

BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA CHATTERBOX

August 2006

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The Blind Center of Nevada has started the complete renovation of our main building. We would like to give a very special ***thank you*** to our dedicated volunteers that came down to the Center and jumped in to help us pack up and haul out **EVERYTHING** from our main building. We packed up and moved furniture, supplies, furnishings, boxes, computers and everything this is used to operate our programs and services on a daily basis.

Walls are being built, classrooms and meeting rooms are being constructed, new restrooms are being installed, and designated pathways will be included to provide maximum independence for our members.

We would like to share the first pictures from this project with everyone. We will keep you posted on the progress.



***All programs and services will continue to run during the remodeling project.

AUGUST SCHEDULED EVENTS

COMPUTER LAB INDIVIDUALIZED LESSONS

MON-THURS 9:30AM-4:30PM

MONDAY ***BRaille LESSONS*** 10AM-11AM

MONDAY ***SHOPPING TRIP*** 9:30-10:30AM

MONDAY ***ARTS & CRAFTS*** 9:30-10:30AM

BOWLING MONDAY 11:15AM

BAKERY GOODS EVERY MONDAY

CHAT & GAMES IN ***KITCHEN CLUB*** TUES 9:30AM

TUESDAY ***SHOPPING TRIP*** 9:30AM

GUEST SPEAKER EVERY TUESDAY 12:30PM

VIOLIN & HARP LESSONS MONDAY 1:00-3:00PM

SHOPPING TRIP WEDNESDAYS 9:30AM

GAME DAY WEDNESDAYS 9:30AM

VISITING PHARMACIST WEDNESDAY 10:30AM

ROUND TABLE ***CHAT*** WED 12:00PM

WEDNESDAY ***BRaille LESSONS*** 10:30-11:30AM

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE WED 12:00PM

WEDNESDAY ***SUPPORT GROUP*** 1:00PM

TAI CHI WEDNESDAY 12:30-1:30PM

PIANO WEDNESDAY 12:00PM-2:00PM

DANCE LESSONS WEDNESDAY 3:30PM

WEDNESDAY ***\$1 TACO DAY!*** ORDER WITH BY TUESDAY.

MAIL READING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

MON-THURS BY APPOINTMENT

THURSDAY ***GUITAR LESSONS*** 1:30PM

WALMART ***SHOPPING TRIP*** THURSDAYS 9:30AM

THURSDAY ***SUPPORT GROUP*** 1:00-2:00PM

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA

WEDNESDAYS 1:00PM TO 2:00PM &
THURSDAYS 1:00PM TO 2:00PM
AT THE BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA
1001 N. BRUCE STREET
642-6000 FOR MORE INFORMATION

BLINDCONNECT

MEETS ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
6375 W.CHARLESTON BLVD BLDG "L"
(CROSS STREET IS TORREY PINES)
AT THE CCSN CAMPUS
631-9009 FOR MORE INFORMATION

More resources –phone numbers and... websites!

Bureau of Services to Blind & Visually Impaired	702-486-5333
Nevada Council of the Blind	702-383-0600
Nevada Division for Aging Services	702-486-3545

American Council of the Blind	www.acb.org
American Foundation for the Blind	www.afb.org
Braille Institute	www.brailleinstitute.org
Foundation Fighting Blindness	www.rpresearch.ca
Helen Keller International	www.hki.org
National Federation for the Blind	www.nfb.org

Are you interested in learning about the programs and services offered by the Blind Center of Nevada? Are you a care provider who would like us to come and meet with you, your staff or the population you serve?

Call us today at 642-6000 to schedule a time for us to come out to you or for you to tour the Blind Center. Part of our goal is to educate the public about vital programs and services and available technology. We are here to help.

Myths & Facts

MYTH: Blind and visually impaired people cannot use computers.

FACT: An increasing number of visually impaired people use computers, either at work, educational establishments or in the home. Some use large text or modified color displays. Others use audio screen readers and further groups have electronic Braille displays. Many blind and visually impaired people have access to specialized software, which enables them to use standard office programs, browse the Internet and communicate by email.

The Blind Center Computer Lab is here...for you!
***Come learn something new-enhance yourself and
keep that brain moving!***

What can blind and visually impaired people accomplish by using a computer?

Blind and visually impaired people do many different things in life, so there is almost no limit to the range of tasks we can achieve on a computer. It would be impossible to list them all, but here is a short list of things that can typically be done using a computer:

- Surf the internet
- Grocery Shopping
- Prescription Refills
- Reading newspapers on the internet
- Internet banking
- Chat rooms and voice communication over the internet
- Internet radio stations and entertainment
- Looking up information on the internet
- Email correspondence
- Written correspondence
- Personal notes and keeping track of personal information
- Essays and other work to do with study
- Report writing (for employment, committee work etc.)
- Personal or business accounts (spreadsheet or book keeping applications)

There are many different ways to utilize a computer and many different tasks to create independence. Most of these tasks are the same things that sighted people typically use a computer for.

For more information on the Blind Center computer lab contact Paula at 642-6000. The only thing standing in the way of you using a computer to make your life easier is taking that first step. You can do it and we will show you how!

Q: How many blind or visually impaired adults in the United States use computers?

A: At least 1.5 million blind and visually impaired Americans use computers!

QUESTION: Who offers one-on-one lessons, as early as 9:30am Monday-Thursday?

ANSWER: The computer lab at the Blind Center!

Be empowered, and learn something new! Beat the August heat by logging on and maybe make a new friend in the process. Computers are great fun for novices and experts alike. You might just have fun trying something different!



Inquire with Paula for individualized lessons and time slots. Spanish computer lessons are Wednesdays at 3:30pm.

The Blind Center Offers English As A Second Language!

If you know a Spanish speaking blind or visually impaired person that would like to learn English, the Blind Center is the place to go. We offer an ESL class every Wednesday at 12:00pm. These lessons are provided to our blind and visually impaired members at no charge.

Why learn English? Learning to speak English will help a blind or visually impaired person achieve maximum independence.

Anyone interested in this or other classes and programs should contact the Blind Center of Nevada at 642-6000 to enroll.

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in helping with the ESL program please contact Paula at 642-6000. This is a great way to help people that face the daily challenge of living without part or all of their vision.

Join us Friday August 18th for a show and dinner at lovely Spring Mountain Ranch!

BELLS ARE RINGING

We leave the Center at 5pm and tickets are \$8.00 per person, which includes dinner and a ride home! Tickets must be paid in advance. Call the Center for more information.

About the play: Ella Peterson is a Brooklyn telephone answering service operator who tries to improve the lives of her clients by passing along bits of information she hears from other clients. She falls in love with one of her clients, the playwright Jeffrey Moss, and is determined to meet him. The trouble is, on the phone to him, she always pretends to be an old woman whom he calls "Mom."

Bells Are Ringing was also a 1960 film, which starred Dean Martin, and was directed by Vincente Minnelli (Liza's Dad)!



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YOU'RE INVITED!

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW

Do you or a loved one find it increasingly difficult to complete what once were simple everyday tasks? Are you looking for something to help you read the newspaper, look up a phone number, read your prescription bottle or a menu at a restaurant? The Blind Center offers an informative low vision program. There is no fee to attend this "hands-on" learning experience. You will gain a wealth of knowledge about low vision and non-visual aids. Don't let another day pass by without this valuable information that can change your life or the life of someone you know. Call 642-6000 to reserve a seat at our next demonstration.

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