Andrew Harrison, MD, and Michael Lee, MD, were named to the Mpls.St.Paul Magazine 2016 “Best Doctors for Women” list in the field of ophthalmology.

Collin McClelland, MD, a senior author on, “In the Patient’s Own Words: A Case of Visual Distortion,” a presentation of Heidenhain Variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease, was presented at Upper Midwest Neuro-Ophthalmology Group Meeting in Chicago, IL, July 22.

Deborah Ferrington, PhD, and co-investigator, Dale Gregerson, PhD, were awarded a 4-year RO1 grant from the National Eye Institute. The grant entitled, “Age-related macular degeneration, mitochondria and the CFH genotype,” includes a protein analysis of the retinal pigment epithelium from human donor tissue supplied by the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank.

C. Gail Summers, MD, spoke on the Ophthalmic Features of Noonan Syndrome on July 23, at the Noonan Syndrome Conference, held in Minneapolis.

J. Douglas Cameron, MD, MBA, attended the “Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Review Course” held in Chicago, Illinois, July 22-24. The course is designed to help prepare for the DOCK (Demonstration of Ophthalmic Cognitive Knowledge) examination which is part of the MOC process. Cameron will take the DOCK examination in 2017.

Michael Lee, MD, and Martha Wright, MD, were invited by the American Board of Ophthalmology to write and revise questions for the oral and written boards and the maintenance of certification exams in Portland, Maine.

The Argus II team, with local investigators, Sandra Montezuma, MD, and Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD - Inside the Story: Bionic eye gives Utah woman sight after decades of blindness. KUTV

Utah woman sees for the first time in 40 years. Gephardt Daily

On August 9, 2016, we were saddened by news of the passing of Lion Frank Loreno (pictured, right), US Navy Retired, after a courageous battle with cancer. Lion Frank obtained his CPA after retiring from the Navy and served for 14 years as treasurer of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, until he retired from that role in 2014. In addition, he served in numerous roles in his own Lions Club and District 5M-6 and provided invaluable help and advice as the guiding Lion when the Ambassadors Lions Club was chartered in 2004.

Under Frank’s leadership, the Minnesota Eye Bank continued its growth and a number of major programs were established or greatly enhanced at the University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences, including:

• MAC: Macular Degeneration Center
• MLCEC: Minnesota Lions Children’s Eye Clinic at Park Plaza.
• Lions Revolving Fund: Annual fund to start new research projects, support recruitment of new faculty and support ongoing funded research projects that need extra support to make them competitive for extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health
• MLRIC: Minnesota Lions Retinal Imaging Center: A state of the art facility at the Adult Eye Clinic for imaging of the posterior segment of the eye.
• MLESC: Minnesota Lions Eye Surgical Center: A major initiative to re-establish eye surgery at the University of Minnesota Medical Center.

As mentioned during the eulogy at the memorial service, Frank was always kind, unassuming, and never boasted about his own contributions. Nonetheless, it goes without saying that his impact on all three of our missions—vision research, education, and clinical service—will be recognized as his legacy for years to come given his involvement in the initiatives noted above. Next month, we will celebrate five years of MLCEC during the annual Letson Lecture and we will also fondly remember Frank for his impactful contributions to our missions.
Donald J. Doughman, MD Memorial Grand Rounds
Friday, September 9, 2016
Minnesota Lion’s Eye Bank - 1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 260 - St. Paul, MN 55114
1:00-5:00 pm
5:00-6:00 pm cocktail hour
RSVP by August 31 for this event at: https://goo.gl/forms/kFixM3K3dArjfVn12

Foundation Fighting Blindness VisionWalk
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2016
Check In: 8:30 am
Stage Presentation: 10:00 am
Start Time: 10:30 am
Location: Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis, MN
The department and clinic invite you, your friends, and family to participate in the 10th Annual Twin Cities Vision-Walk, hosted by the Foundation Fighting Blindness.
Walk with the Foundation Fighting Blindness and help make the world a brighter place for millions of Americans with retinal diseases.
Interested in participating? Contact Toni Anderson at tanderso11@umphysicians.umn.edu or 612-625-2651.

Minnesota Reception at AAO
Saturday, October 15, 2016
6:00-8:00 pm
Maggiano’s Little Italy - Downtown Chicago
516 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60654
Please RSVP: https://goo.gl/forms/0EJZdgq1FqqXd2Cx1