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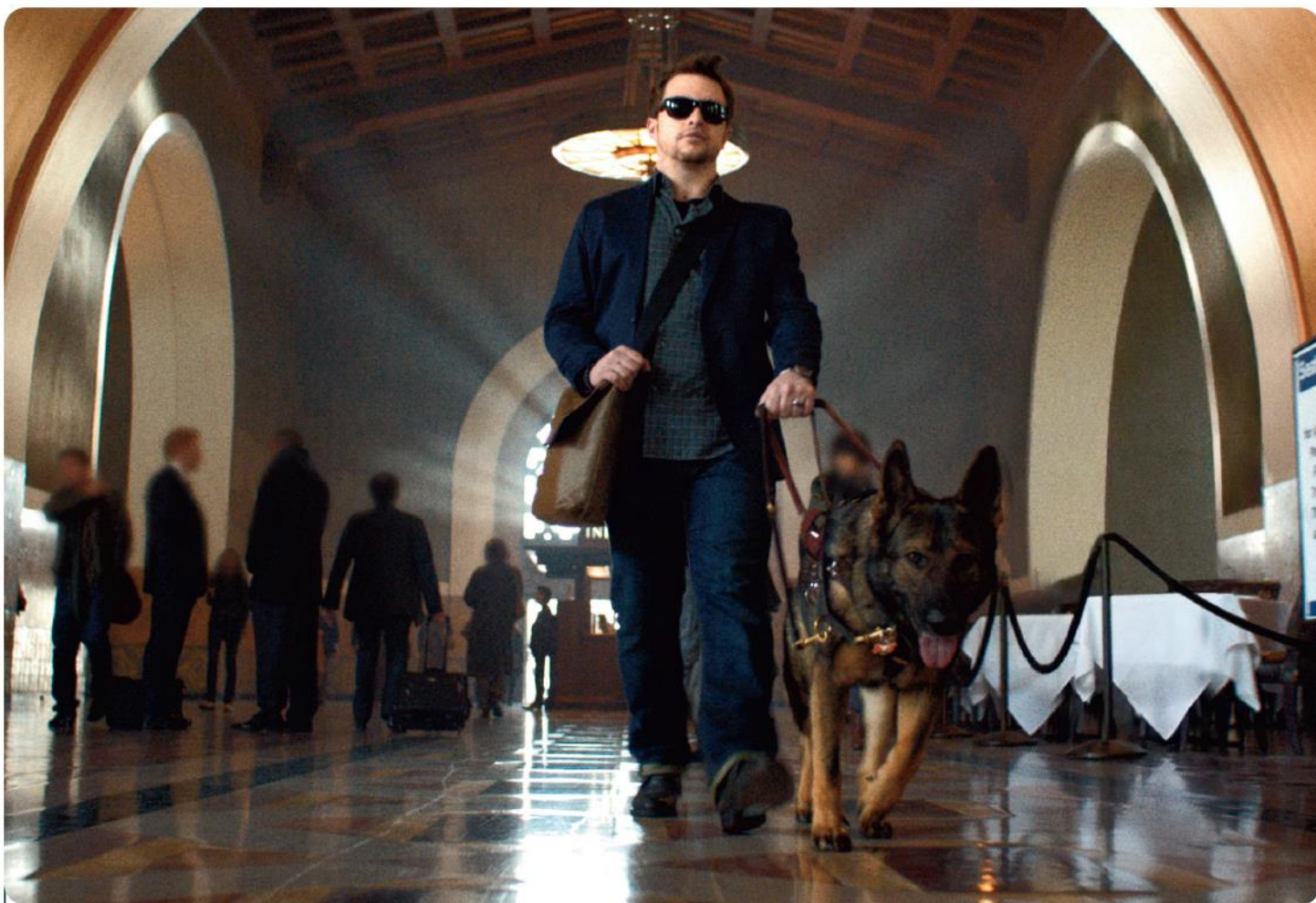
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President's Message

Welcome to the 62nd annual conference and convention of the American Council of the Blind, broadcast on the ACB Media Network, and in-person in Schaumburg, Illinois. The theme of the 2023 convention is “Winds of Change!” which was to have been the theme in 2020 when we were initially scheduled to come to Illinois for our convention. Of course, we all know that the winds blew in a pandemic which changed so many things beyond anything we could have imagined. But this is still a great theme for this year's convention since today's obstacles represent tomorrow's opportunities. Making opportunities turn into successes for people who are blind or visually impaired is what our work at ACB is all about! And in these unique and continually changing times, the efforts of our members to pull together and present an outstanding event is a testimony to the passion and tenacity of our ACB Family. You will hear much more about ACB's successes and challenges during what should be our busiest and most information-packed convention ever.

Every ACB convention relies on scores of volunteers who work to make this event possible. I want to personally thank the members of the Convention Committee, chaired by Janet Dickelman; the Convention Program Committee,

Community Zoom hosts, and the ACB Media Network team.

Likewise, let me acknowledge the work and dedication of our ACB staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help make the convention a success. You are all fabulous!

Finally, a very warm welcome to those of you attending the ACB convention for the first time. This hybrid event will offer our members and friends a wonderful chance to experience a truly exceptional program in the comfort of your own home or in Schaumburg. There will be over 25 hours of audio-described virtual tours, a robust vendor exhibit hall and amazing live tours, daily general sessions with knowledgeable presenters across the full range of issues that impact our community and over 100 breakout sessions from our affiliates, committees, and sponsors. This unique experience will shape our organization for years to come, and we can't wait to get together in person or on the ACB Media Network.

Plan now to join us in 2024 and come to Jacksonville, Florida next year.

Enjoy a great convention!

Deb Cook Lewis, Interim ACB President



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Sunday, July 2, 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM



Join Ryan Jones for the Annual User Group meeting. All skill levels are welcome. We'll demonstrate and discuss the recent developments and look at what's coming in 2024. We will also discuss how you can help shape the future of our products. Bring your questions and join the fun as we kick off the 2023 Convention!

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Calendar

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Candidates Forum; Virtual

Saturday, June 17

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm: ACB Summer Auction; Virtual

Monday, June 19

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm: ACB Convention Call to Order; Virtual

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Nominating Committee; Virtual

Nominating Committee room will open at 7:30 pm.

The doors will be locked at 8:00 pm.

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Resolutions; Virtual

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Overview; Virtual

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Resolutions; Virtual

Thursday, June 22

10:00 am - 11:15 am: VIVA Business Meeting; Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Best Practices for Managing Type I and Type II Diabetes; Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Envision: A look at the Past, the Present, and the Future; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Guide Dog Schools Update; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Web Accessibility, Defining the Problem; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Updates on NLS's Foreign Language Offerings; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: The CVTA Explained; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Guide Dog School Updates; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: The Continuous Rise of Antisemitism & Anti-Zionism: The Situation & Solutions; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBRA Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: FIA Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: More from the Streaming Services;
Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: What is Advocacy?; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Responsible AI is Accessible AI:
Microsoft's approach to the future of accessible
technology; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Lessons in Leadership - Getting Off to
a Good Start; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: More from the Streaming Services;
Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Yoga with Leslie Spoone; Virtual; not
streamed

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: LUA Business Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: AABT Business Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Digital Musicmaking: Hardware and
Software to Make and Mix Music on Keyboard; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBL Business Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACB Next Gen Meet and Greet; Virtual

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Resolutions; Virtual

Friday, June 23

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Toward a World with Zero Barriers
with Zero Project, Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Is Fundraising a Profession for
You?; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Identifying Web Accessibility
Standards, Principles and Guidelines; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Perfecting Professionalism on
Paper; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Focusing on Eye Health in Guide
Dogs; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Lost in Space iBug Today: Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACVREP Certified Audio Description
Specialist (CAUDES) Update; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Aging into Dual Sensory Loss; What is the Road Forward?; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: This is my Story, This is my Song; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids; The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: OKO the Revolutionary New Pedestrian Crossing App; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Panel discussion with the experts: Leverage Technology in Work, Play and Life; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Cardio Happy Hour with Leslie Spoone; Virtual; not streamed

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: AD Across the Arts; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Writing, Composing, and Performing Virtually; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS Business Meeting and Elections; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: IVIE Business Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Match Wits with Next Gen and the Boomers; Virtual

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Constitution and Bylaws; Virtual

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Making a Big Difference with Rehabilitation Coaching; Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Who Are You? Blind, Queer, They and Other Identifiers; Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Audio Description Research; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Overcoming Common Pitfalls and Tools to Assist in Finding Gaps in Web Accessibility; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Bots, AI, Social Media, and the Virtual: Exploring the Brave New World of the Future Career Search; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Audio Description for Kids; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: The Unique Matching Process; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBF Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: RSVA Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: You Got the Job; Now What?; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Solutions That Make You More
Productive and Efficient Throughout Your Work Day;
Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: AAVIA Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: CCLVI Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Audio Description Across the Globe;
Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: AAVIA Business Meeting (continued);
Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: CCLVI Business Meeting (continued);
Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Sister Power Happy Hour; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Writers Workshop: Writing Fiction for Young People; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Keys to the Convention; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACB Families Goes to Camp; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Next Gen and ACBS Pep Rally; Virtual

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Virtual Showcase of the Performing Arts; Virtual

10:00 pm - 11:15 pm: Showcase After Hours; Virtual

Friday, June 30

8:00 am - 5:30 pm: The Museum of Science and Industry; Onsite

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: ACB Board Meeting; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Jewish Service with Rabbi Lenny Sarko; Onsite, Connection

