Thursday, November 7:

9:00am – 12:00pm: Senior Possibilities Fair – Crystal Ballroom Salons 1 and 2

8:30am: Registration outside Salon 1 and 2

Connie Scheu – Moderator

George Dillman – Pennsylvania Department of Banking

Chris Cowan – Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services

9:00am – 12:00pm: Convention Registration Pickup and Basket/Door Prize Drop Off –

Lobby Conference Room

9:00am – 5:00pm: Hospitality Suite – Desert Meeting Room

10:00am – 5:00pm: Exhibit Hall – Crystal Ballroom Salons 5 and 6

10:00am – 12:00pm: Beyond the Eclipse – Mirage Meeting Room

Stacie Leap – Moderator

Dr. David Hurd, Planetarium Director and Professor of Astronomy at Penn West University, will present with tactile science books

Ken Quinn, Penn West University

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch – Garden Atrium

Must present pre-purchased meal ticket

1:00pm – 4:00pm: Techin’ Care of Business – Garden Atrium

David Goldstein – Moderator

Emily Gindlesperger – Legislation of Accessible Technology

Stacie Leap –

Michael Watson – Sunglass Hut, Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses

Debra Erickson MS – Executive Chef and Founder of The Blind Kitchen

Pam Baquero – Blind Merchants/BEP Program and the technology

Chris Cowan – Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services

1:30pm – 3:00pm: Budgets and Credit – Crystal Ballroom Salons 1 and 2

Emily Gindlesperger – Moderator

George Dillman – Pennsylvania Department of Banking

3:00pm – 4:00pm: Fundraising – Lobby Conference Room

Emily Gindlesperger – Moderator and Committee Chair

5:30pm: A Warm Erie Welcome and the Celebration of Veterans – Garden Atrium

5:30pm: Doors Open and Cash Bar

6:00pm: Welcome to Erie

Connie Scheu – Erie Chapter President

Joseph Schember – Mayor of Erie

Kirk Hunger – Dinner Blessing/Grace

6:30pm: Pasta Bar Dinner – must present prepurchased meal ticket

7:00pm: Celebration of Veterans

Lynn Heitz – Opening Remarks

Not confirmed – Invocation

Preston Gaylor – Pledge of Allegiance

Angelina Angelcyk – National Anthem

Brian Mackey – “The Veteran”

Simon Bonenfant – “America the Beautiful”

Jim Jonas (not confirmed yet) – National Association of Blind Veterans

Certificate Presentation

Bill McCann (not confirmed yet) – Taps

Emily Gindlesperger – Closing

Jazz Cabaret and Jam Session Immediately Following

Friday, November 8:

7:00am – 11:45am and 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Hospitality Suite – Desert Meeting Room

8:00am – 10:00am: PA Parents of Blind Children – Garden Atrium

Emily Gindlesperger – Moderator and President

Dr. Carole Clancy – Director, PA Bureau of Special Education

Dr. Sheena Rancher – Assistant Professor of Special Education, Bridgewater State University

Dr. Adam Schmidt – Associate Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Psychological Sciences, Texas Tech University

Dr. Sarah Victor – Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychological Sciences, Texas Tech University

Dan Gardner – CEO, ViewPlus Technologies

8:00am – 10:00am: PA Association of Blind Merchants – Mirage Meeting Room

Pam Baquero – Moderator and President

9:00am – 10:00am: Deaf-Blind Division – Crystal Ballroom Salon 1

Chris Westbrook – Moderator and President

9:00am – 10:00am: PA Association of Guide Dog Users – Crystal Ballroom Salon 2

9:00am – 3:00pm: Exhibit Hall – Crystal Ballroom Salons 5 and 6

10:15am – 11:45am: PA Association of Blind Students – Garden Atrium

Simon Bonenfant – Moderator and President

10:15am – 11:45am: Jigsaw In-Person Meeting – Crystal Ballroom Salon 1

Chris Westbrook– Moderator and Vice President

10:15am – 11:45am: Blind Seniors Group – Crystal Ballroom Salon 2

Connie Scheu – Moderator and Chair

10:15am – 11:45pm: PA Association of Blind Parents – Mirage Meeting Room

Stacie Leap – Moderator and President

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch and Meeting of the Board of Directors – Garden Atrium

Lynn Heitz – President, National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania

Tracy Soforenko – National Representative

1:00pm – 1:30pm: Nominating Committee – Mirage Meeting Room

David Goldstein – Moderator and 1st Vice President

1:15pm – 2:15pm: Diabetes Action Network – Garden Atrium

Christine Palmer – Moderator and Chair

1:30pm – 2:30pm: Be a Tiger in the Office – Exhibit Hall Crystal Ballroom Salons 5 and 6

Angelina Angelcyk - Moderator

1:30pm – 3:00pm: Meet the National Rep – Hospitality Suite Desert Meeting Room

2:00pm – 4:00pm: Let’s Do Something Fun – Mirage Meeting Room

Accessible Board Games, Electronic Games and More

Connie Scheu – Moderator

2:30pm – 4:00pm: Pop-Up Braille Challenge – Garden Atrium

Dr. Sheena Rancher – Moderator

5:30pm – 9:30pm: Baskets and Bingo Fundraiser – Crystal Ballroom

5:30pm: Doors Open/Register/Basket Preview

6:30pm: Bingo (first 5 games)

7:00pm: Taco Break – speeches

7:30pm: Auction

8:15pm: Bingo (last five games) and Thank you!

9:00pm: Karaoke (not confirmed)

Saturday, November 9:

7:00am – 8:15am: Hospitality Suite – Desert Meeting Room

8:30am – 11:45am: General Sessions – Garden Atrium

12:00pm – 1:30pm: Lunch Break

Soup and Salad: Crystal Ballroom Salons 1 thru 4

1:45pm – 5:00pm: General Sessions – Garden Atrium

6:00pm: Doors Open and Cash Bar Available – Garden Atrium

7:00pm: Banquet – Garden Atrium

Dancing to follow

Sunday, November 9:

8:30am: Chapter Breakfast – Garden Atrium

Sunday, November 10:

Chapter Breakfast

Closing Remarks by National Representative Tracy Soforenko

Closing Remarks by Affiliate President Lynn Heitz