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“COOKING WITH TESS” – BCB COOKING CLASS

On Thursday, February 8th, BCB’s very own Tess Flynn will be leading a cooking class from 1 – 2 p.m. where she'll be focusing on measuring ingredients and using the oven. Limited space is available so RSVP soon by calling (859) 259-1834.



FOR LOVE & SIGHT – A TRIBUTE DINNER CONCERT, BENEFITING BCB



On February 9, 2018 Talon Winery and entertainer Ralph Curtis and The Nashville Impostors are hosting a Glen Campbell tribute dinner concert, benefiting Bluegrass Council of the Blind (BCB).

The event will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Ca”Barn”et Barrel Barn at Talon Winery, 7086 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, KY 40515.

This romantic evening will help bring awareness to the growing needs of services for people affected by vision loss. Talon Winery is providing one of the most beautiful and unique venues in the area, and dinner will be catered by Carrabba’s. There will also be several raffle items available to win! General admission tickets include one glass of wine, dinner and the concert and are priced at \$57.50 per guest. To make the evening more memorable, a limited number of reserved tables will be available for \$500 (seating 6 guests) and will include additional benefits such as a table placed in the best position in the room for sight and sound of the show, early event entry, VIP parking, and complimentary wine tasting. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the BCB Special events page at <http://bcbky.org/special-events/>.

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY OUTING

Long time-BCB member, Linda Stewart would like to invite you to join her for a very special Scentsy Party! What is Scentsy? Scentsy is a wickless concept of decorative ceramic warmers designed to melt scented wax with the heat of a light bulb instead of a traditional wick and flame. Join Linda and the BCB staff on Monday, February 12th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the BCB Community Room. Inventory items will be available for purchase. Linda has been a self-employed Scentsy representative for a number of years – join us to support one of our own! Light refreshments will be provided, or you may choose to bring a sack lunch. Call the BCB office to RSVP for this very special Community Outing.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018



Members are crucial to the development and leadership of our 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).

If you would like to become a BCB member, or would like to renew your membership but cannot afford dues, we have a limited number of scholarships available. For information on 2018 membership scholarships, call (859) 259-1834.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Nineteen Eighty-Four

Book Number: DB34268

Access: Downloadable talking book

Location: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.34268>

Novel by George Orwell

Reading time: 11 hours, 16 minutes

Read by Alexander Scourby

A satirical, frightening novel about a future time under a totalitarian regime, where the people believe ignorance is strength and war is peace.

Disclaimer: The book recommendations and opinions from staff and others do not reflect the opinions of Bluegrass Council of the Blind, Inc.

FEBRUARY PEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The BCB Peer Support Group Meeting will take place on February 28th from noon to 2 p.m. in the BCB Community Room. Lunch is still to be determined, and Christina Baker, Constituent Services Representative to Congressman Andy Barr will be the guest speaker. She will speak on how Congressman Andy Barr's office can help with issues that may arise in your social security application process, track your case, and keep you updated on the process. As always, please remember to be polite and courteous during guest presentations. There will be time for questions and answers **at the end**. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Monday, February 26th by calling the BCB office.

BCB QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MARCH 8, 2018

The BCB quarterly membership meeting is scheduled for March 8th from noon to 2 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and we will play Trivia. Join us and enjoy connecting with your fellow BCB members! If you plan on attending, please RSVP by calling the BCB office at (859) 259-1834.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ITEMS FOR LENDING & DISTRIBUTION



BCB currently has several items available for lending and distribution. If you are in need of any of these items, please give us a call. For “extended lending” items, an application will be required for staff review. These items are given on a need-basis and are subject to availability.

Items Available for Extended Lending: iPads, iPods, Large Screen Computer monitors, & CCTVs

Items Available for Distribution: 10x Dome Magnifiers, Large Button Phones, Talking Body Weight Scales, Talking Books on CD, Baby Monitor, Talking Blood Pressure Monitors, Talking Glucose Monitors, Cassette players (some have CD players), High contrast cutting boards, KNFB Reader Apps, Digit Eyes Apps, Talking First Aid Kits

DALLAS ARCHITECTS CREATE ‘LIFE-CHANGING’ APP FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS

Dallas-based WayAround has developed a mobile app using near-field communication technology that is making everyday life easier for those with vision loss or blindness.

The WayAround app, developed by co-founders Darwin Belt and Armand Fisher, uses tags that can attach to anything; files, clothes, food, and more. Those tags have information coded into them that allows the visually-impaired user to hear information about the item the tag is attached to. “The app allows blind or low-vision individuals to get information not just in a recording, but in a structured data format,” Belt said. “You don’t have to listen to all the information, you can choose.” Say you have a sweater in your closet, the tag would attach to the right hem of it, and you put your phone up next to it. The tag communicates to your phone not only what that item is, but the fabric, washing instructions, and even how long it has been since it was last washed. The only thing the user has to do is swipe back and forth to get the desired information. “Most apps have voiceover capability, but the accessibility is an afterthought. We started with that thought in mind.”

Near-field communication, also called NFC is a type of contactless communication between devices such as smartphones or tablets. It allows a user to wave a smartphone over a NFC-compatible device to send information without touching the devices together. “Most apps have voiceover capability, but the accessibility is an afterthought. We started with that thought in mind,” WayAround Currently, WayAround is focusing on in-home aid and will then move toward the public sector. Belt and Fisher said the goal is to see their app and tags used everywhere. The WayAround App is currently available on the Apple store. It is free for download.

Article Link: <http://bit.ly/2qRBpUM>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – Cooking with Tess from 1 – 2 p.m. at the BCB office

FEBRUARY 9, 2018 – “For Love & Sight” benefit dinner at Talon Winery from 7 – 9 p.m. For tickets or for more information, go to <http://bcbky.org/special-events/>

FEBRUARY 12, 2018 – BCB Community Outing with Linda Stewart and the BCB staff from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the BCB office

FEBRUARY 28, 2018 – The BCB Peer Support Meeting is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. at BCB in the Community Room

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