6:15 pm - 10:30 pm: Detective Dinner; Onsite

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm: Scholarship Winners Dinner Invitation Only; Onsite, Schaumburg E

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm: Welcome to Schaumburg; Onsite, Utopia C

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Friday Night Bash; Onsite, Schaumburg G

9:00 pm - 12:00 am: RSVA/IVIE Mixer; Onsite, Utopia A

Saturday, July 1

7:30 am - 9:00 am: AABT Breakfast, Broadcasting: Past, Present and Future; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

7:30 am - 9:00 am: Janssen, (a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson) invites you to join them for breakfast and a listening session on life experiences with retina degenerative diseases, OnSite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

9:30 am - 4:00 pm: Holocaust Museum; Onsite

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Berl Colley Leadership: We've Got to Stop Meeting Like This!; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

10:00 am - 11:15 am: HIMS Session; Onsite, Nirvana A

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Accessible Prescription Advocacy
2030; Onsite; Nirvana B

10:30 am - 3:30 pm: Beach Day; Onsite

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Berl Colley Leadership: Happenings
from the Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are
Blind or Visually Impaired Since the Pandemic; Onsite
& Virtual, Schaumburg G

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Compassion Fatigue: When Helping
You is Hurting Me; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Seleste, the Future of Smart
Glasses - Affordable, Thin and Fast; Onsite,
Schaumburg E

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Paving the Holy Braille Highway;
Onsite, Schaumburg C

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBL Reverse Visit Lunch; Onsite,
Schaumburg C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: RSVA: All about the Illinois Business
Enterprise Program; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Confidently Communicate with Care;
Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: First They Came For: Why "Don't Say
Gay" Affects All of Us; Onsite, Nirvana B

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Do You Mind; Onsite, Nirvana A

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Hours; Onsite, Adventure
Hall

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; Onsite,
Imagination

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA: Tech It Out!; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg G

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: 3D Immersive Sound Experience;
Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: RSVA: Tips and Tricks for the iPhone
and MAC; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Keys to the Convention; Onsite, Utopia A

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: ACB Next Generation Meet and Greet;
Onsite, Nirvana A

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Giving Society Reception (by invitation only); Onsite, Utopia C

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Interdenominational Service; Onsite, Nirvana B

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Catholic Mass; Onsite, Nirvana C

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: LDS Sacrament Meeting; Onsite, Connection

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Friends of Bill W, Onsite, Innovation

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Amazon; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm: Tailgate Party; Onsite, Schaumburg C

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Exhibitors' Reception (Invitation Only); Onsite, Euphoria

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Opening General Session; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg Ballroom

Sunday, July 2

7:30 am - 8:45 am: GDB Breakfast; Onsite, Utopia A

7:30 am - 8:45 am: Life Member Breakfast (Invitation Only); Onsite, Utopia C

7:30 am - 7:00 pm: Tube Down the River; Onsite

9:00 am - 10:15 am: To Mobility and Beyond: The Success with APS: Updates and User Stories; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Update on Legal Issues Impacting People who are Blind or have Low Vision; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

10:30 am - 11:45 am: Making the Case for a More Equitable Paratransit Future, Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

10:30 am - 11:45 am: Structured Negotiations and Legal Settlements: Are They Effective Enough and Can We Develop a Better System for Obtaining Appropriate Legal Remedies for People with Vision Loss?; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: AAVL Lunch, Onsite, Schaumburg C

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: RSVAAwards Luncheon; Onsite, Schaumburg E

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm: ACB Students Luncheon, Got Your Tongue; Onsite, Utopia C

12:15 pm - 6:15 pm: Chicago History Museum; Onsite

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Text to Speech, Artificial Intelligence and You; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Cooking Without Looking; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Organize Yourself: How to Get and Keep Your Ducks in a Row; Onsite, Nirvana A

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's; Onsite, Schaumburg C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: Taming the Rural Streetscapes; Onsite, Utopia A

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: CCLVI Vendor Showcase; Onsite, Nirvana B

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Breaking In: A Young Disabled Lawyer's First Year; Onsite, Nirvana C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Releasing Pain from the Past Allows You to Age Gracefully: Conversations with LGBTQ+ Healing Practitioners, Virtual

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; Onsite, Imagination

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Defining the New Normal; Onsite, Schaumburg C

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: AI and the Big Boys; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: What Now: The Impacts of the Pandemic and Available Infrastructure Funding on Transportation; Onsite, Utopia A

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Speed Networking: The Vendor Game; Onsite, Nirvana A

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: What's New with JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion; Onsite, Nirvana B

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Are We Really Here: Online and Zoom Lawyering; Onsite, Nirvana C

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Hours; Onsite, Adventure Hall

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Connecting Our Growing Community of Authors and Readers for an Exceptional Opportunity to Network!; Onsite, Utopia A

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: The Supreme Court's Term in Review: Featuring Bill Piatt; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Mental Health Advocacy Works; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBDA Mixer; Onsite, Euphoria

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm: RSVa Comedy; Onsite, Utopia C

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: SASI Social; Onsite, Schaumburg C

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: BPI Mixer; Onsite, Euphoria

9:00 pm - 10:15 pm: Prose and Poetry; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

9:00 pm - 12:00 am: RSVa Karaoke; Onsite, Utopia C

Monday, July 3

7:00 am - 8:15 am: ACBF Breakfast - Growing Our International Family; Onsite, Schaumburg C

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: General Session; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg Ballroom

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Pizza and Gangster Tour; Onsite

11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Hours; Onsite, Adventure Hall

12:15 pm - 6:00 pm: National Museum of Mexican Art Museum; Onsite

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Learn About all the Ways that Hadley Can Help; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Up Close and Personal with Jake Williams; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Accessible Documents Provided by the IRS; Onsite, Nirvana C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Making Gay History; Onsite, Nirvana B

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; Onsite,
Imagination

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: The Four "I's" of Low Vision; Onsite &
Virtual, Schaumburg E

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Advocate for Yourself Any Place, Any
Time, and Any Situation; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg G

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: An Overview of Equipped for Equality's
Work Under the ADA for Those Who are Blind or
Have Low Vision; Onsite, Nirvana C

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Speak Up; Onsite, Nirvana A

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Mentoring Team Tea (Invitation only);
Onsite, President's Suite

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Running to Win: A Blind Attorney's
Experience to Seek Public Office; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg E

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Film Screening: One Step at a Time: A
Journey of Hope, Commitment and Resiliency; Onsite
& Virtual, Schaumburg G

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Meet the All New APH ConnectCenter;
Onsite, Nirvana C

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Intracortical Visual Prosthesis
Research Project; Onsite, Nirvana A

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: VictorReader Stream 3; Onsite,
Nirvana A

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Scholarship Winners Reception;
Onsite, Nirvana B

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting; Onsite, Euphoria

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah; Onsite,
Connection

6:15 pm - 12:00 am: RSVA Casino Trip; Onsite

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm: ACB/JPMorgan Chase Leadership
Fellows Private Reception (by invitation only); Onsite,
President's Suite

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm: Bingo - It's a Families Tradition;
Onsite, Nirvana

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: FIA Showcase of the Performing Arts;
Onsite, Utopia

10:00 pm - 12:00 am: FIA and BPI Open Mic; Onsite, Utopia

Tuesday, July 4

7:00 am - 8:15 am: FIA and BPI Breakfast; Onsite &
Virtual, Schaumburg E

7:00 am - 8:15 am: AFB Breakfast; Onsite, Utopia A

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: General Session; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg Ballroom

9:15 am - 5:30 pm: Wine Tasting; Onsite

11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Hours; Onsite, Adventure
Hall

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: IVIE Luncheon; Onsite, Schaumburg E

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: Voices from Around the World
Luncheon; Onsite, Schaumburg G

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: AAVIA Luncheon; Onsite, Nirvana C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Continuation of IVIE Luncheon -
Session I: Learning About IRS Accessibility Services;
Session II: Link Up with the All New APH
CareerConnect: Inform, Empower, Impact; Onsite &
Virtual, Schaumburg E

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Continuation of Voices Luncheon -
Where's My Gate? Airline Accessibility Challenges
and Opportunities Through a Global Lens; Onsite &
Virtual, Schaumburg G

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: NLS and the E-reader; Onsite,
Schaumburg C

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm: A Perspective from the UK; Onsite,
Nirvana C

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; Onsite,
Imagination

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Library Users of America Meet with
NLS Deputy Director Jason Yasner; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg E

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Crossing the Big Pond to Hawaiian
Paradise with Your Guide Dog; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg G

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: IVIE Business Expo; Onsite, Innovation

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Conversation with World Blind Union President, Martine Abel-Williamson; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: BARD Mobile Smartphone App; Onsite, Schaumburg C

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm A Conversation with Uber, OnSite & Virtual, Schaumburg G
Join representatives from Uber to learn how they are improving the rideshare experience for passengers with disabilities, including service dog handlers.

Moderated by Clark Rachfal, ACBs, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs.

