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For medical care, contact:

**Urgent Care:** Urgent Care Crossroads (5.1 Miles)

- Address: 325 N 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68114
- Phone number: (402) 715-5272
- Hours of operation: Mon Sat: 8 am 8 pm, Sun: 8 am - 4 pm

**Hospital:** University of Nebraska Medical Center (2.8 Miles)

- Address 42nd & Emile St, Omaha, NE 68198
- Phone number (402) 559-4000

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- Address 3001 Dodge St, Omaha, NE 68131
- Phone number (402) 342-3301
- Pharmacy Hours: Mon Fri: 9 am 1:30 pm & 2 pm - 7 pm, Sat: Closed, Sun: 10 am - 1:30 pm & 2 pm - 6 pm

## **Guide Dog User Information**

Guide dog relief areas are built and maintained by Scoop Masters and are located near hotel exits. ACB volunteers and hotel staff will be happy to help you locate the areas.

Please keep in mind that the convention can be very stressful for your dog; you may need to relieve your dog more often than usual. Although the relief areas are cleaned at regular intervals, as always, please pick up after your dog. Trash receptacles are located near relief areas.

Should an indoor accident occur, please report it to Scoop Masters at (661) 714-0049. You should remain at the accident location to help alert others while you

await assistance. If an accident occurs in your room, you may be charged for the clean-up.

A few courtesy reminders from Krissy, the guide dog of Janet Dickelman, ACB Convention Coordinator:

"Thanks for reading these, they will make my job, and that of all your guides, so much easier! Always keep your guide on a short leash when out and about in the hotel. I know my mom gets distracted by people and things so if I am not close to her side, or on a short leash, I sometimes forget my best manners and get into mischief. Please give us guides a chance to relieve at least twice as often as at home, because you know how it is when away from home - different water, lots of excitement and disrupted schedules, etc. And, oh yes, please always pick up after us. I am so embarrassed by what my mom says when she steps in poop!! Remember that convention is one of the most stressful working environments for us, your fuzzy eyes, so please give us every opportunity to be successful!"

## **Veterinary Care**

**Lone Tree Animal Care Center (1.6 miles)** 

- Address: 524 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68102
- Phone number: (402) 834-1305
- Hours: Mon Tues: 8 am 5 pm, Wed: 12 pm 8 pm, Thurs: 8 am 5 pm, Fri: 7 am 4 pm, Sat: 8 am 12 pm (Every other Saturday), Sun: Closed

## Emergency Vet: VCA Midwest Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center (10.4 miles)

- Address: 9706 Mockingbird Drive, Omaha, NE 68127
- Phone number: (402) 614-9000

### **Religious Activities**

#### Saturday, July 2

- 4:00 pm Catholic Mass: Father Bernard Kimminau, St Patrick's Church, McCook, NE
- 4:00 pm Interdenominational Church Service: Rev. Peter Heide, Baraboo, WI
- 4:00 pm 5:15 pm: Jewish Service: Temple Israel, HH Flat Iron

### **Convention Standing Rules**

Adopted by the ACB Board of Directors, April 1, 2022

- 1. Each debatable issue before the convention shall be limited to approximately twenty (20) minutes with a two-minute time limit per speaker, alternating between affirmative and opposing speakers, unless a majority of the members agree to extend debate for an additional period of time.
  - A. Motions to close debate will not be recognized by the chair during the first debate period. After the first debate period, properly moved motions such as "I call for the question" or "I move the previous question" will be handled by the chair and voted on by the assembly.
  - B. The chair may close debate when no one seeks the floor.
  - C. Each member is respectfully urged to speak directly to the issue before the assembly and avoid unnecessary and time-consuming dialogue.
  - D. No member will be recognized a second time to debate until all who wish to debate have been recognized.
  - E. The parliamentarian will act as timekeeper.
- 2. Recognition to speak will be given to those members who properly address the chair either using the "raise hand" feature of the Zoom internet meeting client program or while standing at a

- microphone in the convention hall and giving their names and affiliation.
- 3. Changes to the published convention program may be proposed to the membership as deemed necessary by the presiding officer or his/her appointee. The presiding officer will explain the reason for such change and inform the assembly of their right to question the recommended modification. After this explanation, if twenty-five (25) or more members object to the proposed change by raising their hands using the Zoom meeting client, or, if in the convention hall, by raising their hands or standing, the change will then require debate and a majority vote to modify the convention program.
- 4. Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited to five minutes per candidate with the speaking time allocated according to the candidate's wishes. A person nominated for an office more than once shall be limited to one minute.
- 5. When no candidate for office receives a majority vote, the election shall be between the top two candidates. Affiliate votes will be reported in whole or half numbers. In all uncontested elections as

- verified after three calls for additional nominations, the chair may declare the candidate elected by acclamation. "Write in" candidacies are not permitted.
- 6. A. Once a voice vote has been taken on a resolution or an amendment thereto, in accordance with Section C of Article III of the American Council of the Blind Constitution, and the chair has announced the result of that vote, the chair shall ask whether anyone voting in the minority objects to the vote. If at least twenty-five (25) members, either using the "raise hand" feature of the Zoom internet meeting client program or, if in the convention hall, raising their hand or standing, object to the result, then a record vote on the resolution shall be required.
  - B. After debate has ceased on a resolution and it is subsequently determined that a record vote is required, no further amendments may be proposed.

