



**SEPTEMBER
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Your BCB eyeKnow Newsletter

Dear BCB Friends,

BCB has published a large print newsletter for 40 plus years! The year 2020 has impacted us in many ways with the pandemic and changes to the postal system. With those postal adjustments, BCB can no longer rely on the mail to get the newsletter to you in a timely manner, or even at all, with free matter mailing.

BCB continues to approach "2020" as a year of "perfect vision!" We've embraced the Zoom format to encourage socializing and provide you with entertaining and informative programs. We've drafted a BCB COVID-19 Playbook and implemented safety measures to see a limited number of consumers in the BCB office.

Here is some good news! The stall in the mail has presented the opportunity for BCB to implement a new updated system for you to access the BCB eyeKnow Newsletter anytime, or as many times as you would like to hear the events schedule and informative news.

The email version of the eyeKnow Newsletter is undisturbed! If you prefer a printed version, you may request to be put on the email list and print it or add a family/friend's email who could print for you.

At this time, we anticipate the interruption of the large print mailing to carry over into 2021. We will continue to evaluate the situation with the Post Office to determine the feasibility of returning to the large print mailing of the BCB eyeKnow Newsletter.

BCB Community In-ing: Virtual Derby Party Sept. 4

The Kentucky Council of the Blind is holding its annual Derby Party by Zoom and BCB is invited to attend on Friday, September 4! There will be recipes for snacks, games and Derby trivia. Join the fun! Hope to see you there!

Date: Friday, September 4

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Topic: Virtual Derby Party

RSVP to 859-259-1834 for the Zoom access info or visit kentucky-acb.org under the Events tab. All you need to join is a landline, smartphone or computer.

UK Human Development Institute Seminar

Accessible, affordable transportation is an essential part of inclusive community life. Arthur Campbell, a disability rights advocate who has dedicated his life to transportation equity, will share a history of the movement for accessible transportation. Frank Huffman, an emerging leader for accessible transportation, will share insight on the ongoing efforts for transportation services in rural areas. Transportation Initiative project director Maria Kemplin will provide an overview of transportation options available.

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Topic: Accessible, Affordable Transportation

Presenters: **Arthur Campbell, Jr.** is a disability rights advocate and part of the movement leading to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. He is the 2015 Lifetime Advocacy Award recipient from the Kentucky Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation. **Frank Huffman** is a disability rights advocate. He is the 2020 recipient of Kentucky Protection and Advocacy's Victoria Scott/Billy Cox Award for Advocacy. **Maria Kemplin** is the Project Director for the Human Development Institute's Transportation Initiative.

Registration: Visit HDI Webinar Registration to register for free. For help registering, contact walt.bower@uky.edu

Please register here:

https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JJOXICHiT6SIByR4eeb0Cg

BCB September Lunch & Learn, Sept. 23

Join BCB for this fascinating hour as we listen to Austin Robinson, Board Certified Music Therapist, who will discuss the benefits of music therapy for healing and well-being.

Date: Wednesday, September 23

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

Topic: Music Therapy

Presenter: Austin Robinson, MM, MT-BC, Board Certified Music Therapist and owner of Edge Music Therapy.

RSVP: Call 859-259-1834 for Zoom access details

BCB Quarterly Membership Meeting Sept. 30

The Annual Business and Quarterly Membership meeting will be held, Wednesday, September 30. Join your fellow BCB Members at this annual meeting for board elections and reports, current news about BCB, how we have progressed over the past year,

despite obstacles, and new ideas to implement for our future together. There will be door prizes and other announcements. Please attend this once-a-year event as we need your voice to sustain our vital work!

Date: Wednesday, September 30

Time: 1 p.m.

Topic: BCB Annual Membership meeting

Location: Zoom meeting

To RSVP: Call 859-259-1834 for Zoom access details.

2020 SEE Cruise–Sailing the Air-Waves Oct 11!

The Bluegrass Council of the Blind is excited to announce the final itinerary of the 2020 SEE Cruise - “Sailing the Air Waves!” That’s right! Our cruise-themed event is going virtual and will be an extended, week-long virtual cruise! We will set sail on Sunday, October 4 with the launch of our online auction and raffle, followed by a week of exciting live, online updates, auction package features, giveaway’s, and reaching our final



destination with a “sail-abration” on October 11 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. featuring live music from Conch Republic and lots of surprises from our honorary SEE Captain, LEX18 Chief Meteorologist, Bill Meck. Tune in for fun and philanthropy on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or on the auction website.

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our donors and volunteers over the past seven years, this annual event has raised nearly \$93,000 to support life-changing programs for Kentuckians who are blind or visually impaired. We hope we can count on **your** support this year to help us reach our goal of \$20,000!

We are currently seeking event sponsors, as well as items for our silent auction and raffle. This cruise ship-themed virtual event will sail the air waves from the live sound stage at the Lexington School for Recording Arts, broadcast LIVE over multiple social media platforms and our event website. Our silent auction and raffle will launch one week prior to the live event (October 4) and conclude at 5:30 p.m. on October 11. All sponsors and donors will be distinctly recognized.

Because of the current economic situation, due to the pandemic, we know it is very difficult for businesses and restaurants to donate silent auction items and we want to respect them and do what we can to help them in their situation. For this reason, we are requesting that our friends and supporters consider purchasing items and gift cards from your favorite local businesses that you would like to support through the pandemic and donate those items to the BCB auction – providing a wonderful way for you to support your favorite businesses and restaurants while also supporting programs for people with vision impairments. For more info, see the September issue of the BCB eyeKNOW News

or call the office at 859-259-1834. We hope you will join us on October 11 and invite your friends to join in the “sail-abration!”

Transportation Available for COVID-19 Testing

A transportation service to take people with disabilities needing transportation to COVID-19 testing sites has been announced. It is a partnership between the Department for Aging and Independent Living and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. This service will take participants to and from a scheduled COVID testing appointment.

Call 877-925-0037 to start the application process and learn more about the program. You can watch a video to learn more here: <https://youtu.be/veNkmiinjkk>

This service will cover people who may not qualify for Medicaid to get needed transportation to local, free drive-thru testing sites.

Big thanks to DAIL and the Transportation Cabinet for making this happen!



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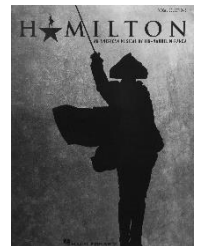
Book of the Month

“Hamilton: An American Musical”

By: Miranda, Lin-Manuel; Janson, Patrick

Book Number: BRM36785

Access: Downloadable Talking Book, 4 Volumes



A Broadway musical “inspired by the book Alexander Hamilton” by Ron Chernow. (Book Number: DB58364)

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

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