



Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/6/18

CSC Special Events Schedule:

- Annual Meeting of the Board: Thursday, May 3rd at Corporate College East, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- White Cane Walk: Saturday, June 2nd at Cleveland Sight Center, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- CSC Golf Classic: Monday, July 23rd at Westfield Group Country Club, 8:00 a.m. golf start
- Spellbound: Friday, September 28th at Windows on the River, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Chris Gruber, Alicia Howerton and Susie Meles meet with one of the architecture firms bidding to design and build the new library on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near CSC on Friday. The group will discuss accessibility at the current building and best practices and what to consider in the upcoming construction project.
- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer met with Kendal at Oberlin this week, where they had a meeting with the facility’s Low Vision group leader emeritus and one of the active co-chairs. They also visited Elmcroft (Lorain), The Applewood (Elyria) and Amherst Manor. Alicia and Tom also presented their “Tips Talk” to the Men’s Group at Mandel Jewish Community Center. Additionally, they attended the Stark County Senior Network meeting and visited the Philomatheon Society for the Blind of Canton, who welcome CSC as a partner in the Stark

County area.

- CSC hosts the Foundation Fighting Blindness on Saturday, April 7th for a meeting on their upcoming VisionWalk. The Eyedea Shop will be open from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m for clients and the general public on this weekend day. Alicia Howerton will attend to promote CSC and Tom Sawyer will be on hand with demonstrations of IrisVision.

What's Happening at CSC:

- CSC welcomed author Annie Hogsett to the agency for Book Discussion on Wednesday, April 4th. Book Discussion featured Too Lucky to Live, a story about “Thomas Bennington III, a blind English professor, who comes close to losing a lottery ticket he’s purchased when he’s almost run over by a Hummer while crossing a Cleveland, Ohio, street.” The event was attended by 20 clients either in person or on the phone and will next discuss The Notebook. For more information, contact Alicia Howerton (216-791-8118).

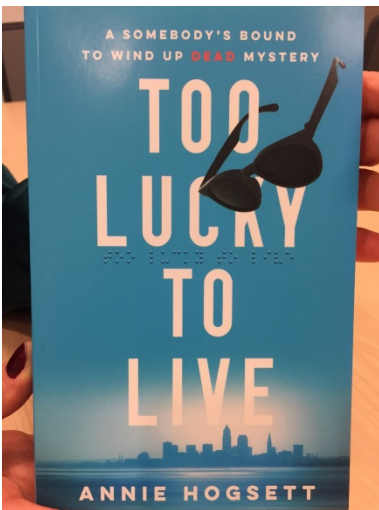


Image of Too Lucky to Live



Annie with Book Discussion members

- CSC’s Call Center and Employment Department host a Hiring Event on Tuesday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for open Call Center positions. Those interested in attending are asked to reserve an interview time by emailing estaffing@ClevelandSightCenter.org or by calling 216-658-7337.

- The Therapeutic Recreation (TR) department is planning two new programs and is looking for the names of clients who could benefit from them. First, TR will be putting on a four-week Relaxation Management and Coping Skills program starting April 16th. The program will meet every Monday for four weeks (April 16th, 23rd, 30th and May 7th) from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The program will cover such topics as identifying stressors, healthy coping mechanisms and planning goals. Additionally, they will be collaborating with Independent Living to put on a four-week cooking program starting April 18th. The cooking program will meet on Wednesdays for four weeks (April 25th, May 2nd, 9th and 25th) from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The program will cover some of the basics of cooking and healthy eating.

Both programs will be held at CSC and participants will need to have their own transportation. Participants must have documented vision loss and be over the age of 18. Do you know of someone who could benefit from one or both of these programs? If so, please contact Mollie Evans (mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org or 216-791-8118). Spots are limited, but want to provide this for those who can truly benefit. If these programs are successful, more of these programs and others may be offered in the future.

- Save the date for the annual CYAS “See What’s Possible” workshop for educators and teachers who will be working with students who are blind or have low vision in the school year, to be held at CSC on Friday, August 10th. For more information, contact Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop’s Featured Product of the Week: Badge Button

- The newest item in the Eyedeas Shop is a badge button that displays “I Am Visually Impaired.” Customers, clients and patients have requested an identifier to wear that will let others know he or she has a visual impairment and help others understand that he or she may be in need of help or guidance while out in public. Perhaps while traveling through

airports, while shopping or running errands, or just when riding public transportation. The price is \$1.00.



White button with black text "I AM VISUALLY IMPAIRED"

- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Congratulations, You're Awesome!

- Congratulations to Barbara Piascik (nominated by Ali Thomas), Kim Hudson, Ralph Johnson, Desmond Kennedy and Vernell Whipple (nominated by Judith Weyburne), winners of the Random Acts of Awesome Award! Congratulations to the following CSC associates for also being nominated for the award:
 - Stephen Penberthy, nominated by Debi Welsby
 - Carla Robinson, nominated by Tamika Smith



Barbara Piascik and Larry Benders



Vernell Whipple and Larry Benders



Larry Benders and Kim Hudson



Larry Benders and Desmond Kennedy



Ralph Johnson and Larry Benders

Item of Note:

- Congratulations to Regina Dorfmeier, who recently won 2nd Place Emerging Artist Award and the People's Choice Award at the 2018 Day of Arts for All in Columbus! Regina's winning artwork is titled "Drive Home from Work" and was created using her fingers to paint. Way to go, Regina!



Regina Dorfmeier accepts the certificate



Regina displays her two awards

Did You Know?

- If you shout to a friend underwater, she'll hear you faster than on land. Sound travels four times faster in water than in air.