



LEBW Transporter Stats

- Through Sept. 1, LEBW Transporters have logged 503 transports by 78 clubs.

Certified Transporter Training

- The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin had six online Certified Transporter Training sessions during the month of August. The average attendance for each online session was 75 transporters per session. As of Sept. 1, 2024, more than 500 LEBW Transporters are now certified throughout the state. There will be more online sessions in late September and mid-October, dates pending.

In addition to online training, several clubs and Transport Areas/Hubs have scheduled in-person certified transporter training sessions with LEBW Communications and Outreach Manager Adam Crowson through the months of September and October. Additionally, most of the District Convention Committees have also scheduled a transporter training session for the Friday afternoon of their district convention to help transporters get certified.

Are we required to be certified to transport? It is essential for compliance purposes that all transporters become Certified Lions Volunteer Transporters. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and be recognized for this achievement.

New Volunteer Position: Transport Instructor/Regional Coordinator: To fully support our new training program, LEBW is seeking 24 volunteers to serve in the prestigious role of transport instructors/regional coordinators. These very special volunteer positions will facilitate transporter training and the recertification training workshops in your region of Wisconsin and help communicate timely updates to dispatchers and transporters in your area.

As an instructor, you will work with Lion Adam Crowson, Communications and Outreach Manager to learn about the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, its transporter program, and how to instruct and train



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transporters and dispatchers. (e.g. train the trainer). Instructors are required to attend a half-day workshop at the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin to become certified as instructors/trainers.

Youth Exchange Visit

- LEBW hosted 20 Lions Youth Exchange students and 9 Chaperones for the Youth Exchange visit on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Youth Exchange students received a full tour and learned about eye banking here in Wisconsin and globally. The youth in the program were engaged and asked great questions about the clinical side of cornea tissue donation. We are grateful for the ongoing collaboration between our organization and the Youth Exchange project in MD27.

World Eye Bank Symposium 2024 and Asia Cornea Society

- At the end of September, Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, LEBW's Director of Clinical and Technical Services, will be a presenter at the World Eye Bank Symposium in Jakarta, Indonesia and then present at the 9th Biennial Scientific Meeting of the Asia Cornea Society immediately after the symposium.

Welcome Lion Bill Fletcher

- The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Board of Directors would like to welcome Lion Bill Fletcher to the board of directors as the district representative from District 27-B1. Lion Bill is a member of the Westfield Lions Club.

LEBW in your communities

- Thank you LEBW 2nd Vice Chair PDG Judy Hatz and LEBW Director PDG Dan Montaine for inviting LEBW into your communities to present to non-Lions groups about the work that we do. LEBW Chief Development Officer Stefanie Dzedzic recently visited the Wausau Optimist Club and a Grafton Community Event sponsored by the Grafton Lions Club.

InBusiness Magazine

- The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and Past Board Chair Lion Erica Singley will be featured with a profile and advertisement in InBusiness Magazine's 2024 Corporate Giving Guide. The publication will be available in late fall.