

# CHATTERBOX

October Is

**National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

**The Blind Center of Nevada Welcomes**



## **Possible Careers**

As recently as two decades ago, competitive job opportunities for the blind and visually impaired were virtually non-existent. Current advances in modern technology have helped to open a world of possibilities never before dreamed.

The multitrillion-dollar industry of hospitality service is experiencing one of its most dramatic growth periods in history. Job projections for 21st century hospitality-related careers are strong. For example, between the years 2002 and 2012, the U.S. hospitality industry is expected to need an additional 2.1 million workers. This optimistic forecast, along with an extraordinary potential for advancement within the field, leaves employment options wide open.

Here are just a few of the opportunities Statler Graduates chose to pursue:

- Hotel / Airline Reservationist
- Hotel Front Desk Clerk
- Hotel Night Auditor
- Assistant Manager
- Marketing Representative
- Greeter
- Customer Service Representative
- Concierge
- Sales Associate
- Roadside Assistance Representative
- PBX / Switchboard Operator
- Technical Support Representative
- Hotel General Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Accountant Clerk
- Restaurant Host / Hostess
- Breakfast Attendant
- Human Resource Coordinator
- Operations Specialist

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NATIONAL STATLER CENTER WILL BE AT THE BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA AT 9:00AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY, CALL PAULA AT 642-6000 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

# OCTOBER SCHEDULED EVENTS

**COMPUTER LESSONS** MON-THURS 9:30AM-2:00pm

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** TUESDAYS 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

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** WED 12:00PM

**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

**COMPUTER LAB BILINGUAL** THURSDAYS 3:30PM

### **Have you moved?....**

If you have recently moved, please let us know your new address. Having your mailing address current helps us to keep mailing costs down and you won't miss future issues of the CHATTERBOX!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Old Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**DROP-OFF OR MAIL TO:  
BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA  
1001 N. BRUCE STREET  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101**

### **Wednesday October 25 Oktoberfest Member's Party 10:30am**

Come join your friends for some yummy food and drinks (non-alcoholic) in the spirit of Germany's Oktoberfest!



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## **Computer Recycling Warehouse – Assistant**

Customer Service orientated, motivated, self-starting individual to assist Warehouse Manager with Computer Recycling and Distribution of Janitorial and Maintenance products. Some experience with computer, scheduling and purchasing desired, but we will train. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Drug test required.

## **Distribution Sales Representative**

Job Duties – Inside Sales / Customer Service

- Janitorial and Maintenance Products
- State, Local Government and Commercial Sales
- Answer sales inquiries by phone, fax or email
- Enter orders per customer and customer instructions
- Check current inventory for available products
- Order out of stock items. Verify orders.

## **Ebay Sales Service Representative**

- Computer hardware and accessory knowledge
- Familiar with computer technology
- Item selection and listing
- Answering questions by email
- Scheduling shipment

Interested candidates should telephone Bob Waldorf at 642-6000, fax resume to 649-6739 Attn: Bob Waldorf or email resume to [bobw@blindcenter.org](mailto:bobw@blindcenter.org)

# October 2006

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<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Foot Care</i> <i>and Nail</i> <i>Trimming</i> <i>with Dr.</i> <i>Marek @</i> <i>11:30am</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Oktoberfe</i> <i>st</i> <i>Member's</i> <i>Party</i> <i>10:30am</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

# “Whether News”

by Jerice West

Whether or not you know, the weather is a matter of knowing the elements of time and space. It takes the weatherman on T.V. no further education than to read what is written on his paper. The people that write these papers are the “Weatherologists” and it takes many a year to earn a college diploma.

Many fragile and expensive tools are used to monitor the weather. There are machines used to tell the temperature, the humidity and also the force and speed of the wind. The people that have studied these results for so many years should be very accurate in preparing the weather forecasts. When I hear “partly scattered thunder storms, a high from 60 to 80 degrees, or even daylight about or around 5:00am” to me there are too many “ifs, ands or buts” to this report. The weatherman really hasn’t told us much. So, I have developed my own weather technology. It’s taken me many years to develop my own method. First thing every morning I jump rapidly out of bed, get dressed for the day and have a good hot cup of coffee. I am then ready for the weather tests. First, you stand tall and straight before the front door, slowly open the door, rapidly roll up your shirtsleeve, then stick your hand outside beyond the roof edge. Slowly retract your hand into visual range. If the hand is dry, it isn’t raining. If the hand is wet, it is raining! If the hand is cold you have a cloudy cold day. If the hand is warm you have a sunny and warm day. If your hair is blown when you open the door, it is windy outside. If you still have a nice hairdo upon opening the door, there is no wind.

