

Lions Board Announces Fund to Honor Eye Bank Medical Director

At their December meeting, the Lions Board of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank announced the establishment of the **Richard G. Lembach, M.D., Eye Banking Education, Research, and Development Fund**. Established to support endeavors intended to bring about progress, innovation, and



development, the new fund will award educational and research opportunities to Eye Bank staff and qualified eye researchers for the purpose of advancing the mission of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank and the field of eye banking. Dr. Lembach has been the Lions Eye Bank's Medical Director since 1989. Under his guidance, the Eye Bank has achieved and maintained a reputation for excellence in providing quality services and leading-edge surgical options for physicians and their patients. Dr. Lembach, a professor of ophthalmology at OSU, has also been a leader in promoting the Eye Bank's support of, and participation in, eye research. Thanks to his leadership, the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank has provided many thousands of donor eyes over the years for research at OSU and elsewhere; conducted and participated in scientific studies; and been cited as a significant resource in medical journal articles, posters, and presentations that all grew from the Eye Bank's active pursuit of the research aspect of our mission. Dr. Lembach is also a passionate advocate for the advancement of the Eye Bank through staff development and education. He continues to volunteer an exceptional amount of his time to ensure the technical and medical quality of the Eye Bank's work.