### **General Session Agenda**

#### Saturday, July 2

7:00 pm: Call to Order: Dan Spoone

- Moment of Reflection
- Presentation of Colors Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard, Bellevue, NE
- National Anthem Amanda Coker, Omaha, NE
- Welcome to Convention: Mark Bulger, President, ACB of Nebraska, Omaha, NE
- ACB Highlight Video
- 7:30 pm: ACB President's Report: Dan Spoone, Orlando, FL; Executive Director's Report: Eric Bridges, Alexandria, VA
- 8:00 pm: Diamond Sponsorship Presentation: Bob Ciminera, CEO, Vispero, Clearwater, FL
- 8:15 pm: Life Member Presentations: Dan Spoone and Nancy Marks-Becker, ACB Chief Financial Officer, Minneapolis, MN
- 8:35 pm: ACB Angels Presentations:
  - Yolanda Phelan, Hawaii
  - Vicki Johnson

- 8:55 pm: ACB First -Timers: Kenneth Semien Sr., Chair, Durward K. McDaniel First Timers Committee, Beaumont, TX
- 9:15 pm: ACB JPMorgan Chase Leadership Fellows: Eric Bridges, Alexandria, VA
- 9:35 pm: Nominating Committee Report: Brian Charlson, Watertown, MA
- 9:40 pm: Roll Call of Affiliates: Denise Colley, ACB Secretary, Richmond, TX

#### Sunday, July 3

8:30 am: Call to Order

 Pledge of Allegiance - JPMorgan Chase Leadership Fellows: Judy Brown, Shoreline, WA; Cecily Nipper, Covington, GA; Kristin Kelling, Grand Rapids, MI

8:40 am: ACB Business

ACB Sponsor Recognitions, corporate and individual sponsors

8:50 am: Credentials Committee Report: Ralph Smitherman, Brandon, MS

9:00 am: Diamond Sponsorship Presentation - Vanda Pharmaceuticals: Jennifer Lyman, Midwest Nurse Educator, Chicago, IL and Vicki Preddy, Southeast Nurse Educator, Orlando, FL

#### 9:15 am:

- ACB Angels Presentation: Bernice Kandarian, California
- Presiding Officer: Deb Cook Lewis, First Vice President, Clarkston, WA

9:30 am: International Guest, Marc Workman, President, World Blind Union, Canada

10:00 am: Scholarship Presentations

10:30 am: Break

10:45 am: News from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), Jason Broughton, Washington, DC

11:15 am: Nominations and Candidate Speeches, Election Information

11:55 am Door Prizes and Announcements

#### Monday, July 4

8:30 am: Call to Order

 Pledge of Allegiance: Visually Impaired Veterans of America (VIVA) Singing of America the Beautiful

8:35 am: ACB Business

• ACB Sponsor Recognitions, Corporate Sponsors:

8:50 am: ACB Angels Presentation: Josette Kernaghan, British Columbia, Canada

9:05 am: Affiliate Roll Call for ACB Board of Director Elections

 Presiding Officer: Ray Campbell, Second Vice President, Springfield, IL

9:30 am: Omaha Historical Presentation

9:40 am: Scholarship Presentations

10:00 am: Break

10:15 am: ADP Awards

10:50 am: Member and Affiliate Relationships: Cindy Hollis, Manager of Membership Engagement, Flat Rock, MI

11:10 am: Nominations for Board of Director, Candidate Speeches

11:55 am: Door Prizes and Announcements

#### Tuesday, July 5

8:30 am: Call to Order

 Pledge of Allegiance: Recipients of Ross Pangere Scholarships

8:35 am: ACB Business

ACB Sponsor Recognition, Corporate Sponsors:

8:40 am: Diamond Sponsorship Presentation: Saqib Shaik, Principal Engineering Manager, Microsoft, Bellevue, WA

8:55 am: ACB Angels Presentation: Rod Chard, Colorado

9:10 am: Affiliate Roll Call

 Presiding Officer: Denise Colley, Secretary, Richmond, TX

9:35 am: ACB Advocacy Updates: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy, Alexandria, VA; and Swatha Nandhakumar, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, Alexandria, VA