4:30 pm - 11:00 pm: White Sox Game; Onsite

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: StellarTrek; Onsite, Nirvana B

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting, Onsite, Euphoria

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Coming Together, an Afternoon Mixer with MCAC; Onsite, Utopia A

8:00 pm - 12:00 am: Dance Into the Roarin' '20s with
CCLVI; Onsite, Utopia C

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 am - 8:15 am: BRL Breakfast; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg E

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: General Session; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg Ballroom

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Hours; Onsite, Adventure
Hall

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: GDUI Luncheon; Onsite,
Schaumburg C

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: MCAC Luncheon; Onsite,
Schaumburg G

12:15 pm - 5:00 pm: Horizons for the Blind; Onsite,

12:30 pm - 2:45 pm: Candy Tour I: Long Grove
Confectioners; Onsite

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Braille Graphics and Devices; Onsite &
Virtual, Schaumburg E

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Continuation of the MCAC Luncheon -
The Diversity of Chicago; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg G

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Continuation of the GDUI Luncheon -
GDUI Awards and Blessing; Onsite, Schaumburg C

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Medicare Demystified; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Unfolding Aira's Roadmap; Onsite,
Nirvana A

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Candy Tour II: Long Grove
Confectioners; Onsite

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; Onsite,
Imagination

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Continuation of the MCAC Luncheon -
Did Helen Keller exist? Rewriting history; its impact on
the blind or visually impaired and other marginalized
communities; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Braille Graphics and Printers; Onsite &
virtual, Schaumburg E

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Educate, Empower and Excel in your Journey with Diabetes; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Aging Over the Rainbow; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: The Art of Origami; Onsite, Nirvana C

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Explore the Levels of Low Vision Technology; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg E

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: ACB Membership Seminar: The Benefits of Partnerships to Membership Growth; Onsite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Testimonials from our Members About their Diabetes Journey; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Friends of Bill W, Onsite, Innovation

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting; Onsite, Euphoria

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: DKM Reception; Onsite, Utopia C

7:30 pm - 11:30 pm: ACB Film Night: Double Feature with the 2021 and 2022 Oscar-Winning Best Pictures!; Onsite, Schaumburg Ballroom

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Community Mixer; Onsite,
Schaumburg C

Thursday, July 6

7:00 am - 8:15 am NIB Breakfast, OnSite, Schaumburg E

8:30 am - 1:00 pm: General Session; Onsite & Virtual,
Schaumburg Ballroom

10:15 am - 6:30 pm: Goodman Theater; Onsite

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm: ACB Banquet; Onsite & Virtual;
Schaumburg Ballroom

Friday, July 7

8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Music Box Tour I; Onsite

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Music Box Tour II; Onsite

4:30 pm – 11:30 pm: Odyssey Dinner Cruise; Onsite

Abbreviations in This Program

ACB - American Council of the Blind

AABT - American Association of Blind Teachers

AAVL - Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss
AAVIA - American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys
ACBDA - ACB Diabetics in Action
ACBF - ACB Families
ACBGE - ACB Government Employees
ACBL - ACB Lions
ACBNG - ACB Next Generation
ACBRA - ACB Radio Amateurs
ACBS - ACB Students
ADP - Audio Description Project
AFB - American Foundation for the Blind
APH - American Printing House for the Blind
BITS - Blind Information Technology Specialists
BOP - Board of Publications
BPI - Blind LGBT Pride International
BRL - Braille Revival League
CCLVI - Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
DKM - Durward K. McDaniel First-Timer
FIA - Friends-in-Art of ACB
GDUI - Guide Dog Users, Inc.
IRC - International Relations Committee

IVIE - Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs
LUA - Library Users of America
MCAC - Multicultural Affairs Committee
MHWC – Mental Health and Wellness Committee
NIB - National Industries for the Blind
NLS - National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled
RSVA - Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America
SASI - Sight and Sound Impaired Committee
VIVA - Visually Impaired Veterans of America

ACB Café

Stop by the ACB Convention Café to grab a quick cup of coffee, pastry, sandwich, salad, or snack as you rush from one meeting to another or as you head out on a tour.

Meet at the Café to visit with friends or just rest a while between activities.

The Café is in Friendship stone in the convention center near Discovery Coat Check. The Café menu will be printed in the newspaper and available at the information desk; along with any daily specials.

Registration Information

Registration is in Schaumburg A in the hotel.

Pre-registration packets can be picked up anytime
Registration is open, but Thursday evening, June 29th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am are reserved exclusively for pre-registration pickup only.

Onsite registration can be done from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Friday and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday. This will help to better manage the lines during the first days of the convention.

Hours are:

- Thursday, June 29: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Friday, June 30: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm for pre-reg pick-up and onsite registrations.
- Saturday, July 1: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm for pre-reg pick-up and onsite registrations.
- Sunday, July 2 and Monday, July 3: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Tuesday, July 4 and Wednesday, July 5: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Thursday, July 6: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

When you register, you will receive your convention ID badge, program, and a goody bag filled with information and surprises. You must register to purchase tickets to events and be eligible to win great door prizes. Always wear your badge because it admits you to the exhibit area and helps hotel personnel and volunteers provide better service.

If you are pre-registered, your packet will be waiting for you. You may not pick up a packet for someone else. If you have any questions about your registration or need to purchase more tickets, go to Registration in Schaumburg A in the hotel.

A one-day pass is available for \$10.00 with no program and \$15.00 with a program. This pass is color-coded by day and is good only for the day on which it is purchased. With this pass, you may attend the exhibit hall, other programs and purchase other tickets for that day only. If you wish to attend additional days at the convention, you must pay the full administrative fee.

Refunds: ACB will make no refunds for convention administrative and registration fees, sponsorship donations or tickets that you just don't want. Refunds are not made for events that you miss for any reason other than extreme illness (see below); but not for events that you simply do not enjoy.

Refunds will be issued only for meals, events, and tours if:

An individual has pre-registered and requests the refund in writing to the American Council of the Blind, 6200 Shingle Creek Parkway, Suite 155, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430, or calls (612) 332- 3242, on or before June 19th, 2023; and the individual does not attend any part of the convention.

In case of an illness during the convention requiring you to return home or to be hospitalized, refunds will be issued only for the meals, events, and tours taking place after your absence begins. If the guarantee has already been given for a meal function or a tour, no refund for that function will be given. Refunds for tour tickets are only made under certain conditions. See tour instructions for more information.

Lost tickets: ACB will not replace tickets that are lost during the convention. All ticket packets are checked before they are distributed at the convention and tickets that are lost or misplaced must be purchased again.

Reselling tickets: Only tour tickets will be accepted for resale. In general, meal functions and social events at the hotel do not sell out. You may wish to explore other methods of selling luncheon, banquet, and other such tickets.

ACB is not responsible for notifying you if you have paid for a ticket through pre-registration for an event or that the tour is already sold out. Your name will automatically be put on a waiting list in the event that there are cancellations, or in case additional tickets become available.

Communication Center Services

The Marcia Nigro Dresser Communication Center is in Knowledge. It is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday, June 30 through Wednesday, July 5. This is where you can place ads in the paper, make braille or print copies or volunteer to help produce the newspaper.

Convention Newspaper

This year's newspaper is the "Schaumburg Standard" and is published each day, Friday through Wednesday, in

braille and large print; pick up a copy at the Information Desk. The paper is also available on the ACB convention email list and via download at the Information Desk before 10:00 am.

ACB Students (ACBS) will deliver the newspaper to your hotel room door. For \$7 (pre-registration) or \$10 (registration), your paper will be waiting for you each morning when you wake up. After you sign up for newspaper delivery, you need to activate your service by giving your room number and your newspaper format preference at the Information Desk.

Ads and Announcements

Ads and other items for publication must be in the Communication Center by 2:00 pm each day. The BOP allows ads to run for up to three days to give important convention announcements more space. Ads must be no longer than 75 words. BOP editorial policy prohibits the production or distribution of campaign materials by the Communication Center.

Cost of advertising in the newspaper is:

Individuals, ACB affiliates and blind representatives of MLM companies - \$15/day or \$40 for 3 days

Exhibitors - \$40/day or \$100 for 3 days
All others - \$50/day or \$125 for 3 days.

You pay for advertising at Registration; show your receipt at the Communication Center when submitting your ad.

Braille and Photocopying

Photocopying is available at the Communication Center for 10 cents/page. Braille services are available as follows:

Individuals, ACB affiliates, and blind representatives of MLM companies: 10 cents/page
Small businesses and small nonprofits: 20 cents/page
All others: 35 cents/page

If your committee or affiliate needs something in braille or large print, bring files early in the day so we can fit your job between other tasks. A test copy will be printed to let you know the number of pages per copy. Be sure to label your computer card or thumb drive and tell us how many of each format you need and by what time. Please make payment at registration.

Please remember that the Communication Center is a working room. While the convention is a great place to meet and greet, loud conversations make it difficult to hear

the speech synthesizers on the computers. Help us help you get the information you need.

Digital Information & Internet

If you have registered for the convention, you will receive Zoom invitations for all sessions that are hybrid or Zoom only. In-person sessions such as mixers and other sessions noted in the program as in-person only will not have Zoom capabilities.

Probably the easiest way to access the Zoom links is to login to your account at members.acb.org. For screen readers, go to the top of page, arrow down to the navigation region where you will find various links, one of which is labelled “zoom links.” That link will take you to a page where you select the date of the session(s) you are looking for. You will then access a listing in chronological order of all sessions for that day. For each session there are two buttons. If you are listening with your computer, choose the button labelled “zoom.” If you are listening on your phone, choose the button labelled “phone.” You don’t need to know any access links or passcodes.

Much of the conference will be streamed on ACB media using multiple streams. All general sessions, and some of

our afternoon and evening programming will be live streamed on ACB Media.

