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From the Desk of the Executive Director





by Christine Belitz
Executive Director

Since time is short I want to relay to you a couple of quotes from "Winning with Team Work." "Here is a basic rule for winning success. Let's mark it in the mind and remember it. The rule is: Success depends on the support of other people. The only hurdle between you and what you want to be is the support of others."

As your Eye and Tissue Bank look at a bright new beginning keep in mind that your support is what we need to remain successful. You will be hearing a lot of new ideas and directions from the Eye Bank in the very near future. Please be open, honest and helpful when called upon with a number of feasibility surveys that we will be conducting at both the Fall Rally and the Fall Forum. We

will also be looking for some very good volunteers to help grow the committee structures on the board of directors. This will assist us with some objectives that were placed on our balanced scorecard in 2003. 2008 is just around the corner and we are looking to accomplish all tasks listed in our first 5-year strategic plan.

And I would like to end with the following quote from the same book: "Successful teamwork requires doing lots of unspectacular little things, constant attention to detail, building on one-on-one relationships, following up on commitments and obsessive concern for communicating information."  

Fundraising Golf Tournaments Are Hits—East & West



What a successful year for the golf tournaments! The West River tournament was our 5th annual, held in Hot Springs for the second year in a row. The Lions there, along with Ralph and Neveta Sieg, were integral in putting this event together. Because of their help, we had our best year ever, with one corporate sponsor (Fall River Health Services), 15 teams,

by Shiloh Oorlog
Public Information
& Marketing



and 11 hole sponsors. Our net profit was over \$4500!! Sioux Falls was also again a success. We had fewer teams this year – only 18 – but with the help of two corporate sponsors, Ophthalmology Limited and AlloSource, we were able to net over \$6500 with this tournament. The combined net income of these two tournaments was almost double last year's, and so we are excited we've had such a great year.

In other fundraising efforts, we sold T-shirts at the Sturgis rally, and area clubs are still helping us to sell cookbooks. If you'd like to purchase either of these items, you can contact us at 1-800-245-7846 or through our website at www.sharingthegift.org.



As always, thank you for your support of our mission To Enable the Restoration of the Gifts of Sight and Health.  

Grant Update

It's been a great few months. We've won a national contest regarding our grant program. It was open to all American Association of Tissue Bank members in the United States.

by Joan Hammond
Administrative Asst.

Three awards were made. Many of the tissue banks are large and have very big budgets for things like this so we were very pleased. Chris will pick up our award when she goes to AATB convention in September. There was another contest with the American Society of Association Executives and we were awarded a place on their honor roll. Both of these are nice recognition for The South Dakota Lions Eye Bank.

In the months to come we will be doing more short articles in Indian newspapers and more interviews on their radio stations. We will be using donor families and recipients and other respected community members to ask the tribes for their cooperation in seeking people to come forward, sign donor cards and talk to their families. Our Native American people have a great need for organ and tissue donation. They are also great givers. Let's hope both areas can be brought together.  

Ryan Dott Named Regional Recovery Mgr.

My name is Ryan Dott and I am the new Regional Recovery Manager for the South Dakota Lions Eye Banks and Spirit of the North Tissue Services. Some of the responsibilities of my newly created position include hiring, training, and scheduling per diem personnel; continuing education for current staff; reviewing and editing our Standard Operating Procedures; and ensuring all affiliates of our Organization adhere to high moral and ethical standards.

by Ryan Dott
Regional Recovery Manager

Following my graduation from O’Gorman High School in the year 2000, I attended the University of South Dakota and earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology in December of 2004. While in college I worked as a tissue recovery technician for the Eye Bank for almost four years. I believe I can use this technical experience to effectively train new employees and help foster better relationships between the Eye Bank and the Hospitals and Funeral Homes with which we work.

Some of my goals for the near future are to take on and train more recovery staff, place a greater emphasis on teamwork during the actual recovery process, and have rotating recovery teams to reduce the risk of fatigue-related accidents and “burn out.” Beyond the technical aspects, Raph Smith and I will be in close contact with our tissue processing centers and continually make connections with new organizations. This will allow us to expand and stay up-to-date with our donor criteria, ultimately increasing the number of tissue donors we are gifted with each year.