9:55 am: CCLVI Scholarship Presentations

10:10 am: Break

10:25 am: ACB Scholarship Presentations

10:45 am: Talking Book Narrator: Ray Foushee, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY

11:15 am: Nominations for ACB Board of Directors Position, Candidate Speeches

11:55 am: Door Prizes, and Announcements

#### Wednesday, July 6

8:30 am: Call to Order

 Pledge of Allegiance: DKM First - Timers: Joe Green, Sacramento, CA and Gregg Wandsneider, Waukesha, WI

8:35 am: ACB Business:

ACB Sponsor Recognitions

8:40am: Diamond Sponsorship presentation

9:05 am: Affiliate Roll Call

9:30 am: Sylvia Stinson-Perez, Chief Programs Officer, American Foundation for the Blind, Arlington, VA

 Presiding Officer: David Trott, ACB Treasurer, Talladega, AL

9:45 am: ACB's Growth Report: Eric Bridges, ACB Executive Director, Alexandria, VA; and Nancy Marks-Becker, ACB Chief Financial Officer, Minneapolis, MN

10:00 am: Presentation by Day Al-Mohamed, Director of Disability Policy, Domestic Policy Council, Washington, DC (invited)

10:15 am: ACB Scholarship Presentations

10:35 am: Break

10:50 am: Report on the ACB Walk and Auction: Donna Brown, Walk Chair, Romney, WV; Leslie Spoone, Chair, ACB Auction Committee, Orlando, FL; and Dan Dillon, Chair, ACB Resource Development Committee, Hermitage, TN

11:05 am Spoken Rx: What is the Latest from CVS?

11:20 am: Nominations for ACB Board of Directors or BOP

11:55 am: Door Prizes and Announcements

#### Thursday, July 7

8:30 am: Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance: JPMorgan Chase Recipients: Danette Dixon, Lynnwood, WA and Byron Lee, Minneapolis, MN
- ACB Sponsor Recognition, Corporate and Individual Sponsorships

8:50 am: Diamond Sponsorship presentation: Monica Desai, Vice President, Global Connectivity Policy, Meta, Washington, DC

9:20 am: Affiliate Roll Call

9:40 am: Resolutions

10:10 am: Treasurer's Report: David Trott, Talladega, AL

10:30 am: Resolutions

10:50 am: Break

11:05 am: Resolutions

11:25 am: ACBES Report: Rev. Michael Garrett, Chair, ACB Enterprises and Services, Missouri City, TX

11:35 am: Resolutions

12:00 pm: ACB Mentoring, Access and Peer Support, Kenneth Semien Sr., Chair, Durward K. McDaniel First-Timers Committee, Beaumont, TX

12:15 pm: International Relations Committee, International Voices Contest Presentation: Maria Kristic, IRC chair, Albany, NY

12:30 pm: Convention Report: Janet Dickelman, Convention Coordinator, Saint Paul, MN

12:45 pm: First Reading of Constitution and Bylaws Report, John McCann, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair, Tucson, AZ

1:00 pm: Brett Oppegaard, The UniDescription Project

1:10 pm: Resolutions

7:00 pm: ACB Banquet

 Banquet Emcee: Patrick Sheehan, Outgoing ACB Board Member, Silver Spring, MD

Moment of reflection:

7:45 pm: Presentation of BOP Awards; Zelda Gebhard, Board of Publications, Edgeley, ND; and Cachet Wells, Board of Publications, Jacksonville, FL

8:00 pm: Presentation of ACB Awards: Awards Committee Co-chairs Koni Sims, Sioux Falls, SD, and Carrie Muth, Coos Bay, OR

8:15 pm: Keynote Speaker: Judy Heumann

8:55 pm: ACB Braille Forum Raffle Drawing: David Trott, ACB Treasurer, Talladega, AL; and Nancy Marks-Becker, ACB Chief Financial Officer, Minneapolis, MN

## **Special-Interest Affiliate Meeting**

**Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss** 

**President: Jeff Thom** 

**Registration: \$10** 

#### Sunday, July 3, CHI 213

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: AAVL Lunch

Program begins at 1:00 pm: Unraveling the Medicare

Tangle

Lori Scharff, ACB's Medicare expert, will give you the information you need to better understand the maze that is the Medicare program. Eligibility, benefits, gaps, and special plans are just a few of the areas that she will cover.

#### Monday, July 4, CHI 215

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Unraveling Advocacy for Vision Rehabilitation Services
Explore innovative advocacy efforts wherein states can obtain funding under the Medicaid "Older Individuals who are Blind" program. This program provides an array of vision rehabilitation services; however, funding is extremely limited. Learn how to utilize the Older Individuals who are Blind and Medicaid programs.

Co-sponsored by AAVL and the Rehabilitation Issues Task Force

#### Tuesday, July 5, CHI 213

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Choosing Where to Live as You Age: Downsizing Part 1: How can we know when the time is right? Our panel will offer expert guidance on making important decisions on where we might live as we grow older.

