



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/20/18

### What’s Happening at CSC:

- This year’s CSC Golf Classic will be Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Westfield Group Country Club. For the fourth consecutive year, this tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of CSC’s strong partnership with Westfield Group’s human resources department. The day features an 18-hole scramble format, continental breakfast, lunch on the course, contests and activity stations on certain holes and an awards reception. Thanks to CSC’s friends at Westfield Group for their sponsorship of the outing.



CSC Golf Classic logo

- CSC’s annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, will be held on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland. This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the event and will feature guest speaker Rebecca Alexander ([www.rebalexander.com](http://www.rebalexander.com)). Rebecca Alexander is an author, psychotherapist, fitness instructor, volunteer and extreme athlete who, due to Usher syndrome type III, is almost completely blind and deaf. Consistently upbeat, Rebecca gives encouragement and inspiration to others who are facing their own challenges, whether physical or emotional, in interpersonal relationships or in the

workplace. She has been featured on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, The New York Times, USA Today and more. For additional information, [click here](#) or contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118).



Photo of Rebecca Alexander

- The ABCs summer day program started this week with nine children ages 5 – 9 enrolled. They enjoyed sensory activities, outdoor play and skill lessons. Lead teacher Abigail Schwartz works with a wonderful team of CSC staff and interns to provide a fun and individualized four-week summer program.



Youngsters play in the sand tray

A young guy plays in a tent with toy animals

- Monica Owen, Barb Williams and Dorota Tomaszewska from the Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) department participated in a three-day seminar on Active Learning at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts. Strategies, techniques and ideas learned will be put to good use in CSC's Early Intervention and Preschool programs.



Monica, Barb and Dorota in front of the Perkins-engraved rock

### Engaging the Community:

- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer represented CSC at the South Euclid/Lyndhurst Library on Wednesday evening, where Annie Hogsett, an author who writes books whose lead character is blind, was a guest speaker at the event. Alicia and Tom represented CSC at the Beachwood All Senior Health Expo on Thursday.
- Desmond Kennedy visited with staff at University Hospital's Center for Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus at Landerhaven this week. He also visited staff at LasikPlus in Independence. On Thursday, Laurie Schlickman and Desmond Kennedy spoke at a pediatric social workers' staff meeting at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation.

- ADA Cleveland will be joining University Hospitals and The Cleveland Clinic as part of the Wade Oval Wednesday concert series. This year's celebration at Wade Oval will take place from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The concert will be from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Movie will follow. CSC is hosting an informational table accessible to the public and reflective of our mission. Every guest at the CSC table and other ADA tables who have a meaningful interaction will be given a raffle ticket to place in the hopper at the information table. The band is "Otis & the Shoreway Saints." American Sign Language interpreters will be available and CART service, a communication access real-time translation for individuals who are hearing impaired, will be provided. The evening movie "Coco" will be captioned. Questions? Contact Marcia Houston (216-791-8118).

*Join Us!*



Image of ADA Cleveland flyer

- There will be an Ohio Candidate Forum on Disability Issues held on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. that will provide a format for the candidates for Ohio Governor and U.S. Senate to inform the disability community about their positions on disability-related issues/policy. These Candidate Forum live screenings, sponsored by

ADA Cleveland, will be held at the following locations. Both require RSVP. The live feed will be available via Facebook (from anywhere!) by [clicking here](#).

Linking Employment , Abilities, and Potential:  
2545 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113  
RSVP required. Call (216) 696-2716.

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**Informing and Empowering Ohio's  
Voters with Disabilities**



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**When: Thursday, July 26, 2018, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

Moderator: Mr. Alan Johnson, (Retired) Columbus Dispatch Statehouse Reporter  
Keynote: John D. Kemp, Esq., Life-long advocate and co-author of ADA.

A live stream is available at  
<https://www.facebook.com/CtrforDisabilityEmpowerment/>

The stream will also be hosted at two locations in Cleveland for the public to watch:

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## This Week in the Eyedea Shop:

- This week's featured product is a pair of kitchen shears. They are micro serrated, stainless steel, and have cushioned pads on the handles to absorb pressure while cutting. Keep these Good Grips Kitchen Shears in your kitchen drawer for cutting paper, cardboard,

plastic wrapping, meats, vegetables and more. These shears also have an herb stripper to remove stems from herbs. The price is \$23.00.