I am eager to meet and exceed the challenges of this new position. With the combined efforts of my co-workers, I am confident the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank will soar to new heights and provide an ever-improving service to the people of the Midwest and abroad. ☎ 🐦

Schedule Your Club Visits!

Now that summer is almost over, it’s time for me to once again begin making my rounds of all of the area service clubs. Lions, if you have not had a presentation from the Eye Bank in the past year, please call us to set one up. Let us come and tell you about all the exciting happenings at the Eye Bank! If you or a friend belong to another service organization, such as Kiwanis or Rotary, please call us to schedule that too. We are also always more than happy to visit any of the groups at your church. There is no organization that is too small or too far away for us to come visit, so please call me as soon as possible so I can put you on my calendar!! ☎ 🐦

by Shiloh Oorlog
Public Information

More Changes Underway

This is the beginning of a new fiscal year, and we have made a lot of changes to the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank and Spirit of the North Tissue Service. My title has been changed to Director of Quality Assurance and Technical Operations. Responsibilities are significant and I feel I can do a good job. We are redoing the Standard Operating Procedures books so we meet the new FDA “1271” guidelines. We are working very hard to get this done by the end of 2005. We are looking for more donors to come this way both for eyes and tissue.



by Raph Smith
Director of Quality Assurance
and Technical Operations

I will be traveling some in the days to come. I will be in Portland, Oregon, at the end of August to check the services provided there. I hope to learn many new things that I can bring back to help us do a better job.

I have meetings set up with AlloSource and RTI to help us become compliant with 1271. I look forward to working with you and hope you all have a good summer. ☎ 🐦

“While we have the gift of life, it seems to me the only tragedy is to allow part of us to die—whether it is our spirit, our creativity, or our glorious uniqueness”

GILDA RADNER, COMEDIAN
(1946–1989)

Hospital Development

This fall will mark my 10-year anniversary here at the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank, and wow, has time flown by.

by Karen Hudson
Hospital Development

Over the years I have worn many different hats, from corneal procurements to the processing and placement of corneas, hospital in-services, donor family approaches and liaison to the funeral directors. However, the one thing that has always stayed consistent within me, is the awe that I have in donor families.

They have just heard the worst possible news that you could imagine, that their loved one has died. And yet through all their pain and disbelief, they are able to find in their hearts the unselfishness to donate, and to think about others and how their loved one would be able to help so many.

Through the years I have learned from many different donor families that organ, eye and tissue donation can help a family recover from the loss of their loved one and grieve with an understanding that lives have been saved and improved because of this generous gift.

I will continue to be amazed by the ability a donor family has to look beyond their personal tragedy and consider the needs of others. I know that it is this spirit that will keep me going for many years ahead. ☎ 🐦

Memorials, Contributions, Club Donations

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(January 1 – July 31, 2005)

HOSPITAL:	Eye Donors	Tissue Donors
Avera McKennan Hospice	1	
Avera McKennan Hospital	23	4
Avera Sacred Heart	1	1
Avera St. Lukes Hospital	5	4
Brookings Hospital	3	2
Canton-Inwood Memorial Hospital	1	
Community General, Redfield		1
Custer	1	1
Dells Community	1	
Douglas County	1	1
Eureka Community Health Services	1	
Flandreau Community Hospital	2	1
Freeman Community	1	1
Ft. Meade VA Medical Center	3	
Heart Hospital of South Dakota	3	5
Holy Infant		1
Huron Regional Medical Center	3	3
Linton, ND	1	1
Lookout Memorial	3	
Luverne Community Hospital		1

HOSPITAL:	Eye Donors	Tissue Donors
Madison Hospital	1	
Marshall County Hospital	2	2
Mid-Dakota Hospital	1	1
Mobridge Regional Hospital	1	
Northern Hills General	1	1
Ortonville, MN	1	1
Pipestone Hospital		1
Platte Hospital	1	
Prairie Lakes Hospital	3	5
Queen of Peace Hospital	2	1
Rapid City Regional Hospital	11	11
Sioux Valley Hospital	26	13
Sioux Valley Vermillion Campus	1	1
St. Benedicts	1	1
St. Mary's	2	1
Sturgis Community	1	
Tracy Area Medical Center	1	
VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls	3	3
Windom Area Hospital	1	

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