

Lexmark Presents New Copier to BCB

We received a present over the holidays from Lexmark! Thank you so much for our new ACCESSIBLE copier/printer/fax machine! Pictured left to right are Lexmark Accessibility members Patty Cobb, Mark Malone, Dave Schneider and BCB Executive Director, Theresa.



BCB VISTA Volunteer Participates in MLK Celebration



BCB VISTA volunteer Paula Wiese (left) participated, with other VISTAS, in a program held at The Plantory AmeriCorps site, celebrating the January 20th Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The day began with a march honoring Dr. King and continued with educational activities, movies and fellowship, for kids ages five to 13 years old.

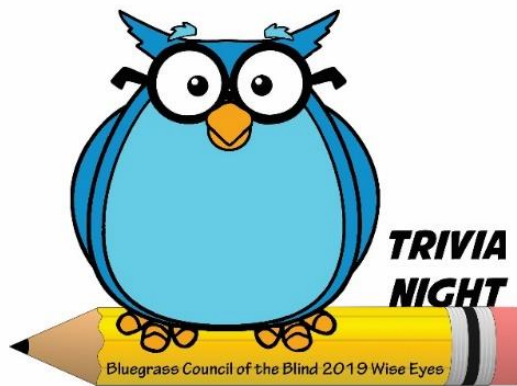


BCB Presents Check to United Way of the Bluegrass

Thank you to United Way of the Bluegrass (UWBG) for supporting our programs and services! BCB participated in a week of fun activities coaxing donations from staff and board for an internal UWBG campaign. BCB proudly presented those donations to Eli Yussuf, Agency Relations Manager at UWBG.

BCB Thanks Wise Eyes Trivia Sponsors & Participants

BCB's first-ever Wise Eyes Trivia Night was a big hit educating 40 participants on services available to person with low vision and blindness and having a little fun too! Eye care professionals put their teams together for the January 22 event at Comedy Off Broadway and helped BCB raise nearly \$2,500. BCB would like to thank participants and sponsors Retina Associates of Kentucky, Dr. Anthony Bisotti, United Healthcare, Erie Insurance and site sponsor Comedy Off Broadway. View sponsors and photos below.



RETINA ASSOCIATES
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Anthony Bisotti OD
A Clear Vision.



Pictured left is team "RAK City" of Retina Associates of Kentucky and pictured right is "Dave's Babes" from the office of Dr. Anthony Bisotti, O.D.



Pictured left is the “Lex Lions” team from the Lexington Lion’s Club, which placed first in the inaugural BCB Trivia Night. Photo on the right is the Kentucky Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology (KATPO) team who placed second and was selected “Best Team Name, the “Macular Degenerates.”

BCB February Community Outing

Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, soft drink and sandwich or donut with us at McLeod’s Coffee House. This special coffee shop on Southland Drive employs people with special needs and is the brainchild of Brewster McLeod, a retired pastor from Southland Christian Church.



Date: Monday, February 10

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: McLeod’s Coffee House, 376 Southland Drive

RSVP: by Friday, Feb.7 to 859-259-1834 (Wheels passes available)

BCB Peer Mentoring Support Group

In January, BCB kicked off the 2020 Mentoring Support Group! We are excited to invite you to join the February meeting! What are your challenges and successes as a visually impaired individual? This is an opportunity for you to participate in a small group setting, on the second Wednesday of each month, facilitated by Dr. Susan Ament. A first time application, for the program, is required. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Ament at 859-259-1834.



Date: Wednesday, February 12

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: BCB Community Room, 1093 S Broadway

Topic: Sharing Tips for Independent Living with Sight Loss

RSVP: by Monday, Feb.10 to 859-259-1834 (Wheels Passes available)

BCB February Lunch & Learn

Date: Wednesday, February 26

Time: Noon - 2:00 P.M.

Where: BCB Community Room at 1093 S Broadway

Program: Mark Armstrong, from the Confident Living Program with the Helen Keller National Center, will speak on Programs for Older Adults with Hearing and Vision Impairments, joined by Chad Hunt of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, presenting on his agency and role as the State Deaf-Blind Services Coordinator.
RSVP: by Monday, Feb. 24 to 859-259-1834 (Wheels passes available)



Book of the Month

“Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography”

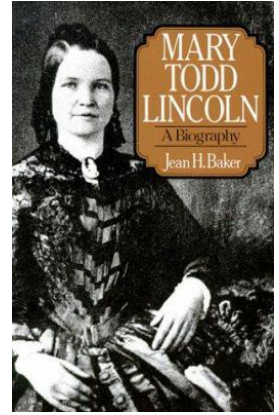
Novel by: Jean Baker

Book Number: DB 26662

Access: Downloadable Talking Book

Reading Time: 16 hours, 46 minutes

Read by: Dale Carter



A scholarly, sympathetic look at the life of Mary Todd Lincoln. Mary Todd's girlhood home is located at 578 W Main Street in Lexington, Kentucky.

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

Join Us as a Member of BCB in 2020!

It's that time of year, when renewing your membership with BCB is vital for many reasons. It's time to renew your commitment to creating a world of accessibility and inclusion.

Much of the funding for our critical work comes from generous individuals like you! Work that allows us to empower people affected by vision loss to reach their goals and discover their true abilities.

So, what do you say! How about joining us in making a difference in our community! Dues for 2020 are only \$10 per member, but we are encouraging members to renew at a higher donation level, if possible. What does independence mean to you? What value would you place on your sight? Please help us with a gift that is significant and meaningful to you. Membership helps us in many ways and we value you as a member. Thank you for considering joining or renewing your membership for 2020. Help us reach our 20/20 Vision.

Pay by credit or debit card online by clicking [<HERE>](#) or by calling 859-259-1834. Checks can be mailed to 1093 S. Broadway, STE 1214, Lexington, KY 40504.



Condolences



BCB would like to extend condolences to the family of Alfred Crabb, Jr., who passed away Saturday, January 11, at the age of 100. Mr. Crabb created Central Kentucky Radio Eye, which began broadcasting newspapers and other materials in 1990. Upon his retirement, he continued to read on a part-time basis. Thank you for your service Mr. Crabb.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and Low Vision Awareness Month

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Location: BCB Community Room

Food Distribution-TBA

Watch Feb. 15 Calendar of Events

BCB March Outing-TBA

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BCB March Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: Noon-2:00 P.M.

BCB March Assistive Technology Seminar

Date: Tuesday, March 16

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

BCB March Lunch & Learn

Date: Wednesday, March 25

Time: Noon-2:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE

2020 SEE CRUISE , SUNDAY, MAY 17
4 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
BANNERS BAR & GRILL

Bluegrass Council of the Blind

2020 SEE CRUISE

FEATURING
Conch Republic

SUNDAY, MAY 17
4 PM-8 PM

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**PRESENTED BY:
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SEE Cruise is a tropical Sail-A-Bration and casual cruise-beach party benefiting Bluegrass Council of the Blind. Banners, 3650 Boston Road, will offer food, drink specials, live music from Conch Republic, a Raffle, Silent Auction and more!

**Admission: \$20 at the door (Includes 6% Sales Tax)
Information, please visit bcbky.org/special-events/**

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