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In Memoriam: William "Bill" Ockington

-CSC is saddened to learn that William J. Ockington passed away last month. Bill served as a member of Cleveland Sight Center's Board of Trustees from 1994-2017. During his time on the board, Bill was an active member of both the Investment and Facilities committees. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Ockington family during this difficult time.

The obituary link is:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/william-ockington-obituary?pid=197218808>

Pictured is Bill along with wife of 50 years, Audriene who passed away several days after Bill



CSC Provides Testimony in Support of House Bill 586 in Columbus This Week:

-Kevin Krencisz visited the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus earlier this week to provide proponent testimony to the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee in support of House Bill 586. The testimony was crafted with continued efforts by Jassen Tawil, Larry Benders and our lobbyists at Capitol Partners. House Bill 586 is proposed to amend sections of the Ohio Revised Code to require any state agency seeking to purchase supplies or services to comply with an applicable first or second procurement program. The bill moves to prohibit any governmental ordering office from combining multiple parts of a larger related project to avoid using the procurement list maintained by community rehabilitation programs (CRP). The Call Center at CSC has been a partner of the CRP for many years which has resulted in opportunities to work with many Ohio agencies. Cleveland Sight Center also had support for the testimony from the Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, the Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries and Vocational Guidance Services.

Check out the link below to view the testimony, which can be found at minute 36.

<http://ohiochannel.org/collections/ohio-house-state-and-local-government-committee>

Screen shot of Kevin Krencisz providing testimony in front of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee



What's Happening at CSC:

-CSC Case Manager in Social Work Anthony Griffin, MSSA will present a one-hour workshop on the topic "Client Crisis" via Zoom on Tuesday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. Topics covered will include "What is a crisis?" and "What to do when talking with a client in crisis." Different scenarios of people in crisis will be role-played and talked through. For those unable to attend at that time a recording will be available for viewing. For more information including how to join the presentation, please contact Jim Hlavaty (x4678 or jhlavaty@clevelandsightcenter.org) or Anthony Griffin (x4675 or agriffin@clevelandsightcenter.org).

-A Technology Fair was held for staff members on Wednesday, December 9th in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Barbara Piascik ordered on loan new products for staff to see, learn and evaluate. Products at the Tech Fair ranged from a CCTV (reading machine) with a distance camera; head mountable gear called the Trifecta that incorporates Cyber Eyes and OrCam; Bioptic glasses for making images larger, clearer and allows you to see further; Sunu, a sonar mobility bracelet that buzzes when you get close to an object; a head borne magnifier with interchangeable lenses and much more.

Thank you to Barbara Piascik, Andrea Marley and Katie Lepis for helping to demonstrate the products.

-Students in Bright Futures Preschool had some special guest visitors this week. Susie Meles joined Wednesday's Morning Circle and shared how her family is celebrating Hanukkah. In advance of the Morning Circle, she gave Melissa Kraus chocolate coins (gelt) and dreidels which were delivered to all the students and families. Ms. Susie talked about and showed students a menorah and its candles, about why she and her family celebrate Hanukkah and then taught the students how to play the dreidel. After Ms. Susie's presentation, the class sang a song about Hanukkah, practiced counting using candles on a Menorah, and practiced their letters G (for gingerbread) and H (for Hanukkah).

Image of Ms. Susie showing a candle and menorah

Image of a menorah and six candles



-Friends of CSC and Santa's Elves Ms. Lisa and Mr. Joe visited students virtually in Bright Futures Preschool this week! Ms. Lisa and Mr. Joe talked with the students about their hard work preparing for Christmas, including building a train set! They also led the students in "Up on the Housetop" sing-a-long and taught them about their bird friends - the cardinals.

Image of Santa Elves Ms. Lisa and Mr. Joe smiling and waving to the preschool students

Image of a screen shot from Tuesday's Zoom sing-a-long with Ms. Lisa and Mr. Joe



-The Book Discussion Group met virtually on Tuesday, December 8th. The group discussed the book *There is No Toilet Paper on the Road Less Traveled*, a book about humor and travel misfortune. Attendees also shared their own personal stories of great adventures in travel and some travel woes. One client mentioned of their travels sailing around the world – including visits to about 90 different countries!

-The month of December is full of exciting programs and activities through the Leisure and Lifestyle Services team.

Weekly activities include:

Monday	9am Meditation/Stretching 3pm Trivia League
Tuesday	10:30am Ballroom Dance (12/1, 12/15, 12/29) 11:30am Meditation 5pm Yoga
Wednesday	10am Coffee Chat 2pm Improv Games (12/2, 12/16)
Thursday	12pm Activities Vary 2pm Line Dance (12/17) OR Jam Session (12/3, 12/10)
Friday	2pm Fun Friday

Additional Activities remaining this month include:

December 14th	1pm	Poetry
December 16th	6pm	Sing It Out
December 18th	7pm	Winter Solstice Party
December 29th	2pm	Creative Writing

*Please note that there will be no activities on December 24th, 25th, 28th, 30th, or 31st

For log on information, call the Recreation Line 216-658-4600 or reach out to Bobbie Szabo at 216-658-4597 or bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org.

-The Marketing team recently worked with the Rehabilitation Services team to create short videos on types of magnification, pouring/using a liquid level indicator and using Siri. Thanks to Katie Lepis, Megan Sigler and Glenn Wickline for creating and producing. To view the videos, [click here](#). If you have suggestions or needs for videos like these, contact Megan Sigler (x4568 or msigler@clevelandsightcenter.org).

Items of Note:

-Board Trustee Kenny Koblitz was recently featured as a "2020 Difference Maker" by the Cleveland Jewish News. To read the article, click here: <https://bit.ly/3qQtimy> Congratulations, Kenny!

-Back in August, Great Lakes Theater's Producing Artistic Director Charlie Fee knew it was going to take "a total reimagining" of the production for the company to present "A Christmas Classic" this holiday season if it was going to do it at all. Hopes the theater would stage the Charles Dickens classic for a 32nd year were dashed in November when the show was officially canceled due to the ongoing pandemic. But, as the saying goes, the show must go on and Great Lakes Theater found a way.

Teaming up with ideastream, the regional theater company will present a radio adaptation of "The Christmas Carol" airing December 22 at 8 p.m. on WCLV 104.9 and Dec. 23 at 9 p.m. on 90.3 WCPN. The special will also be available to stream for free on those days on ideastream.org. For more information, click here: <https://bit.ly/2KdeJIH>

-Apple redesigned an accessibility site with tips for people with vision, hearing, other disabilities. The revamp is trying to make it easier for people to find out how to customize their devices. To read more, click here: <https://cnet.co/3gCm5l0>

-Don't forget you can make CSC "smile" this holiday season and throughout the year! When buying online items from Amazon, remember to shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/> and select Cleveland Sight Center as your charity of choice. AmazonSmile will then donate .5% of your purchase back to CSC! Did you know CSC is approaching \$1,000 in donations since we signed up for the program in 2018? Happy shopping!

-Remember the main building will not be open to staff, clients or walk-ins on Fridays through the end of January. The Eyedea Shop will be available through phone orders and online orders.

Did You Know?:

-The five original colors of M&Ms were red, yellow, green, brown and purple. They were created for soldiers in World War II to carry in their kit bags and the candy coating helped prevent the chocolate from melting.