Presenters: Carrie A.B. Hoarty, MD, Physician, Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine, Omaha, NE; Mary Ann Eusebio, Information & Assistance Division Director, Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, Omaha, NE.

Co-sponsored by AAVL and ACB Women

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Choosing Where to Live as You Age: Downsizing Part 2: How to Choose What's Right for Us. A conversation with a panel of ACB members who have made a variety of choices about where to live as they grow older.

Presenters: Kate Chamberlin, freelance writer and retired elementary school teacher, Walworth, NY; Jean Mann, retired New York State employee, Albany, NY; Linda Yacks, widow, mother, and grandmother, Harrison, AR

Co-sponsored by AAVL and ACB Women

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm: Dance of the Ages, \$15, HH
Grand Ballroom
Music for all ages will be provided by our D.I. Wh

Music for all ages will be provided by our DJ. Whether you like waltzes, line dances, or something in between, it will happen. We have also prepared an area for conversation while listening at a lower volume. Light snacks and a cash bar will be available. And plenty of door prizes.

Co-sponsored by AAVL, ACB Next Generation, and CCLVI

**American Association of Blind Teachers** 

**President: Tabitha Brecke** 

**Program Chair: Carla Hayes** 

Registration: \$10 (\$12)

Saturday, July 2, CHI 213

8:00 am - 9:30 am: AABT Breakfast and Program "The Statue of Liberty: The Rest of The Story," \$30 (\$35)

Learn about the fascinating history of the Statue of Liberty in this humorous and insightful program presented by the most requested historical speaker in Nebraska.

Presenter: Darrel W. Draper, Edutainer, Plattsmouth, NE.

#### Tuesday, July 5, CHI 215

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Meet the Talking Book Narrator - This is your opportunity to hear more from and ask questions of our 2022 talking book narrator, Ray Foushee, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

Co-hosted by LUA, AABT, BRL, and FIA

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: One Book, One ACB: "Their Plant Eyes: A Personal and Cultural History of Blindness," by M. Leona Godin

Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL, FIA and MCAC

#### Wednesday, July 6, CHI 211

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: "It Takes a Village: Working Together to Prepare Students in Transition." There are a lot of expectations for schools to provide all the essential academic skills to prepare for life beyond secondary education. There is often not enough funding to meet all the need. We know that technology is an integral part of our daily life. Nancy Flearl from the Nebraska Foundation for Visually Impaired Children will share how a simple non-profit is working in partnership with school districts and Vocational Rehabilitation to support students in transition.

Presenter: Nancy Flearl, Board President, Nebraska Foundation for Visually Impaired Children, Omaha, NE.

## American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys

**President: Chris Prentice** 

Registration: \$10

#### Saturday June 25, Zoom only

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: AAVIA Business Meeting

#### Saturday, July 2, CHI 215

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: AAVIA and Advocacy Committee Civil Rights Panel. This session will discuss recent achievements, ongoing legal efforts, current risks, and opportunities in the courts concerning issues of importance to members of ACB.

Presenters: Matthew Handley, Partner, Handley Farah & Anderson, Washington, DC; Christina Brandt-Young, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates, New York, NY.

Co-sponsored by AAVIA and Advocacy Services Committee

#### Tuesday, July 5, CHI 211

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: AAVIA Lunch 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Perspective from an Attorney from the UK (program begins at 1:00 pm)

Hear from Adal Ibrar, barrister, London, England, a Visually Impaired Attorney. Mr. Ibrar will talk about key experiences and observations of his training and career in the law. Through discussion with AAVIA members, it is hoped that illuminating contrasts and similarities will emerge.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Ten Ethical Issues Lawyers Face Today

This session, led by Cynthia Hawkins, Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL, will offer an expert perspective on key ethical issues facing lawyers and affecting public perceptions of the legal profession.

Presenter: Cynthia Hawkins, Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL.

Wednesday, July 6, CHI 208

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: The History and Current Role of Fraternal Benefit Societies

This session will feature representatives of a major Omaha-based fraternal benefit society, explaining the historical and contemporary importance of these organizations.

Presenter: Lynn L. Espeland, Vice President and General Counsel, Woodmen Life, Omaha, NE.

#### **ACB Diabetics in Action**

**President: Tom Tobin** 

**Program Chair: Danette Dixon** 

Registration: \$25

Those paying the affiliate registration cost will receive handouts upon request.

#### Saturday, July 2, HH Grand Ballroom A

5:00 pm - 6:45 pm: Come Tailgate with ACBDA, (inperson only)

Join ACB Diabetics in Action Sugar Warriors as we team up with the Get Up and Get Moving Campaign and the Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk Team for some fun, prizes, tasty snacks and a cash bar. The tailgate

party starts before the Brenda Dillon Walk and will remain open during the walk and for a time after the walk concludes.