Other sessions will be recorded and replayed on ACB media. Sessions will be available as podcasts after the convention and archived for later listening on ACB media.

Ways to Connect to ACB Media Programming

Amazon Alexa enabled device (Recommended)

Alexa “Ask ACB Media to play Media n”. (n = stream number). For example, to listen to General Session during National Convention: “Alexa, ask ACB Media to play 1.” Please note that some Alexa devices may not switch from one stream to another when requested, i.e. you are listening to Media 1 and then ask Alexa to play Media 6, and although Alexa says it is playing 6, it continues to play 1. When this behavior occurs, please unplug your Alexa device, wait a minute, and then plug your device back in. Allow the device to reboot itself and then ask Alexa to play the requested stream. If you have multiple Alexa devices, this issue may happen on some devices but not others.

PC / browser access (Recommended):

Visit acbmedia.org at <http://www.acbmedia.org/n> (n= stream number). The site has a built-in media player and there is no need to install or use a media player on your device. Hit the play button and the stream will begin playing immediately.

Smart Device Access (Recommended)

Download “ACB Link” from your app store. Find “Radio” along the bottom of the screen, then “Menu” in the top left corner. Select “Streams” and then choose the stream you wish to listen to. Double tap the play button.

Victor Reader Stream Access

Navigate to “Internet radio library” in the “online bookshelf.” Locate the HumanWare North American English playlist. From the playlist, use the 6 key to locate the ACB Media Stream you wish (ACB Media 1 through 10) and hit play. Should you wish to use the Go To Button, please note that the ACB Media streams are currently selections 2 through 11, where ACB Media 1 = 2 and so on, with ACB Media 10 = 11.

Dial-In Access for programming originating in Zoom

Dial the Zoom access number provided with the schedule information for the session. When prompted, enter the

meeting/webinar ID followed by #. You will hear the exact same program that is being streamed on ACB Media.

Alternate Dial-In access (not recommended)

Dial 1 (518) 906-1820. Listen to the menu prompts and press the number for the stream you want. Please note that this is a free service provided by Zeno Media. This service is limited in terms of simultaneous listeners, and ACB does not warrant this service. If dial-in is your only option and the program originates in Zoom, we recommend that you dial into the Zoom meeting/webinar directly (see above).

If you connect to Zeno Media using the above number and receive a message after your menu selection that the stream is offline, please select the stream again and it should then play. Once you select your stream via the voice menu, it often takes several seconds before you hear the stream. If you receive an unable to connect message when you dial the above number or fast busy, your only dial-in option is to access the Zoom meeting directly via Zoom's dial-in access.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The ACB Radio Tuner is no longer supported. If you used the tuner in the past, you may access all ACB Media streams from acbmedia.org (see above).

If you are using alternate ways to access ACB Media streams than those above (such as TuneIn or Winamp) using acbradio.org URL's, we kindly ask that you use one of the methods above.

ACB Photography/Videography

The official ACB photographer for the 2023 conference and convention will be taking pictures and video in the exhibit hall, on selected tours, and at many social events. The photographer will visit committee and affiliate meetings, workshops, general sessions, and the banquet. It is understood that all activities and programs scheduled at the 2023 conference and convention are subject to be photographed or videoed. Photos and video are the property of ACB and are for ACB's use.

Medical Information

For medical emergencies, dial 911. Stay calm and speak distinctly. Give your name, exact location, and a description of the emergency.

Urgent Care

NewMed Immediate Care (2.9 Miles)

Hours: Monday-Sunday: 9:00AM - 9:00PM

1669 W. Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

(847) 258-4500

Hospitals

Northwest Community Healthcare Hospital ER (3.8 miles)

800 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

(847) 618-4000

Pharmacy

CVS Pharmacy (2.3 miles)

2045 Plum Grove Rd., Rolling Meadows

(847) 303-2451

Pharmacy Hours

Sunday - Thursday: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday - Saturday: 8:00 am – 11:00 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

Golf Rose Animal Hospital

24-Hour Emergency Vet (2.9 miles)

51 Remington Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173

Phone number - 847-885-3344

Animal Hospital Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 7:00 pm;

Saturday: 8:00am - 3:00 pm; Sunday: CLOSED

Emergency: 24-Hours

Elk Grove Veterinary Specialty

24-Hour Emergency (6.5 Miles)

1050 Bonaventure Dr., Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

(847) 393-4206

Hours: 24 hours/day

Religious Activities

Friday, June 30

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Jewish service, Rabbi Lenny Sarko, Pittsburgh, PA

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm: Catholic Mass

4:00 pm: Interdenominational Church Service: Rev. Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX

4:00 pm: LDS Sacrament Service

Monday, July 3

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah, Onsite

For thousands of years, blind and visually impaired Jews were not able to participate in a public Torah reading because it must be read, not memorized.

Rabbi Lenny Sarko created the world's first Hebrew Braille Scroll. Hear the story of the six-year effort to create it. Take the opportunity to interact with the scroll yourself. Learn about the program that will allow any blind or visually impaired person to borrow the scroll for use at their own synagogue.

Convention Standing Rules

Adopted by the ACB Board of Directors, March 2023

1.

- A. At the outset of debate on any issue before the convention, there shall be a five (5) minute period devoted exclusively to questions and other points of clarification about the issue being debated. Speakers shall be limited to one minute, and a speaker shall be limited to asking about their point of clarification and shall not discuss the merits of the issue.
- B. Debate on the merits of the issue shall begin at the conclusion of the five-minute period for points of clarification, 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. Speakers shall not be recognized for purposes of seeking points of clarification. Each member is respectfully urged to speak directly to the issue before the assembly and avoid unnecessary and time-consuming dialogue. No member will be recognized a second time to debate until all who

wish to debate have been recognized.

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. The chair shall close debate when no one seeks the floor, or when there has been one more speaker on one side of the issue than the other and no speaker on the side of the issue with the lesser number of speakers seeks the floor.

- C. At the beginning of the first 20-minute debate period, the chair shall define for the body what constitutes a point of order (or other parliamentary inquiry) and shall signify how a member can be recognized for the purpose of making a point of order (or other parliamentary inquiry). Any time in which a point of order is being considered shall not be deducted from the debate period.
- 2. The parliamentarian will act as timekeeper.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7.
 - 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, except that, if less than twenty-five (25) members have voted in the minority, the chair may immediately determine that no record vote is required. If at least twenty-five (25) members voting in the minority using the “raise hand” feature of the Zoom internet meeting client program 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.

Zoom Commands

All general sessions and most workshops/seminars will be offered to convention attendees using the Zoom webinar. It is different from the usual Zoom program in that you will not be able to turn on your camera and will not have an unmute button unless you are given permission by the Zoom host to unmute.

You may need to input your email and name to join from a PC or Mac. ACB does not receive this information, and it is only used by Zoom to make sure you are not a robot.

When you enter the session, you will receive an announcement that the call is being recorded but you will not need to take any action.

In Webinar use these commands to raise your hand and to unmute, both of which are toggles:

- On the PC - raise hand: alt-Y, mute and unmute: alt-A when the prompt is given.
- On the Mac - Raise hand: option-Y, mute and unmute: command-shift-A.
- From the app - Raise hand: on the main screen, mute and unmute: from the main screen when the prompt is given.
- From a phone keypad - Raise hand: star (*) 9, mute and unmute: star (*) 6.

Some affiliate business meetings, smaller or informal workshops and some virtual social events will be offered to convention attendees using the standard Zoom platform.

When entering a Zoom room: You will need to locate the “got it” button to accept that the call is being recorded before you will be allowed to unmute.

- From the PC: Tab to the “got it” button and enter (use F6 until it appears if not available on the main screen).
- From the Mac: Once the meeting opens and you hear the call is being recorded, hit enter and it will activate the “got it” button.
- From the app: Swipe to OK to accept the call is being recorded.
- From a phone keypad: No action is needed.

In a regular Zoom room use these commands to raise your hand and unmute, both of which are toggles:

- From a PC - raise hand: alt-Y, mute and unmute: alt-A.
- From the Mac - Raise hand: option-Y, mute and unmute: command-shift-A.
- From the app - Raise hand: under “more” in the lower right corner, mute and unmute: in lower left corner.
- From a phone keypad - Raise hand: star (*) 9, mute and unmute: star (*) 6.

Please note: All events are recorded.

General Session Agenda

Saturday, July 1

7:00 pm: Call to Order: Deb Cook Lewis, Interim ACB President, Clarkston, WA
Moment of reflection
Presentation of Colors: Ellsworth Meineke American Legion Post 1983, Schaumburg IL
National Anthem: Sharon Howerton, Illinois Host Committee member, Chicago IL
Welcome to Convention: Ray Campbell, President, Illinois Council of the Blind, Springfield, IL, and Rachel Schroeder, Immediate Past President, Illinois Council of the Blind, Springfield, IL

7:20 pm: ACB President's Report: Deb Cook Lewis;
Executive Director's Report: Interim Executive Director, Dan Spoone, Orlando, FL

7:40 pm: Life Member Presentations: Deb Cook Lewis and Nancy Marks-Becker, ACB CFO, Brooklyn Center, MN

8:00 pm: ACB Angels Presentations:
Warren Toyama, Waipahu, HI;

Camille Caffarelli, Lake in the Hills, IL;
Billie Jean Keith; Ridgeland, MS

8:20 pm: ACB First-Timers: Kenneth Semien Sr., Chair,
Durward K. McDaniel First-Timers Committee,
Beaumont, TX

8:40 pm: ACB JPMorgan Chase Leadership Fellows: Dan
Spoone, Interim Executive Director, Orlando, FL

9:00 pm: Nominating Committee Report: Brian Charlson,
Watertown, MA;
Credentials Committee Report: Ralph Smitherman,
Jackson, MS

9:10 pm: Roll Call of Affiliates: Denise Colley, ACB
Secretary, Richmond, TX

9:40 pm: Elections

Sunday, July 2

9:00 am – 10:15 am: To Mobility and Beyond: The
Success with APS: Updates and User Stories

We will receive updates on advocacy efforts in New
York City and Chicago as well as perspectives on
advocacy from a major provider of Accessible

Pedestrian signals.

