVED GRANTS FOR 2020-2021

JOSLIN DIABETES CENTER

Grant: \$160,000

BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

Grant: \$160,000

SCHEPENS EYE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Grant: \$160,000

MASSACHUSETTS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY

Grant: \$160,000

BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Grant: \$160,000

TUFTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NEW ENGLAND EYE CENTER

Grant: \$160,000

TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE

(including all other institutions and grants)

\$38,468,017.00

PRESIDENTIAL GRANT

Tuft's New England Eye Center

Grant: \$75,000

TOTAL PRESIDENTIAL GRANTS TO DATE

\$2,486,509.00

INVOCATIONS

LIONS PRAYER

Where Lions meet be present Lord. Weld all our hearts in one accord. To do thy will, Lord, make us strong. To aid the weak and right the wrong. Amen.

LIONS PRAYER

For the food we are about to receive, the fellowship we enjoy in Lionism, and the opportunity to serve our fellow person, we thank thee Lord. Amen.

NON-SECTARIAN

Creator and sustainer of all that is or will ever be, accept our thanks for this day and all its blessings. We ask that you guide and direct our club, its leaders and our actions. Grant that each of us may feel our responsibility to Lions, to our community, to our country, and indeed to all countries and peoples. Bless our fellowship today, and bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies, in your service. Amen.

NON-SECTARIAN

As we gather here today as members of Lions, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.

NON-SECTARIAN

We are thankful for this day that you have given us, for its blessings, its opportunities, its challenges. May we appreciate and use each day that comes to us. We pray for strength and guidance for each day as it comes, for each day's duties, for each day's problems. May we be challenged to give our best always, and may we be assured of

your presence with us. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

People will forget what you said, people will
forget what you did, but people will never forget
how you made them feel.

– Maya Angelou

The two most important days in your life are
the day you are born and the day you find out why.

– Mark Twain

"Only a life lived for others is worth living."

– Albert Einstein

"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

"As you grow older, you will discover that you
have two hands — one for helping yourself,
the other for helping others."

– Audrey Hepburn

"The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away."

– William Shakespeare

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES & LIONS

District Governor	Region Chair
International Officers	Zone Chair
Past International Officers	District Chairs
Multiple Dist Council Chair	Multiple District Chairs
MD Past Council Chair	Past District Governors
Vice District Governor(s)	Visiting Presidents
Cabinet Secretary and/ or Treasurer	Visiting Lions

Introductions should be made in descending order (high to low); speakers should be recognized in ascending order (low to high). The District Governor should always be introduced first and asked to speak last. Any acronym starting with “**P**” means past: the person served in the designated capacity during prior years. IP means immediate past: the person served in the designated capacity during the prior Lions year.

ACRONYMS

IP/PIP	International President
ID/PID	International Director
CC/PCC	Council Chairman
DG/PDG	District Governor
PP	Past President
VDG	Vice District Governor
CST/PCST	Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
RC/PRC	Region Chair
ZC/PZC	Zone Chair
LCIF	Lions Clubs Internat'l Foundation
MLERF	MA Lions Eye Research Fund
GMT	Global Membership Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GST	Global Service Team