**Subject: NFBNJ President Linda Melendez Notes, Items of Interest and Dates to Keep in Mind for Week Ending December 12, 2020**

Greetings to all,

I have highlighted several items of interest and upcoming events for your consideration. Please read entire email; if found worthy consider participating, sharing with others and saving for future reference.

1. Chapter and Division Membership Dues
2. Access Link Town Hall participation details
3. Affiliate Fellowship Gathering participation details
4. Next Book Club
5. Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey 2021 Winter Classes
6. NFBNJ Dates to Keep in Mind

Warmly,   
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**1. Chapter and Division Membership Dues:**Thanks to all who have already paid their 2021 membership dues. To those who still need to pay, this is a reminder that a $5 or $10 dues makes you a member of a Chapter/Division of the NFBNJ, a member of our Affiliate and a member of the National Federation of the Blind! It makes you a stakeholder in the NFB! With this comes all the privileges of membership: actively participate at meetings, make a motion, have your voice heard, receive minutes and agendas of meetings and so much more. Please see contact information below to pay dues (we welcome all newcomers too!):

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**2. Access Link Town Hall participation details**  
Topic: Representatives from NJ Transit’s Access Link will meet with us to discuss our suggestions and what’s ahead.  
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
Time 7:00 to 8:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://zoom.us/j/6477660103?pwd=MUl1dnZQU1JxMkhUemdCSHZUM21HUT09

Meeting ID: 647 766 0103  
Passcode: 460 994

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**3. Affiliate Fellowship Gathering participation details; all are welcome**Topic: Join us for an early New Year’s Eve celebration on Saturday, December 19 fellowship gathering as we say good-bye to 2020 and let’s look forward to 2021  
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020  
Time: 10:00 to 10:50 AM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://zoom.us/j/6477660103?pwd=MUl1dnZQU1JxMkhUemdCSHZUM21HUT09

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**4. Next Book Club**Request for distribution from Janie Degenshein, President NFBNJ Senior Division

Our next book will be “The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto” DB83578   
Albom, Mitch; Reading time: 9 hours, 54 minutes. Read by James Konicek. A production of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; General Bestsellers

Music narrates the life of Frankie Presto, from his time in Spain after the Civil War, where he was raised by a blind music teacher, to his death in America. Frankie immigrates to America with only a six-stringed guitar. As he plies his craft, he realizes its effect on people. Bestseller. 2015.

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Time: 6 PM   
NFBNJ Affiliate Conference Call Line   
Dial: 1 605 468 8005   
Access Code: 460994 followed by the pound sign

**5. Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey 2021 Winter Classes**Request for distribution from Elsa Zavoda, Program Director

Registration is now open and classes will start the week of January 11, 2021 and will continue on our virtual platform. Our winter roster has been expanded further to include several new exciting classes and programs, including some evenings. We are also offering several new educational enrichment opportunities and Tech Talks programs; registration is required for each class. For questions or difficulties please email us at: [beyondsight@vlanj.org](mailto:beyondsight@vlanj.org) or call us at (973) 567-1249. For a list of classes visit <https://www.vlanj.org/programs/program-schedule/>

**6. NFBNJ Dates to Keep in Mind:**Special Note: All meetings will be held via Zoom unless otherwise indicated

Tuesday, Dec 15, 2020 7 PM Access Link Town Hall  
Saturday, December 19, 2020 10 AM Fellowship Gathering   
Monday, January 11, 2021 7 PM Technology Division Meeting   
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6 PM Book Club on the NFBNJ Conference Call Line  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7 PM Student Division Meeting  
Sunday, January 17, 2021 4 PM Central Jersey Chapter Talent Show  
Monday, January 18 , 2021 7 PM Senior Division Meeting   
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7 PM Sports and Recreation Division Meeting   
Monday, January25, 2021 7 pm Town Hall; details to follow  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7 PM At-Large Chapter Meeting   
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7 PM Braille Committee Meeting on the NFBNJ Conference Call Line