Image of Good Grips kitchen shears

- The Eyedea Shop will host a clearance sale for some of the store's low quantity items and products that will no longer be carried. The sale will be Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. More details to come as it approaches.
- If you are or someone you know is an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2018 Holiday Cards. The requirements for this year's cards are as follows: artist must be blind or have low vision; two submissions per artist; if submitting in digital format, artwork must be 300 DPI, entry window is May 7, 2018 – August 10, 2018; submit entries to [bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org). Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

## Items of Note:

- Take me out to the ballgame! The Cleveland Scrappers beep baseball team will host a fundraiser game against The Cleveland Senior Softball League on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in Strongsville. The six-inning game between a team of players who are blind against a team of seniors who will wear blindfolds will be played at 21410 Lunn Road and the time is 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome. The organizers of the event will be selling drinks and snacks and will also be having a raffle. All profits go to the Cleveland Scrappers. For more information, contact Cathy Javorsky (x8999).
- The Cleveland Sight Center Visionaries will host their first fundraising and awareness event and you are invited! This event will be from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Hofbrauhaus Cleveland. Join the Visionaries for a night of fun, awareness, and giving back. There will be a 50/50 raffle and 10% of the proceeds from the evening will be donated back to support the mission of Cleveland Sight Center. This is a great chance to meet members of the Visionaries, learn more about their goals and what they are doing for CSC and easily raise some funds for the agency. This event is sponsored by Erie Title Agency. If you have any questions please reach out to Jessica Polack (x4565).



Image of the event invitation for Visionaries Happy Hour

- An augmented reality device may improve functional vision in people with nearly complete vision loss by translating spatial information into color-coded, high-contrast visual patterns. A group of researchers developed an application to run on the HoloLens (Microsoft), one of the head-mounted see-through augmented reality (AR) commercially available consumer systems. The system measures, stores and translates into 3D environmental maps the dimensions and shapes of the physical space around the wearer and, through a set of sensors, continuously tracks the user's position and orientation in the environment. The new application discretizes distances into a set of bands of different colors that are overlaid on the environment in stereoscopic 3D when viewed through the display. To read the full article, [click here](#).

## Did You Know?

- Ohio's official flag was adopted by an act of the Ohio Legislature on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1902. The Ohio burgee, as the swallow-tailed design (like a pennant) is properly called, was drawn by John Eisenmann, architect and designer for the Ohio State Pan-American Exposition Commission. The Ohio flag has three red and two white horizontal stripes. At its staff end is a blue triangular field with the apex at the center of the middle red stripe. There are 17 white, five-pointed stars grouped around a red disc superimposed upon a white circular O. Ohio is the only state to have a swallow-tailed burgee, unlike the regular rectangular shape.

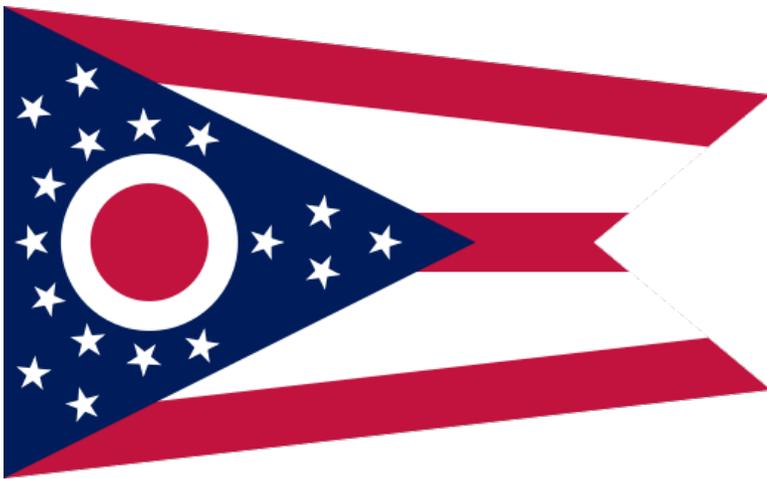


Image of Ohio state flag