



Keeping You “In the Know...” 9/1/17

Telling our Story and Educating the Community:

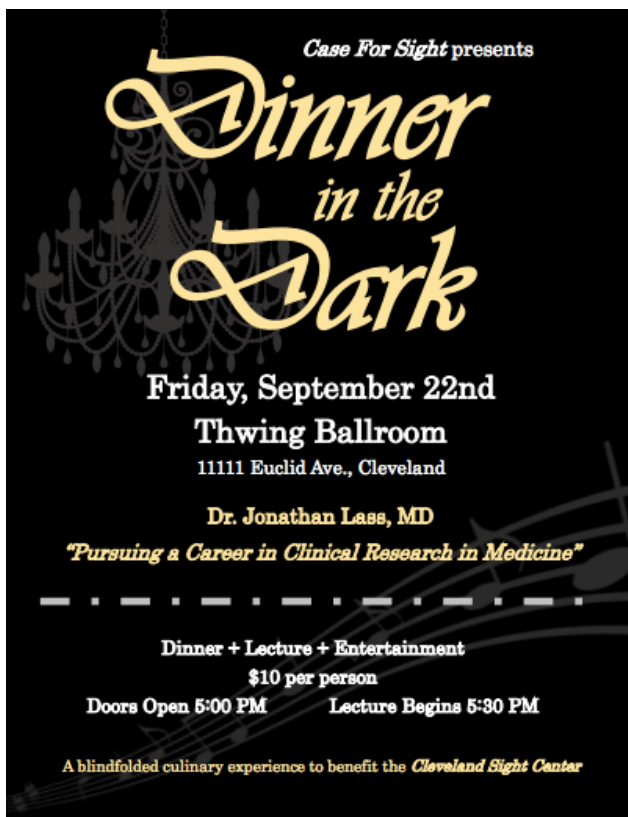
- State Senator Matt Dolan visited CSC on Thursday, August 31st to learn more about the agency’s programs and services. Senator Dolan toured the agency with Larry Benders and Lisa Cellura.
- Desmond Kennedy, Tom Sawyer and two volunteers from the Delta Gamma West Shore alumni group represented CSC at the Senior Safari event at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Wednesday, August 30th as hundreds of area senior citizens gathered for this annual community health fair and education event. Desmond also made visits to Dr. Joaquin Lim and staff at Forest Hills Vision in Cleveland Heights and the Hough Heritage senior apartment complex, which recently opened a few blocks away from CSC on East 97th Street.
- Lisa Cellura presented the “Blindness Basics” program to the Northeast Ohio chapter of the Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy raisers on Wednesday, August 30th.

Strengthening Partnerships:

- Dr. Lidija Balciunas, Susie Meles and Erin St. Denis attended the second annual Argus II Retinal Implant Family Picnic held at the Cleveland Metroparks Canal Way Center on Saturday, August 26th. Joining CSC at the picnic was the medical team from Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute, three Argus II recipients, a potential implant candidate and their families. The medical team reported that Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute has performed more Argus II implants than any other site in the United States, with Cleveland Sight Center

providing rehab to the patients. The unique relationship and proximity between Cleveland Clinic's Cole Eye Institute and Cleveland Sight Center is being considered as a model by Second Sight, the developer of the Argus II retinal implant. There was an active discussion stemming from a question from the daughter of the next potential surgical candidate asking about the pros, cons and the question, "Would you do it again?" The answer was an overwhelming "Yes!" by all of the Argus II recipients in attendance! The first recipient of the Argus II reported he continues to see more, making better sense of and interpreting the light perception he receives from the device with an improved natural fluidity. He became tearful, as did many of those in attendance, as he talked about being able to see his granddaughter's school bus arrive and the glow from her body as she climbed the steps on her first day of school last week!

- CSC hosted a presentation and demonstration of IrisVision, a new low vision product, on Thursday, August 31st. The product is unique because it offers the best camera available and has a 70-degree field of view, whereas other head-worn devices do not exceed 35 degrees. Four people with vision loss participated in the actual demo portion.
- CSC's Preschool Vision Screening program will start in a few weeks as schools are now back in session. In the 2016-2017 school year, volunteer vision screeners visited 200 locations, screening 7,465 children and referring 311 children for follow-up or further testing with a doctor.
- CSC partners with students from Case for Sight for the annual "Dinner in the Dark," a blindfolded culinary experience to benefit CSC, on the campus of Case Western Reserve University on Friday, September 22nd. Lisa Cellura will provide an explanation of the "clock method" as it relates to one's plate and table settings before guests have dinner. Jonathan Lass, MD will present on "Pursuing a Career in Clinical Research in Medicine". The event is held at the Thwing Ballroom at 11111 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Tickets are \$10 for dinner, the lecture and entertainment. For more information, contact Lisa Cellura (x4536).



Dinner in the Dark promotional graphic

Author & Speaker Michael Hingson Coming to Spellbound:

- CSC's annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, is scheduled for Friday, September 15th at Landerhaven. This year's event is "An Evening to Empower" and will feature Author & Speaker Michael Hingson as well as raise important funds for CSC's Empowerment Fund. Michael Hingson, blind since birth, escaped the World Trade Center on 9/11 with his guide dog, Roselle. From the day he received his first guide dog at age 14, Michael has developed skills in leadership, trust, teamwork, adaptation – skills he passes on to readers and listeners. For more information on Michael, [click here](#). If you have interest in attending, please contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) for more information on the event. Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: 2018 Date Planners and Large Print Calendars

- Get ready for the New Year and start recording your appointments for 2018 with the Eyedea Shop's date planners and large print calendars. The 2018 large print date planners are now available in the Eyedea Shop and cost \$12.50. The large print wall calendars are \$10.00 and will be available in the next few weeks...the store is currently taking orders for the wall calendars if you want to avoid the rush.
- 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!

Items of Note:

- CSC's Bright Futures Preschool is enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. Cleveland Sight Center offers specialized instruction and educational opportunities to children ages 3-5 at Bright Futures Preschool, which is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and located within CSC's main building. Contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118) for more information.
- Applying for jobs can be stressful – CSC's Job Club wants to help! Join their next meeting at CSC on Thursday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium as Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans from CSC's Therapeutic Recreation team discuss signs of stress and offer tips, strategies and resources on how to manage personal or work-related stress. Contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118) for additional information.
- Highbrook Lodge offers adult seasonal camps in addition to the summer schedule. Seasonal camps are much like summer sessions, except condensed into a wonderful weekend with activities based around the season! Register by calling/emailing Lindsay at 216-791-8118 or camp@clevelandsightcenter.org.

Fall Weekend 2017: Friday, Oct 13 – 6:00 p.m.; Depart Camp: Sunday,

Oct 15 – 12:00 p.m.

Winter Weekend 2018: Arrive to Camp: Friday, Feb. 23 – 6:00 p.m.; Depart Camp: Sunday, Feb. 25 – 12:00 p.m.

- Congratulations and thank you to Amos Grant on his 30 years of service to Cleveland Sight Center. Amos was presented with a plaque for his commitment to the agency on Thursday, August 31st. We wish Amos well in his retirement!



Chris Gruber, Amos Grant and Larry Benders

- Congratulations to Ali Thomas for her 1st-place finish in the survivor category at last Saturday's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Mall C in downtown Cleveland. Way to go, Ali!



Image of 1st Place gold medal

Did You Know?

- Labor Day is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September, which honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the United States of America. The first U.S. Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union. Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday in 1887. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday of each year a legal holiday.