This will be a great time to socialize with members of ACBDA, Get Up and Get Moving and Brenda Dillon Walk organizers and friends.

#### Tuesday, July 5, CHI 208

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Knuckling Down on Endocrinology; Current and Future Treatment Strategies

Hear from a panel of global, leading endocrinologist regarding current and future best practice treatment strategies for managing Type I and Type II diabetes.

Facilitator: Terry Suarez, Diana Isaacs Endocrinologist Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Knuckling Down on Using and Demonstrating Durable Medical Equipment

Empowering clients to independently manage their diabetes and other chronic diseases with low or no vision. Kim's passion for preventing diabetes and its complications through education stems from first-hand experience. Not only does she deal with

diabetes daily, but many of her family members do so as well. Kim will demonstrate how to use many different devices for diabetes.

Presenter: Kim Ladd, RN, BS, Diabetes Educator/Health Education Specialist, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Richmond, VA.

#### Wednesday, July 6, CHI 211

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBDA: Accessible Pharmacy

Knuckling Down on Accessibility - Three co-founders of Accessible Pharmacy will describe their rationale behind the founding of a full-service pharmacy serving the needs of individuals with blindness and vision impairment. One of the business partners who is blind will explain his vision for a full-service pharmacy, sharing his own personal disappointing experiences with mainstream pharmacies. In addition, you will hear from Accessible Pharmacy's Chief Medical Officer about accessible durable medical equipment, inclusive of continuous glucose monitors, and generally, how Accessible Pharmacy works to meet the needs of their blind and vision impaired customers!

Presenters: Dr. Alex Cohen, PhD, Chief Marketing and Accessibility Officer, Fairless Hills, PA; Dr. Jason Barrett, PharmD, Chief Medical Officer, Fairless Hills, PA; and Andy Burstein, Chief Executive Officer, Fairless Hills, PA.

## 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Knuckling Down with Peer Mentor Relations

The ACBDA Peer Mentor Relations Program is a scientifically based peer support network which encourages members who have a variety of experiences, or length of time with both diabetes and/or sight loss, (mentors) to interact with one or more of their peers confidentially who request extra support, encouragement or like-experiences through Diabetes and sight loss, (mentees). This peer-to-peer mentoring relationship model allows for not only the sharing of information and experiences, but also the chance to gently challenge others to take a close look into their own personal lives to see what simple adjustments could be made to better support a life of both sight loss and diabetes. Additionally, these bonds provide a safe place to bring new ideas and thoughts to the table, and even move past some of the things that are uncomfortable, safely expanding

our personal comfort zone, to gain a better knowledge and understanding of living with sight loss and diabetes together. Knowing that we are not alone in these experiences or challenges can make such a positive difference in our lives, providing new shed light upon the face of adversity and amidst the darkness, in which so many of us live.

#### **American Council of Blind Families**

**President: Carla Ruschival** 

Registration: \$15

Register for ACB Families and be eligible to win door prizes. Lots of fun and lots of winners!

#### Saturday, June 25 (Zoom only)

1:00 pm: ACBF Business Meeting

5:30 pm: ACB Families Goes to Camp

It's summertime - time for sitting around the campfire, eating hotdogs and s'mores. Whether you're a kid or a kid at heart, camp is a special experience. Share stories; play games; experience a skit called "Forest," written by a student at the Kentucky School for the Blind and performed by the Reader's Touch

Productions from the Tri-State Library Users and directed by Dr. Terrie Terlau, Louisville, KY.

Finally, discover some camping opportunities for today's fun-loving folks!

#### Sunday, July 3, CHI 211

5:30 pm: ACBF - Everyone Can Play!

Resources and ideas for accessible toys and games; share family-tested tips from parents, grandparents, and teachers alike.

Facilitator: Patty Slaby, retired teacher of the visually impaired, Arcadia, WI

#### Monday, July 4

7:00 am - 8:15 am: ACBF Breakfast - Preserving Our Memories, \$20 (\$25), CHI 213

Preserving family memories is more than stuffing pictures into a shoebox. Find out how to preserve tapes and videos and how to begin collecting oral histories with Micheal Hudson, Director of the museum at the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, KY.

Always an inspiring speaker, Micheal is sure to get you motivated to actively collect those memories of your kids, cousins, and school and ACB friends.

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm: Bingo - It's a Families Tradition, \$8 (\$10), HH Grand A (In-person only)

Braille cards, large print cards, and lots of great prizes! Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring the kids - fun for all ages!

#### Wednesday, July 6, CHI 208

5:30 pm: Making Sense of the Census

It's a once-in-a-decade event! The 1950 Census is here, and it includes cousins, neighbors, aunts and uncles, grandparents - even family friends! They are all waiting to be discovered, and many will be people you know. Every ten years the United States conducts a census, and 72 years after the census date it becomes public. Packed with family information and details; get on the road to discovery.

