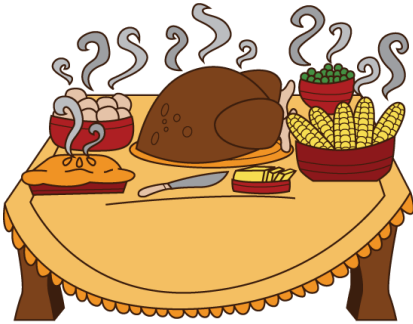




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BCB THANKSGIVING GATHERING



On Wednesday, November 22nd, we will be having a special Thanksgiving dinner in the Community Room at BCB from noon – 2 PM. We will not have a speaker for this event, we will simply enjoy lunch and each other’s company. Typically, Peer Support Group Meetings are not held in November, but we will be offering a Thanksgiving meal this year thanks to an anonymous donor. We will be serving turkey, dressing, mashed

potatoes and gravy, vegetable sides, and pie for dessert.

Please RSVP for this event no later than noon on November 8th since we will need time to plan and order food.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR BCB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018



The end of 2017 is rapidly approaching and its time to start thinking about renewing your membership or joining BCB as a member for the very first time! Members are crucial to the development and leadership of the organization. Our members provide guidance and direction for BCB staff and programs. For as little as \$10 per year, you can become a part of the community

that is changing lives of the blind and visually impaired. Membership with BCB also includes membership with the American Council of the Blind (ACB). Together, you will be connected with thousands of individuals who provide support and share information about issues related to vision loss. Call our office today at (859) 259-1834 to request a membership application by mail or visit our website at bcbky.org to download and print an application from home.

KCB STATE CONVENTION

The 44th annual Kentucky Council of the Blind conference and convention will be November 17 - 18 at the Ramada Inn North, 1041 Zorn Avenue in Louisville. ACB Treasurer David Trott from Talladega, Alabama will be our national guest. The weekend will be packed with exhibits, technology, workshops, food and fun! Call the Ramada at (502) 897-5101 to make reservations; be sure to say you are with the Kentucky Council of the Blind. Watch for convention details on the kcbnews e-mail list, the KCB Facebook page, and on Sound Prints.

THANK YOU TO THE KENTUCKY COLONELS



We'd like to thank the Kentucky Colonels for supporting BCB and making the purchase of our new meeting room refrigerator possible. If you don't know about the Kentucky Colonels, they are an organization of talented and capable men and women appointed by the Governor because of their citizenship and service. Their primary objective is to support Kentucky nonprofits, like ours!

KNFB READER APP CLASS & NEWSLETTER ON USB FLASH DRIVE CLASS

The KNFB Reader app is an essential tool for anyone with a vision impairment. It reads everything from restaurant menus, personal mail, signs, medicine bottles, food labels and much more!

How It Works: Simply take a picture of any text with your device and the app reads it aloud or displays it with a connected Braille display. The app uses high-quality speech to text and OCR for accuracy. The app helps you take a clear photo with viewfinder assist, tilt assist, and automatic text detection. It navigates by line, sentence, word, or character and has synchronized text highlighting.

If you'd like to learn more about how to use this incredible app, join Sam Seavey for an instructive class on Wednesday, November 29th from 1 – 2 PM. He will also be showing those that are interested, how to use a USB flash drive in a Kentucky Talking Book Library digital audio player to listen to the BCB Newsletter. If you do not have an audio player and would like one, we can assist you with an application to submit to the Kentucky Talking Book Library Service to receive one. Please call (859) 259-1834 to RSVP.

BCB AUDIOBOOKS LENDING LIBRARY



Have you used our Audiobook Lending Library? We have several donated books on CD available to borrow. Check out the list on our website at <http://bcbky.org/audiobooks-lending-library/>. Please note: Audiobooks must be picked up in person & cannot be mailed. For all loaned items, including audiobooks, we require a Consumer Intake Form and signed Loan Agreement Form on file. Call (859) 259-1834 for book availability or to place a book on hold for pick-up.

BCB IS COLLECTING PLASTIC LIDS FOR RECYCLING

BCB is assisting the Lexington Lions Club with collecting plastic lids to recycle and turn into park benches to be placed in Masterson Station Park, where the Lions Club hosts the Bluegrass Fair each year. Any amount that you can donate would be greatly appreciated. This keeps the plastic out of our landfills and creates a lifelong bench for people to enjoy. Lids that are accepted include: medicine bottle caps, milk jug caps, detergent caps, hair spray caps, toothpaste tube caps, drink bottle caps, condiment flip-top caps, peanut butter lids, yogurt container lids, etc.

Please deliver the lids for donation loose in bags and not attached to the containers they came off of. If you have any questions about what lids are acceptable, please give us a call at (859) 259-1834.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE



Get ready for a Holiday meal with pork ribs and delicious sides! BCB will be hosting its annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 7 from noon until 3 p.m. BCB will be providing the pork ribs, sides and drinks. Members may bring a dessert to share if they wish, but it is not required. Come prepared to have a good time and celebrate with your BCB family! Back by popular demand will be the rousing game of Dirty Santa. If you wish to receive a gift in the Dirty Santa game, please participate by bringing a wrapped gift (value \$10) for

someone else to open. Just remember that whatever gift you open may be “stolen” by another player. That’s why it’s called “Dirty Santa!” We will also have volunteers on hand to administer end of the year surveys at this event and we appreciate your participation as it helps us with grant requests and reports.

Be sure to RSVP for this event by noon on Tuesday, December 5th or earlier. Keep in mind, only guests that BRING a gift will be able to participate in the Dirty Santa game. We will be checking in gifts and giving tickets to play the game at the door in the BCB Community Room.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:



NOVEMBER 17-18, 2017 – The 44th annual KCB State Convention will be at the Ramada Inn North, 1041 Zorn Avenue in Louisville.

NOVEMBER 22, 2017 – BCB Thanksgiving Gathering will be from Noon – 2 PM

NOVEMBER 29, 2017 – KNFB Reader App Class & assistance with the KY Talking Books Digital Audio Player will be from Noon – 2 PM

DECEMBER 7, 2017 – BCB December Membership Meeting and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange will be from Noon – 3 PM

DECEMBER 12, 2017 – Sheri Pruitt will be giving a presentation and demonstration on the OrCam from 1-2 PM! She'll be showing off the new features that were recently added.

FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – Our very own Tess Flynn will be leading a cooking class where she'll be focusing on measuring ingredients and using the oven! Limited space available so RSVP soon by calling (859) 259-1834.



BCB IS MAKING A CHANGE TO OFFER ONLY COCA COLA PRODUCTS AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS. ITEMS NEEDED FOR PEER SUPPORT INCLUDE: CANS OF COKE BRAND BEVERAGES (ESPECIALLY COKE AND DIET COKE), BOTTLED WATER, PAPER TOWELS, PAPER PLATES, TRASH BAGS

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