Believe me, my weather forecast is the more accurate of the two. It is quick, needs little expensive equipment and you needn’t go to college for a diploma. I have used my technology for many years and have even taught other people to read their results accurately. I haven’t had any complaints or gripes as of yet. So, let’s keep on using common sense for the accurate readings in our life. It is only the laughs that count. Life is too short for frowns.

# Gov. Kenny Guinn Proclaimed October 2006

## **Disability Awareness Month**

- More than 37,000 adults and children in Nevada have disabilities
- Approximately one in five Americans-or 54 million Americans-has a disability

### **Assistive Technology**

Technology has removed many barriers to education and employment for visually impaired individuals. Students with visual impairments can complete homework, do research, take tests, and read books along with their sighted classmates, thanks to advances in technology. Adults with visual impairments can continue to work and pursue a tremendous range of careers because of the use of computers and other devices.

These include:

- Assistive technology programs that run on off-the-shelf computers, can speak the text on the screen or magnify the text in a word processor, web browser, e-mail program or other application
- Stand-alone products designed specifically for people who are blind or visually impaired, including personal digital assistants (PDAs) and electronic book players provide portable access to books, phone numbers, appointment calendars, and more.
- Optical character recognition systems scan printed material and speak the text. Braille embossers turn text files into hard-copy Braille.



## **Video Magnifiers**

**A video magnifier**, or closed-circuit television (CCTV) system uses a stand-mounted or handheld video camera to project a magnified image onto a video monitor, a television (TV) screen, or a computer monitor. There is considerable versatility in types of video magnifiers available today.

**Cameras with zoom lenses** provide variable magnification. In most of these systems, magnification level and focus are set after choosing a comfortable and functional working distance between the camera and the material to be viewed. Some systems use an auto-focus camera. Lower cost CCTVs often use cameras that have a fixed focus and cannot vary magnification or camera-to-target distance. Most cameras also need their own light source.

## **Braille Technology**

Blind or visually impaired people who read Braille can use the following specialized equipment:

- Braille display technology, which provides access to the information on a computer screen in Braille.
- Braille printers that provide hardcopy information from computer devices.
- Electronic Braille Note-takers that provide a powerful alternative to mechanical Note-takers such as the Perkins Braille or slate and stylus.

The following information was found at the American Foundation for the Blind's website [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org). They have more information there on assistive technology and articles on tips for buying an accessible telephone, and more!

***Come and give your tootsies a treat!***

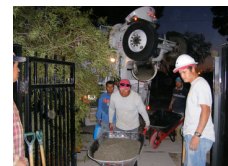
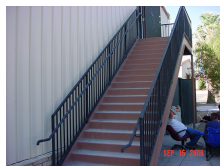
Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>  
1130a.m.



Foot Care and Nail Trimming  
with Dr. Marek  
**Save the date!**

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We would like to share the most recent remodel pictures with everyone. The remodeling project is coming along great and we are so excited with the progress that is being made. We can hardly wait until the *Grand Opening* so that we can share this great project with all of Las Vegas!



We will keep the updates coming and as soon as the project is complete we will announce the *Grand Opening* of this 16,000 square foot remodeling project.

## **Beyond everyday concerns**

Imagine having enough money to last for a thousand lifetimes. Imagine that you have already bought everything you could ever think to buy.

Imagine that you have no need to prove anything or to impress anyone. Imagine that all your goals have been reached and exceeded.

Imagine that you have broken free of every limitation, and that whatever you choose to accomplish, you're able to accomplish. In such a situation, what exactly would you choose to accomplish?

Imagine that you could wake up each morning and spend the day doing the things that are the most meaningful and fulfilling to you. If that were the case, exactly what would you spend the day doing?

The fact is you do have those choices even now. You can decide this very day to follow the path that holds the greatest meaning for you, no matter what your situation may be.

For that is the path that will most dramatically improve your situation. In your mind, get past the everyday concerns, and you'll discover how to truly move beyond them.

**To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. To not dare is to lose oneself.**

**- *Soren Kierkegaard***

**Whoever said anybody has a right to give up?**

**- *Marian Wright Edelman***

## **Announcing the Arrival of the Newest** **In Adaptive Technology** **and Low Vision Items!**

Do you find that drug store magnifiers and reading glasses don't quite clear things up the way they used to? Have you been looking for items to use around the house that will allow you the independence you once had? We have great news for you! The Blind Center offers an informative low vision program. There is ***No Qualifying*** and there is never a fee required 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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