Facilitator: Becky Davidson, Chair, Pedestrian Environment Access Committee, Charlotte, NC

Panelists: Chris Bell, JD, Member, Board of Directors, American Council of the Blind, Pittsboro, NC; Karen Gourgey, Chair, PASS (Pedestrians from Accessible Safe Streets) Coalition, New York, NY; Ray Campbell, Interim 1st Vice President, American Council of the Blind, Springfield, IL; Chris Holloway, Eastern Region Sales Manager, Polara Enterprises, Greenville, TX

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Update on Legal Issues Impacting People Who are Blind or Have Low Vision:

Join a panel of legal experts who will update us on a wide range of recent legal decisions impacting the lives of people who are blind or have low vision. Be prepared with your questions about what's going on in the world of legal advocacy.

Jeff Thom, Chair, ACB Advocacy Services Committee, Sacramento, CA; Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA; Andrés J. Gallegos, Partner, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Chicago, IL; Stuart Seaborn, Managing Director, Litigation, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, CA;

Michael Nunez, Senior Counsel, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld, San Francisco, CA; Rosa Lee Bichell, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, CA

10:30 am - 11:45 am: Structured Negotiations and Legal Settlements: Are They Effective Enough and Can We Develop a Better System for Obtaining Appropriate Legal Remedies for People with Vision Loss?

A panel of legal experts discusses whether current legal settlements and decisions are providing people who are blind or low vision with appropriate legal redress and whether it is possible to seek changes in the way we approach our civil rights litigation. This panel will explore whether we can reshape the future of legal advocacy for people with vision loss.

Jeff Thom, Chair, ACB Advocacy Services Committee, Sacramento, CA; Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA; Andrés J. Gallegos, Partner of Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Chicago, IL; Stuart Seaborn, Managing Director, Litigation, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, CA

10:30 am - 11:45 am: To Mobility and Beyond: Making the Case for a More Equitable Paratransit Future:

Paratransit predates the ADA, but in most cities, things haven't changed much since the 1990s. Trips must be booked a day in advance. Trip times can be negotiated. There are long pick-up windows, shared rides, and fares up to twice as much as those paid by those who can use buses and trains. But in some cities, things are changing, and if it can happen somewhere, why not everywhere? This session will begin with a discussion of the ways traditional paratransit is failing - both in terms of service quality and reliability and in terms of equity for customers who depend on it. Then, we'll feature a few locations where transit agencies have made changes that are improving service and equity outcomes for everyone. Speakers will also provide tips that ACB members, local chapters and state affiliates can use to press for better services in the communities where they live, work and play.

Facilitator: Ron Brooks, Founder and CEO,
Accessible Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

Panelists: Katie Frederick, Chairperson, Board of Publications, Columbus, OH; Pat Sheehan, member, ACB Transportation and Pedestrian Environment Access Committees, Silver Spring, MD; Anthony

Corona, President, Miami Beach Chapter, Florida
Council of the Blind, Miami Lakes, FL

Monday, July 3

8:30 am: Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Recipients of Ross Pangere
Scholarship

8:40 am: ACB Sponsor Recognitions, Corporate and
Individual Sponsors

8:50 am: Sponsor Presentation: Diamond Sponsor: Ryan
Jones, VP Software & Product Management, Vispero,
Clearwater, FL

9:05 am: Affiliate Roll Call

9:40 am: Presentation of CCLVI Bernice Kandarian
Service Award
Sara Conrad Alkmin, Madison, WI

9:45 am: Break
Presiding Officer: Ray Campbell, Interim First Vice
President, Springfield, IL

10:00 am: Scholarship Presentations - Denise Colley,
Scholarship Chair, Richmond, TX

11:00 am: Talking Book Narrator, "As We See It," Jake
Williams, Books to Life, Denver, CO

11:30 am: Nominations and Candidate Speeches

11:55 am: Door Prizes and Announcements

Tuesday, July 4

8:30am: Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Veterans (invited)

Singing of America the Beautiful, led by Kolby

Garrison, Development Officer, American Council of
the Blind, Greensboro, NC

8:35 am: ACB Sponsor Recognitions, Corporate Sponsors

8:40 am: Sponsorship Presentation: Diamond sponsor:

Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Chief Accessibility Officer,

Microsoft, Redmond, WA

8:55 am: ACB Angels Presentations

Dan Sippl, Eau Claire, WI;

Terry Camardelle, Marrero, LA;
Richard Bird, Cleveland, OH

9:10 am: Affiliate Roll Call

Presiding Officer: Denise Colley, Secretary,
Richmond, TX

9:40 am: International Guest

Martine Abel-Williamson, President, World Blind
Union, Auckland, New Zealand

10:10 am: Break

10:25 am: Eric Bridges, Executive Director, American
Foundation for the Blind, Arlington, VA

10:45 am: Jason Yasner, Deputy Director, National Library
Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

11:15 am: ACB Highlights Video

11:30 am: Foundation Fighting Blindness, Steve Sroka,
Associate Director of Events, Libertyville, IL

11:55 am: Door Prizes, and Announcements

Wednesday, July 5

8:30 am: Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: DKM First-Timers: Gema
Ceniceros, El Paso, TX; Janae Miller, Columbus, OH

8:35 am: ACB Sponsor Recognition, Corporate Sponsors

8:40 am: Diamond Sponsorship Presentation: Non-
24/Vanda Pharmaceuticals

8:55 am: ACB Angels Presentations

Don Thomson, Waipahu, HI
Amelia Cetrone, Honolulu, HI
Liz Klein, Daly City, CA

Presiding officer: Kim Charlson, ACB Immediate Past
President, Watertown, MA

9:15 am: Advocacy updates: Clark Rachfal, ACB Director
of Advocacy, Alexandria, VA; Swath Nandhakumar,
Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, Alexandria, VA

9:45 am: Break

10:00 am: ADP Awards

11:00 am: Be My Eyes, Mike Buckley, Chairman and CEO,
San Mateo, CA; Christian Erfurt, Co-Founder and
Chief Evangelist, Denmark

11:55 am: Door Prizes, and Announcements

Thursday, July 6

8:30 am: Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: JPMorgan Chase Leadership
Fellows: Benjamin Wright, Henderson, KY; Malaina
Vanderwal, Caledonia, MI; Terrie (Mary Theresa)
Terlau, Louisville, KY; Liz Bottner, Washington, DC;
Cheryl Cumings, Seattle, WA

8:35 am: ACB Business

ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Corporate and Individual
Sponsors

8:45 am: Sponsorship Presentation: Diamond Sponsor,
JPMorgan Chase

9:00 am: ACB Angels

Joan Hill, Klamath Falls, OR

Gardenia (Guide Dog), Gaithersburg, MD

Delbert Aman, Aberdeen, SD

9:15 am: Affiliate Roll Call

Resolutions and Bylaws

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

10:15 am: ACB's Growth Report: Dan Spoone, Interim
Executive Director, Orlando, FL; and Nancy Marks-
Becker, ACB CFO, Brooklyn Center, MN

10:30 am: Break

10:45 am: ACB Angels Presentation

Travis Lee Johnson, Paragould, AR

Raymond Washburn, Oklahoma City, OK

11:10 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

11:20 am: Treasurer's Report: David Trott, Talladega, AL

11:40 am: ACBES Report: Rev. Michael Garrett, Chair,
ACB Enterprises and Services, Missouri City, TX

11:50 am: Member and Affiliate Relationships: Cindy
Hollis, Manager of Membership Engagement, Flat
Rock, MI

12:10 pm: ACB Mentoring, Access and Peer Support;
Kenneth Semien Sr., Chair, Durward K. McDaniel
First-Timers Committee, Beaumont, TX

12:25 pm: International Relations Committee, International
Voices Contest presentation: Maria Kristic, IRC chair,
Albany, NY

12:40 pm: Convention Report: Janet Dickelman,
Convention Coordinator, Saint Paul, MN

12:50 pm: Door Prizes and Announcements

7:00 pm: ACB Banquet
Banquet Emcee: Ray Campbell, ACB Interim First
Vice President, Springfield, IL
Moment of Reflection

7:45 pm: Presentation of the Ned E. Freeman Excellence
in Writing and Vernon Henley Media Awards: Penny
Reeder, Board of Publications, Montgomery Village,
MD

8:00 pm: Presentation of ACB Awards

Koni Sims, Awards Committee Co-chair, Sioux Falls, SD; Ann Brash, Awards Committee Member, LaGrange, IL

8:15 pm: Keynote Speaker: Louie Sharp, “Own Your Decisions, Own Your Thoughts, Own Your Actions.” Louie is a nationally renowned, world-class keynote speaker with over 14 years of professional speaking experience. He has been seen on NBC, ABC, a variety of podcasts, and has delivered keynote speeches for distinguished companies across the country.