#### **American Council of Blind Lions**

**President: Ray Campbell** 

Registration: \$10

Register for ACB Lions to be eligible to win our special door prizes. Winners will be drawn following the close of the ACB Conference and Convention.

#### Thursday, June 23

9:00 pm – 10:30 pm: ACBL Business Meeting (zoom only)

#### Saturday, June 25

9:00 pm: Milly's Place (zoom only)

Share stories about your local Lions Club activities. Bring your favorite chips, sandwiches and beverages and have a good time with Lions from across the country. All Lions, friends of Lions, and anyone interested in becoming a Lion is welcome.

#### Tuesday, July 5

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: Lions Luncheon Reverse Visit, \$35 (\$38), CHI 213

Meet Lions from Omaha and discover how blind Lions are making a difference across America. Open to active Lions, former Lions, and anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Lion.

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Lessons in Leadership, CHI 215

Becoming a leader is like climbing a ladder. Some people make it to the top, while others only take two or three steps toward the goal. Lion Mary Lee Turner of Portland, OR, and Lion Jack Lenk of St. Louis, MO, are both members of ACB Lions and they are both past District Governors. They will share how they, as blind Lions, navigated the climb to this office and how they successfully completed the many responsibilities and requirements of this position. True lessons in leadership that can apply to any organization.

#### **ACB Next Generation**

**President: Amanda Selm** 

Co-Program Chairs, Melanie Alt Sinohui and Cassie Trosper

Registration: \$10

#### Thursday, June 23 (Zoom only)

7:30 pm – 8:45 pm: Prose and Poetry Reading

Showcase of the Performing Arts

Co-sponsored by FIA and ACB Next Generation

#### Saturday, June 25

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: ACB Next Generation and ACB Students Convention Pep Rally (Zoom only)

Who's got spirit? We do! Let's get fired up for the 2022 ACB Conference and Convention. Join ACB Next Generation and ACB Students for our Convention Pep Rally. Enjoy meeting new friends, fun icebreakers, and learn about all our amazing events, as well as important information you will need to make your convention experience, whether virtual or in person, a great one. Bring your favorite snacks and get ready to root for ACB 2022. We can't wait to cheer with you!

Facilitated by Amanda Selm, ACB Next Generation president, Louisville, KY; Olivia O'Connell, ACBS convention program chair, Commerce Township, MI; Gregg Wandsneider, Waukesha, WI.

#### Saturday, July 2, CHI 211

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Pitch in an Elevator: Talking It Up When You're Going Down

Creating Your Personal Elevator Pitch Workshop - Many of us find it very difficult to talk about ourselves but being able to make a lasting impression in a few short seconds is an integral part of networking and sometimes even landing that job opportunity. Join the ACB Employment Committee as we work with participants in a workshop setting to fine tune and share your elevator pitch.

Co-sponsored by the ACB Employment Committee and ACB Next Generation

#### Saturday, July 2, CHI 211

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Meet the Framily

Friends who are family - Whether you've been with NextGen from the beginning or you're hearing about us for the first time, come hang out and mingle with new and old friends to kick off this year's convention. You might even win a door prize!

Presenters: Melanie Sinohui, ACB Next Generation convention chair, Phoenix, AZ; Amanda Selm, ACB Next Generation president, Louisville, KY; Cassie Trosper, ACB Next Generation board member, North Bend, OR.

#### Monday, July 4

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: "Selling Yourself: How to Put Your Best Foot Forward in the Evolving Employment World," CHI 213, (\$32) (program begins at 1:00 pm)

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Smart Home Living, CHI 211

A myriad of products that make your life and home more comfortable, cleaner, safer, and independent will be demonstrated and discussed. This is always a crowd-pleaser. Whether you are with us in person or virtually, you won't want to miss this!

Sponsored by ACB Next Generation and CCLVI

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: How to Not Be Afraid of Your Kitchen 101, CHI 208

Does the thought of undercooked meat scare you?

Are you nervous when chopping your veggies? Do you want to learn how to prep and meal plan for your budget? Join Herbie Allen as he goes in depth into kitchen and food safety and Janeen Lea as she focuses on making your money go further and meal prepping to make your busy nights easier.

Presenters: Amanda Selm, President, ACB Next Generation, Louisville, KY; Herbie Allen, ACB Community cooking call host, Houston, TX; Janeen Lea, ACB Community call cooking host, Kissimmee, FL.