He served 20 years in the U.S. Marines, traveling to 21 countries. He was the Vice President of Sales for Sound Enhancements, a multimillion-dollar global music product company. He started his first company at 23, and 41 years later, it’s still going strong. He also donates his time mentoring high school students.

His forthcoming book is called “The Gifted Leader-Leadership and Love — You CAN Lead from Your Heart for ALL to Win!”

8:55 pm: ACB Braille Forum Raffle Drawing: David Trott, ACB Treasurer, Talladega, AL; and Nancy Marks-Becker, ACB CFO, Brooklyn Center, MN

Special-Interest Affiliate Meetings

American Association of Blind Teachers

President: Tabitha Brecke

Program Chair: Carla Hayes

Affiliate Donation: \$10 (\$12)

Saturday, July 1

7:30 am - 9:00 am: AABT Breakfast and Program \$30 (\$33)

7:30 am - 8:15 am: Breakfast

8:15 am - 9:00 am: AABT Program Broadcasting:
Past, Present and Future.

Learn about the fascinating history of broadcasting, explore the current state of broadcasting, and speculate about future trends and changes in the field.

Presenter: Andrea Darlas, Board member of the Museum of Broadcast Communications, Chicago, IL and Senior Director of Constituent Engagement, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

Monday, July 3

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Learn About all the Ways that Hadley Can Help

After reinventing ourselves back in 2020, Hadley has quite a few things that can be offered to help those managing vision loss. Learn about discovering new ways to do things that have become more difficult with vision loss, including figuring out new braille curriculum. Hadley creates personalized learning opportunities that empower people to thrive at home, at work and in their communities.

Presenter: Marc Arneson, Director of Community, Hadley, Winnetka, IL

Tuesday, July 4

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Library Users of American meet with Jason Yasner, NLS Deputy Director, and any colleagues he chooses to bring with him.

Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL, and AABT

American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys

President: Chris Prentice

Co-Program Chairs: Steve Blow and Charles Nabarette

Affiliate Donation: 40 (\$45)

Saturday, June 24

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: AAVIA business meeting

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Breaking In: A Young Disabled Lawyer's First Year; Jeremy Millard will discuss his job-seeking experiences and his job with Disability Rights New York.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Are We Really Here: Online and Zoom Lawyering

Two attorneys will discuss making court appearances and the remote practice of law.

Presenters: Chris Prentice, Levelland, TX; and Angelina Hollingsworth, Bentonville, AR.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: The Supreme Court's Term in Review
Professor Bill Piatt will, as he has for several years, discuss important cases from the term and the Supreme Court's work generally.

Presenter: Professor Bill Piatt, St. Mary's Law School, San Antonio, TX

Monday, July 3

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Accessible Documents Provided by the IRS

Learn how the IRS is improving access to information for people with print disabilities and explain how to request access to notices in one's preferred alternate format as well as how to get accessible tax forms and publications.

Presenter: Kim Carmichael, Senior Distribution Analyst, Internal Revenue Service, Talladega, AL

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: An Overview of Equipped for Equality's Work Under the ADA for Those Who are Blind or Have Low Vision

Hear about cases Equipped for Equality has handled on behalf of people who are visually impaired.

Presenter: Barry Taylor, Vice President, Civil Rights and Systemic Litigation, Chicago, IL

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Running to Win: A Blind Attorney's Experience Seeking Public Office

Ollie Cantos, a blind City Council person, will speak on his experiences in the political field and his legal career.

Presenter: Ollie Cantos, West Covina, CA

Tuesday, July 4

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm: Perspectives from the UK

Barristers Ibrar and Indaba will discuss various legal issues in the UK.

Presenters: Adal Ibrar, London, England; and
Jessikah Indaba, London, England

Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss

President: Doug Powell

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Friday, June 23

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Match Wits with Next Generation and the Boomers

AAVL and Next Generation members are facing off. Trivia questions will cross generations as we try to stump each other's knowledge of the eras. Come join the fun - even if you aren't a member of either group yet. Smirks to laughter are mandatory!

Sponsored by the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL) and ACB Next Generation.

Sunday, July 2

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: AAVL lunch \$40 (\$43)

Break bread and socialize with AAVL members. No agenda, just eat, talk, and enjoy.

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

A speaker from the Alzheimer's Association of Illinois will help us:

- Describe typical age-related memory, thinking or behavior changes,
- Recognize common warning signs of Alzheimer's and dementia,
- Discuss the tips for approaching someone about memory concerns,
- Explain the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis,
- Identify possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and
- Name the resources available through the Alzheimer's Association.

Sponsored by the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL) and the Mental Health and Wellness Committee (MHCW)

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Defining the New Normal

In this post-pandemic era, it seems as if everything has changed. This interactive workshop will enable you to design and implement your personal version of the New Normal.

Presenter: Pam Shaw, Philadelphia, PA
Sponsored by the Alliance on aging and Vision Loss
(AAVL) and the Mental Health and Wellness
Committee (MHCW)

ACB Diabetics in Action

President: Tom Tobin

Program Chair: Larry Gassman

Affiliate Donation: \$25 (Those paying the affiliate donation
will receive handouts upon request)

Thursday, June 22

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Best Practices for Managing Type I
and Type II Diabetes

Diabetes professionals will discuss current best
practices and latest changes/recommendations in
managing Type I and Type II Diabetes.

Presenters: Diana Isaacs, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP,
BC-ADM, CDCES, FADCES, FCCP, Endocrine
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Co-Director, Endocrine
Disorders in Pregnancy, Cleveland Clinic
Endocrinology & Metabolism Institute, Cleveland, OH;
Beth Zeleznikar, Pharm.D., BCACP, Primary Care

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Strongsville Family Health Center, Strongsville, OH; Dr. Natalie Bellini, DNP, FNP-BC, BC-ADM, Program Director Diabetes Technology, University Hospitals Diabetes and Metabolic Care Center, Shaker Heights, OH

Sunday, July 2

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBDA mixer (\$25)

Join friends and meet new people. Your ticket entitles you to one free drink from the cash bar.

Wednesday, July 5

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Medicare Demystified

Come join us and hear from a licensed insurance broker who specializes in helping clients on Medicare sort out the best option for their particular situation. You will learn all about Medicare Part A, Part B, Part C, Part D, Medicare advantage plans, Original Medicare, Medicare supplements/Medigap, and how to compare the many options to determine which one fits your needs the best. He will also discuss where you can get professional, unbiased advice at no charge, no matter where you live in the country.

Don't miss this event.

Erik Nelson, Clinic and Broker Relations Manager,
Medicare Help Now, Vancouver, WA

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Educate, Empower and Excel in your
Journey with Diabetes

Many of us have a health journey with diabetes.

ACBDA is pleased to bring two vibrant and compelling organizations that provide training, education, and motivation to everyone with diabetes in helping them to manage their health through empowerment.

Diatrube will join us to fill us in on handling time in range for those with diabetes with a specific focus on continuous glucose monitoring solutions along with other tips and techniques.

Taking Control of Your Diabetes® will join us to talk more about what glucose ranges are safe and for how long it is safe to stay within these ranges. Is the A1C the ultimate goal here or is it more complex than that? We get additional information about both organizations' training opportunities and how you can get involved.

TCOYD will also feature their educational podcast entitled: When Do High and Low Blood Sugars Start

to Cause Complications? Hosted by Dr. Steve Edelman and Dr. Jeremy Pettus. Because they will be recorded on the podcast, they will not be available for questions later.

Presenters: Britany Carney, Director of Marketing and Communications, Taking Control of Your Diabetes®, Solana Beach, CA; Julie Keller Heverly, Senior Director, Time in Range Coalition, The diaTribe Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA; Steven V. Edelman, MD (living with Type 1 Diabetes), Founder & Director, TCOYD, Endocrinologist, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine, Director, Diabetes Care Clinic, VA Medical Center, San Diego, CA; Jeremy Pettus, MD (living with Type 1 Diabetes), Type 1 Track & Professional Education Director, Endocrinologist, Associate Professor of Medicine, UCSD School of Medicine

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Testimonials from our members about their diabetes journey

We feature 4 of our members as they share their own personal journeys with diabetes. Some are type 1, others type 2. Some use insulin, others take oral medications.

The treatment and individual journeys are usually fascinating, riveting, and inspiring, with stories that are very specific to our member/panelists.

This panel is usually packed with emotion and inspirations, so please join us to learn more.

Veronica Elsea, Santa Cruz, CA; Theresa Breeden, Fredericksburg, VA; Elizabeth Oleksa, Macungie, PA; Sugar Lopez, Fresno, CA

American Council of Blind Families

President: Carla Ruschival

Affiliate Donation: \$15

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

Saturday, June 24

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBF Business Meeting and Elections

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Writers Workshop: Writing fiction for Young People

Co-sponsored by FIA and ACBF

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm: ACB Families Goes to Camp

It's summertime - time to sit around the virtual campfire and eat hotdogs and s'mores. Whether

you're a kid or a kid at heart, camp is a special experience. Tell stories, sing songs, play games; a convention tradition for the entire family.

Monday, July 3

7:00 am - 8:15 am: ACB Family Breakfast: Growing Our International Family \$26 (\$28)

Jeff and Leslie Thom have hosted 18 foreign exchange students over the years. Learn about the amazing world of being a foreign exchange family as they share some of their prize stories and tell us how to become part of this wonderful program.

Presenters: Jeff Thom, Member, ACB Board of Directors, and Leslie Thom, Vice President, ACB Families, Sacramento, CA

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm: Bingo - It's a Families Tradition \$8 (\$10)
Braille cards, large print cards, and lots of great prizes! Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring the kids - fun for all ages!

American Council of Blind Lions

President: Ray Campbell

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Donate to 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 22

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Lessons in Leadership - Getting Off to a Good Start

Participating in a Lions Club or other organization can be very rewarding, but it can also prove to be frustrating. Sighted members with no idea of the capabilities of a person with vision loss may be reluctant to include the blind member in club meetings and projects. When our panelists joined their local clubs, they were each the only blind member. They will share their stories and advice as to how to become accepted by their peers and begin that journey into leadership in Lionism. True lessons in leadership that can apply to any organization.

Facilitator: Past District Governor Mary Lee Turner, Portland, OR

Panelists: Rick Boggess, President, Owensboro Lions

Club, Owensboro, KY; Yvonne (Dolly) Sowder, Past President, Bedford Noon Lions Club, Bedford, IN; and Mitch Pomerantz, Past President, Pasadena Lions Club, Pasadena, CA

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBL Business Meeting and Elections

Saturday, July 1

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: ACB Lions Reverse Visit Lunch \$38 (\$40)
Meet Lions from Illinois and discover how blind Lions are making a difference all across America. Open to active Lions, former Lions, and anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Lion.

ACB Next Generation

President: Amanda Selm

Program Co-Chairs: Melanie Alt Sinohui and Cassie
Trosper

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Thursday, June 22

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: What is advocacy?

Join us for part one of our advocacy series. Together we will define advocacy and our panelists, ACB Next Generation's Greg Lindberg and Vika Trussell, ACB of Oregon's James Edwards, and ACB's Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, Swatha Nandhakumar, will share various ways you can advocate at any place, any time, and in any situation, as well as starting to break down the legislative process. Come to part two on Monday, July 3rd at 2:30 p.m. CT as we further explore how to advocate for yourself.

Facilitator: DJ McIntyre, Georgia Council of the Blind's (GCB) Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Loganville, GA

Panelists: Greg Lindberg, Media Content Manager, Enrollment Marketing and Communication for Saint Leo University, Wesley Chapel, FL; Vika Trussell,

ACB Next Generation Public Relations Committee
Co-Chair, Peachtree City, GA; Swatha Nandhakumar,
ACB Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, Alexandria,
VA; James Edwards, ACB of Oregon Immediate Past
President and Legislative Committee Chair, Lakeside,
OR

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACB Next Gen meet and greet
Family: 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
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(AAVL) and ACB Next Generation.

Saturday, June 24

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: You've Got the Job, Now What?

Have you been looking for a job or seeking out a promotion and were unsure of how to negotiate for the accommodations you require to be successful? Have you felt like you deserved a promotion but didn't know what to do next? Whether it's figuring out what accommodations are needed, how to take those brave steps to move up in your company, or how to set yourself up for a successful career, our panelists will provide guidance for your journey.

Co-sponsored by ACBL and the ACB Employment Committee.

Facilitators: Melanie Sinohui, ACB Employment Committee member, Phoenix, AZ; Peter Altschul, ACB Employment Committee Co-Chair, Columbia, MO.

Panelists: Steven Salas, Tax Examiner – U.S. Treasury Department, Austin, TX; Kim Paulk, Retail Technology Sales Representative, New York, NY; Lillian Goodman, Accounting Support Specialist, Hillsboro, OR

Co-sponsored by the ACB employment committee and ACB Next Generation

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS and ACB Next Generation
Convention Pep Rally

Who's got spirit? We do! Let's get fired up for the 2023 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 virtual or in person convention experience a great one. Bring your favorite snacks and get ready to cheer, 2023 will be a great year. We can't wait to share our spirit with you!

Co-sponsored by ACB Next Generation and ACB Students

Saturday, July 1

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Confidently Communicate with Care
Communication takes time and practice. Did you know you cannot, not communicate? The first step to communicating effectively is to focus on ourselves and the way we talk and listen to each other. Join us as we learn about communication styles and methods at all levels, from exchanges in a professional setting, to advocating for your individual needs. As

communicators, we're always a work in progress, and by joining us today we hope you will be inspired to better communicate and be better heard.

Facilitator: Terri-Lynn Higashi, Social Worker at the State Department of Health and Hawaii Association of the Blind Internal Support Chair, Ewa Beach, HI

Panelists: Zelda Gebhard, ACB Board of Publications Director, Edgeley, ND; Leslie Spoone, Certified Aerobics and Personal Trainer, Orlando, FL; Greg Lindberg, Media Content Manager, Enrollment Marketing and Communication for Saint Leo University, Wesley Chapel, FL

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Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Organize Yourself: How to Get and Keep Your Ducks in a Row

Ever watch someone seem to get everything done, all the time, without breaking a sweat? Wonder how they work, take care of the kids, travel, volunteer for everything, and seem to meet every deadline? How do they do it? Join us as we learn the methods that Kenneth Semien Sr., Michael Babcock, and Hindley Williams, use to get everything done and not lose their marbles.

Facilitator: Melanie Sinohui, ACB NextGen
Convention Co-Chair, Phoenix, AZ

Panelist: Kenneth Semien Sr., ACB Director,
Beaumont, TX; Michael Babcock, Founder of Payown
Media, LLC., Coquille, OR; Hindley Williams, ACB Next
Generation Director, Towson, MD

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Speed Networking: The Vendor Game
Co-sponsored by RSVA, ACBS, and ACB Next Gen

9:00 pm - 10:15 pm: Prose and Poetry
Co-sponsored by FIA and ACB Next Generation

Monday, July 3

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Advocate for Yourself Any Place, Any
Time, and Any Situation.

Did you know that you are already advocating? You are advocating with every small conversation about blindness or when asking for accessible items. Join us to hear a little bit more on how to advocate with a guide dog, traveling alone, daily life and work areas. You too can be an advocate for yourself and others in this community.

Facilitator: DJ McIntyre, Georgia Council of the Blind's (GCB) Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Loganville, GA

Panelist: Greg Lindberg, Media Content Manager, Enrollment Marketing and Communication for Saint Leo University, Wesley Chapel, FL; Vika Trussell, ACB Next Generation Public Relations Committee Co-Chair, Peachtree City, GA

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Showcase of the Performing Arts
Co-sponsored by FIA, ACB Next Generation and BPI

10:00 pm – midnight: Open Mic
Co-sponsored by FIA, ACB Next Generation and BPI

ACB Radio Amateurs

President: Harvey Heagy

Program Chair: Marcia Moses

Thursday, June 22

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBRA business meeting

American Council of Blind Students

President: Olivia O'Connell

Program Chair: Tatyana Tolliver-Hughes

Friday, June 23

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Perfecting Professionalism on Paper

Entering and navigating the hiring process can be challenging for current students. Let's review the basics and some well-kept corporate secrets of what makes a good resume. During this virtual event, students will be able to ask questions about do's and don'ts to help create a strong resume that tackles the needs of specific employers.

Hosted by Tatyana Tolliver, ACB Students Vice President, Charleston, WV

Guest Speakers: Ahmar Ursani, Career Center Specialist, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; Sara Freeman Smith, HR Recruiter, Houston, TX

Co-sponsored: Employment Committee/ACB Students

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS Business Meeting and new board members elections. Descriptions of each open position on the board will be provided. Individuals interested in running will be required to give a 1- to 3-minute speech. Constitutional amendments will be proposed and voted on as well.

Saturday, June 24

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS and ACB Next Generation Convention Pep Rally
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cheer, 2023 will be a great year. We can't wait to share our spirit with you!

Co-sponsored by: ACB Next Generation and ACB Students

Friday, June 30

8:00 pm -10:00 pm: Friday Night Bash

After the opening dinner of the ACB Convention, ACB Students and Next Gen will be hosting our annual Friday Night Bash! Members from both groups will be able to mix, mingle, and unwind with a series of social games to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Saturday, July 1

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Do You Mind?

Life as a Student Can Be Stressful, Let's Take Some Time to Talk About It and Practice Mindful Solutions. At this event, students will be encouraged to take a breath, acknowledge their current accomplishments, and learn practices to protect their peace.

Sunday, July 2

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm: Got Your Tongue \$25

Join ACB Students for a business professional style lunch. Practice your table manners, learn new social skills, and get more comfortable meeting, greeting, and eating while making professional connections. Our own social chair and political dinner extraordinaire, ACB Students Board Member Malia Thibado, Pell City, AL, will showcase all the ins and outs of blind etiquette and elaborate on professional skills to showcase what you bring to the table and how to succeed.

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Speed Networking: The Vendor Game

Co-sponsored by RSVA, ACBS, and ACB Next Gen

Monday, July 3

2:30pm - 3:45 pm: Speak Up

Do you ever feel unheard or at a loss for words when advocating for yourself? Are you seeking guidance and understanding from fellow ambitious individuals? Join a panel of ACB Student Executives and award-

winning author Hannah Fairbairn, "When You Can't Believe Your Eyes: Vision Loss and Personal Recovery," from Newton, MA, for a panel discussion on self-advocacy both in the classroom and around campus.