## Tuesday, July 5, CHI 215

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Self Care is Health Care

Take charge of your physical, mental, and emotional health. ACB Next Generation and ACB's Get Up and Get Moving invite you to come and learn about the connection between mind, body, and spirit. Come stretch out your body and energize your spirit by learning to relax! Participants will also be able to share their best practices for self-care. You'll learn from Leslie Spoone, Certified Fitness Instructor, Orlando, FL; Koni Sims, retired Medical Massage Practitioner, Sioux Falls, SD and Terry Suarez,

Certified Respiratory Therapist, Clermont, FL.

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm: Dance of the Ages (\$15)

Music for all ages will be provided by our DJ. Whether you like waltzes, line dances, or something in between, it will happen. We have also prepared an area for conversation while listening at a lower volume. Light snacks and a cash bar will be available. and plenty of door prizes.

Co-sponsored by AAVL, ACB Next Generation, and CCLVI

#### **ACB Radio Amateurs**

**President: Harvey Heagy** 

**Program Chair: Marcia Moses** 

**Registration: \$10** 

#### Thursday, June 23

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBRA Business Meeting (Zoom only)

Wednesday, July 6, CHI 208

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBRA Program

Steve Dresser (WA1RTB) will demonstrate an accessible interface for the NannoVNA, a low-cost microprocessor-based device for analyzing antenna performance.

#### **American Council of Blind Students**

**President: Aaron Espinoza** 

Program Chair: Olivia O'Connell

# Friday, June 24 (Zoom only)

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Residential Adjustment to Blindness Training Center Panel

Join ACB Students for a panel featuring representatives from three blindness training centers: the Hellen Keller Center, the Carroll Center for the Blind, and one of the National Federation of the Blind centers. These three centers are located across the country, and their representatives will join us to speak about the programs offered within them. Learn how their programs can help you gain your independence in travel, cooking, reading, writing, using technology,

doing recreational activities, and more. Come learn about the importance of having a positive attitude on blindness. There will be a Q&A at the end of the session.

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS Business Meeting

## Saturday, June 25 (Zoom only)

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: ACB Next Generation and ACB Students Convention Pep Rally

## Friday, July 1

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm: ACBS Next Generation Friday Night Bash, HH TBD

#### Saturday, July 2, CHI 208

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBS, Blind Activism and Advocacy Panel

Join ACB Students for our panel on blind activism and advocacy with blind life coach Charlie Kramer, Los Angeles, CA and blind video editor, producer, and podcaster Lance Johnson, Brooklyn, NY!

Come learn just how beautiful self-advocacy can be. Charlie and Lance will discuss their life experiences, outlooks on blindness, and advice for blind students with us.

# Sunday, July 3, CHI 215

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Student Led Discussion

Join ACB Students leaders to hear their perspectives on some of the many critical issues impacting blind students today. Our students will discuss navigating blindness in education, health care, and in using assistive technology, and then we will give you the chance to meet and interact with other students while participating in these discussions too!

## Monday, July 4, CHI 208

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBS Social Justice and Identity Based Training

Join ACB Students for a transformative social justice training and learning experience. Come meet other blind students, engage in self-empowering and discovery activities, and learn about how important

and impactful the identity of blindness can be for all of us! Get tips on advocating for yourself, finding self-confidence, and dealing with the difficulties of blindness!

**Blind Information Technology Specialists** 

**President: Earlene Hughes** 

**Program Chair: Penny Moss** 

Registration: \$10

Friday, July 1, CHI 213

4:00 pm - 6:45 pm: BITS/CCLVI: Vendor Showcase

If you use a screen reader and/or magnification in your daily life, this showcase affords you the opportunity to see what is new in the Exhibit Hall later in the week. Several products will be demonstrated with time for some questions and answers. It also gives you the chance to prepare your questions for when you visit these vendors' booths, in-person or virtually, over the next several days.

Saturday, July 2, CHI 213

10:00 am - 11:15 am: BITS: Navigating Your World

Do you get frustrated because you have trouble getting help with reading labels or scanning documents? Come to this enlightening presentation where you can learn about the SuperSense and the Voice Dream Suite. You may be surprised to find out how much these apps can help with everyday tasks.

Presenters: Shane Lowe, SuperSense Team, Community Operations Director, Mediate, Cambridge, MA

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: BITS: On the Go: Laptops and Tablets

Have you ever wondered about the differences between laptops and tablets? Confused about which one to buy? Come enjoy this informative presentation so you can decide which device is right for you.

Presenters: Matt Vollbrecht, Founder and Owner, The Tech Juggernaut (TTJ) Services, Everett, PA; Chris Maae, Vice President, Blind Information Technology Specialists and ACB Next Generation member, Long

Beach, CA; Mike Hartwig, Blind Information Technology Specialists member, Wausau, WI.

## **Braille Revival League**

**President: Paul Edwards** 

Registration: \$10

# Thursday, June 23 (Zoom only)

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: BRL Constitutional Changes

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: BRL Nominations and Candidate

Forum

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: BRL Other Business

#### Sunday, July 3, CHI 211

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: LUA: Up Close and Personal with NLS Director, Jason Broughton

Mr. Broughton presented at morning general session; here is your chance to learn more from him and ask questions about NLS.

Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL and FIA

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Not Your Mother's Library: The Modern Public Library - What Awaits You There. Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL, and FIA

## Monday, July 4, CHI 211

7:00 am – 8:15 am: BRL Breakfast, \$30 (\$35)

Guest speaker, Marc Workman, Chief Executive Officer, World Blind Union, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

## Tuesday, July 5, CHI 215

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Meet the Talking Book Narrator

This is your opportunity to hear more from and ask questions of our 2022 talking book narrator, Ray Foushee, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

Co-hosted by LUA, AABT, BRL, and FIA,

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: One Book, One ACB: "Their Plant Eyes: A Personal and Cultural History of Blindness," by M. Leona Godin

# Cosponsored by LUA, BRL, FIA and MCAC

#### Wednesday, July 6

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Understanding Where Our Writing System Braille Has Been, CHI 215

During this session learn from three panelists fascinating information regarding Braille. Philippa Campsey, University Professor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will provide new information about the early history of braille. Tamara Rorie, Arlington, VA will discuss new braille archives. Judy Dixon, retired consumer relations officer, Arlington, VA will enlighten us on methods of doing research about braille and where people can find documents of interest.

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: New Uses for Braille in Periodicals, CHI 215

This session will feature a panel chaired by Paul Edwards.

Learn about the use of UEB for cooking in magazines and books from Brian Charlson, Watertown, MA, and

Judy Dixon, Arlington, VA.

We will then learn about new knitting magazines and how to use knitting charts from Judy Wilkinson, retired English professor, San Leandro, CA and Tamara Rorie, Arlington, VA. Finally, we'll learn about crossword puzzle magazines from Ralph Smitherman, BRL secretary, Brandon, MS, and Jane Carona, BRL treasurer, Silver Spring, MD.

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Games with Ralph, HH Hill (inperson only)

This session will feature prizes and will include a full set of games hosted by Ralph.

**Blind LGBT Pride International** 

**President: Gabriel Lopez Kafati** 

**Program Chair: Anthony Corona** 

Registration: \$10

Saturday, June 25 (Zoom only)

4:00 pm: BPI/MCAC/GDUI Candidate Forum

## Saturday, July 2

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Furry Tails, CHI 208

There have been so many memorable moments and persons in the American Council of the Blind over the last 60 years, but there have been so many furry skilled professionals who live in our hearts and memories. Sunday Edition is partnering with GDUI for a program to recognize some of these amazing guides. Join us as we remember and honor these wonderful dogs and, of course, their handlers.

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Making Gay History, CHI 208

Friend to BPI and frequent collaborator Eric Marcus of the Making Gay History podcast joins us to highlight the moments in the LGBTQ fight for equality that changed our world and the course of our history.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: BPI Movie Rocky Horror Picture Show (in-person only), CHI 208

Grab your toast points, popcorn, noise makers and water bottles and prepare to "Time Warp" with us

#### again!

There will be surprises, songs, and of course all the classic hijinks this beloved movie offers, including some members dressed up as movie characters. There will be a prize for the best costume as well.

## Sunday, July 3

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: BPI Beyond Swiping: Seeking Romantic Connection and Compatibility in the 21st Century, CHI 208

It's a digital world; so much is accomplished by double tapping and swiping. Our fingertips make so many decisions for us. We even try to find dating prospects through apps in this busy, cluttered reality. But how do we seek the unique chemistry between humans that no high-tech interface can replace? How do we know if a connection is real or just a fleeting rightward swipe? How do we recognize attraction and cultivate romance in this fast-paced world? This discussion is meant to explore the complexities of 21st century dating. We'll put our phones in our pockets and talk about the core fundamentals we rely upon in seeking lasting compatibility.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: 3D Audio Excursion, CHI 208

Back by popular demand, come with Chris Snyder as he takes you on another 3D audio excursion to places real and fantastic. Put on your headphones, sit back and journey with us as we go from the ordinary to the unbelievable. We'd tell you what to expect, but where would be the fun in that? Life is an adventure, and this is one you won't want to miss!

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: A Day in the Life of an Audio Engineer/Describer; CHI 208

Join Chris Snyder as he takes you through a workday for a blind AD professional. You'll get to hear what it's like to QC a script, voice, edit and mix a program, and ask questions afterward. The curious and the aspiring AD professionals won't want to miss it.

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: What are the Colors of Our Rainbow (in-person only), HH Cozzens

Let's ponder pronouns. Why are "she" and "he" so limiting? How can we expand our vocabulary and minds to celebrate gender diversity and equity? Have you ever asked your colleagues, friends and