Blind Information Technology Specialists

President: Earlene Hughes

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Thursday, June 22

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Envision - A Look at the Past, the Present, and the Future

Presenter: Karthik Kannan, Envision - Chief Technology Officer/Co-Founder, The Hague, Netherlands

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Web Accessibility, Defining the Problem

Co-sponsored by IAC and BITS

Friday, June 23

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Identifying Web Accessibility
Standards, Principles and Guidelines
Co-sponsored by IAC and BITS

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Lost in Space iBug Today

- How do I get out of here?
- Where did my teddy bear go?
- Who let the dogs out?
- Where's my mommy?

Want to learn the answers to these questions and more, then join the iBUG (iBlind Users Group) Today team as we explore ways to find stuff that's lost or missing, including ourselves.

Presenters: Presenters: Sandhya Rao, Vice President of iBUG, Houston, TX; Brad Snyder, BITS Board member and advanced member of iBUG, Dallas, TX

Saturday, June 24

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Overcoming Common Pitfalls and
Tools to Assist in Finding Gaps in Web Accessibility
Co-sponsored by IAC and BITS

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Solutions That Make You More
Productive and Efficient Throughout Your Work Day

Presenter: Brian Hartgen, Hartgen Consultancy,
Caerphilly, South Wales

Braille Revival League

President: Denise Colley

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Monday, July 3

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Up close and personal with Jake
Williams

Co-sponsored by LUA and BRL

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NLS Deputy Director Jason Yasner and any
colleagues he chooses to bring with him.

Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL, and AABT

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 am - 8:15 am: BRL Breakfast \$32

Special guest, Martine Abel-Williamson, President,
World Blind Union, Auckland, New Zealand

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Braille Graphics and Devices

Learn about new devices that, for the first time, will
allow us to use braille to show graphics and pictures.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Braille Graphics and printers

How braille printers can enable people who are
sighted or blind to produce printed tactile graphics.

Blind LGBT Pride International

President: Gabriel Lopez Kafati

Program Chair: Anthony Corona

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Who Are You?: Blind, Queer, they,
and other identifiers

There have never been so many ways to identify

yourself, or for others to identify themselves as right now. But which words do you use to refer to others and how do you know you're using the right words? This panel explores self-identifiers and their effect on disability, GLBTQIA+ and other communities/cultures.

The purpose of this panel is not to provide definitive answers, but rather to lay the foundation for attendees to start exploring these ideas. Whether you are deeply involved with these communities or are looking to learn how to be a good ally, this panel will give you something to think about.

Saturday, July 1

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: First They Came For: Why “Don’t Say Gay” Affects All of Us

As anti-LGBTQ Plus legislation is introduced and passed around the United States, we will examine how this affects our community and the larger implications for all of our bodily autonomy rights, our individual freedoms and how the slippery slide will make it easier to come for Disability rights.

Presenters: Tristan Snyder, LGBTQ+ & Disability

Rights Advocate, Phoenix, AZ; Anthony Corona,
LGBTQ+ & Disability Rights Advocator, Miami, FL

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: 3D Immersive Sound Experience

Back by popular demand, come with Tristan Snyder as he takes you on another 3D audio excursion to places real and fantastic. Put on your headphones and tune in to ACB Media to get the full 3D sound experience. 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!

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Releasing Pain from the Past Allows
You to Age Gracefully: Conversations with LGBTQ+
Healing Practitioners

This session will focus on journeys with healing pain from the past, which will include various modalities, such as Reiki, myofascial release, tapping, yoga, talk therapy, medication, meditation, and EMDR therapy.

You can literally feel lighter and younger than ever opening up to ancient and modern holistic healing

practices. The quest to release pain from the past is universal.

In the LGBTQ+ community, dealing with homophobia, anti-wokeness, and the regressive laws being enacted in almost every state, have led us to exist in a communal state of trauma.

We will ask a panel of practitioners from the LGBTQ+ community if it is possible to heal pain from the past, all while dealing with the unprecedented hostility and injustice our community is facing in these modern times.

Led by Miss Ruth Williams, LGBTQ Plus Ally

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: BPI Mixer \$20

Come one and all and dance over the rainbow with us. BPI is known for bringing fun, entertainment, and surprises! So whether you're an ally, friend or BPI member, let's celebrate together!!

Monday, July 3

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Making Gay History

From the early days of the Stonewall Riots to the

HIV/AIDS crisis, marriage equality to Trans Rights, we will discuss the successes of the LGBTQ+ Community and how we can apply certain lessons to our advocacy. We will also touch on how reaching across marginalized communities and presenting united fronts can boost all our causes and visibility.

Presenters: Anthony Corona, Vice President, BPI, Miami, FL; Eric Marcus, Host and Creator, Making Gay History the Podcast, New York, NY

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting \$30

We'll pop the cork; you be ready to sip! Gabriel will walk us through the vineyard so to speak as we sip red's, Whites, and some bubbly ones. While you sip and learn, there will be fabulous pairings and, as always with Gabriel, a few laughs to compliment your learning experience.

Join Gabriel Lopez Kafati, Wine Consultant, Miami, FL

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Showcase of the Performing Arts
Co-sponsored by FIA, ACB Next Generation, and BPI

10:00 pm – midnight: Open Mic

Join BPI as we open the MIC for the talents of our affiliate and our Allies!! Do you sing or play an

instrument? Have you ever dreamed of taking your comedy to the MIC? Slam poetry and playing magic tricks and so much more. Bring your talent and drop BPI's MIC!!

Co-sponsored by FIA, BPI, and ACB Next Generation

Tuesday, July 4

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine tasting \$30

We'll pop the cork; you be ready to sip! Gabriel will walk us through the vineyard so to speak as we sip red's, Whites and some bubbly ones. While you sip and learn there will be fabulous pairings and as always with Gabriel a few laughs to compliment your learning experience.

Join Gabriel Lopez Kafati, Wine Consultant, Miami, FL

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 am - 8:15 am: FIA and BPI breakfast

Speaker: Jason Castonguay, performer, composer, and tech geek, Manchester, CT

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Aging Over the Rainbow

It ain't easy getting old, and it sure ain't pretty either, but in this session, we will explore resources for aging with grace and vitality. Come one and all, because no one can escape Father Time or Mother Nature as they drag us towards the finish line.

Presenters: Miss Ruth Williams, BPI Ally, NJ; Anthony Corona, Vice President, BPI, Miami, FL

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: The Art of Origami

Jade has patented a set of stencils designed to teach blind and low vision folks how to enjoy the ancient art of origami. In this session learn to craft an Origami Rainbow and one of the following; Hummingbird, Rose or Model T using these stencils. We will discuss how to modify and personalize our creations all while enjoying the relaxing benefits of crafting. We will also discuss the history of the art of Origami.

Jade Alexander, Inventor and Artist, Denver, CO

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine tasting \$30

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Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

President: Patti Cox

Program Chair: Sara Alkmin

Affiliate Donation: \$15

Saturday, June 24

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: CCLVI Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: CCLVI Vendor Showcase

Can't wait to experience new tech at the exhibit hall? Whet your appetite for accessibility as vendors demonstrate new assistive technology. Play with gadgets, ask questions, and plan your time in the exhibit hall.

Monday, July 3

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: The Four "I"s of Low Vision

Identifying as a person with low vision or blindness has its challenges. This session discusses identity, individuality, independence, and inclusion as you walk through the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual journey of life. Come share your experiences, support others, and learn.

Facilitator: Cassie Trosper, Mental Health and Wellness Committee member, North Bend, OR

Co-sponsored by CCLVI and MHWC

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 pm - 12 am: Dance into the Roarin' '20s with CCLVI
\$10

Pull out your flapper dresses, hats, and dancing shoes and cut a rug into the '20s. Bring a partner or friend for a dance, sip themed cocktails, and win prizes. Along with door prizes, we will award the best

dressed individual, best dressed couple, best dancer, and more!

Wednesday, July 5

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Explore the Levels of Low Vision Technology

Do you love the flashiest new tech? Maybe you prefer no-tech options or something in between. Come explore high tech, low tech, and no tech solutions for people with low vision.

Facilitator: Mikey Wiseman, Senior Job Developer, Hialeah, FL

Panelist: Cheryl McNeil-Fisher, 2nd Vice President, Guide Dog Users, Inc. (GDUI) and MacGyver, Wallkill, NY; Zelda Gebhard, CCLVI 1st Vice President and Membership Chair, Edgeley, ND; Charles R. Cronin Jr., Computer Operator, Hempstead, NY

Friends-in-Art of ACB

President: Mike Mandel

Program Chair: Peter Altschul

Affiliate Donation: \$10

Thursday, June 22

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: FIA business meeting

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Digital Musicmaking:

Hardware and Software to Make and Mix Music on Keyboard.

Presenters: Derek Lane, Owner, Lane's Audio, Morganton, NC; Jason Castonguay, composer/performer/producer, Manchester, CT; and Peter Altschul, composer/percussionist/author, Columbia, MO

Friday, June 23

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: AD Across the Arts

Co-sponsored by ADP and FIA

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Writing, Composing, and Performing

Learn about how a poem got set to music and performed without anyone meeting in person.

Annie Chiappetta, author and therapist, New Rochelle, NY; Peter Altschul, composer/percussionist/author, Columbia, MO; Jason

Castonguay, composer/performer/producer,
Manchester, CT; Joan Miles, poet, Salem, OR; and
Abbie Taylor, author, Sheridan, WY.

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Writers Workshop: Writing Fiction for
Young People

Children's author Feather Chelle will take us through
her creative process and what motivates her to write
for children, followed by a question-and-answer
period.

Anne Chiappetta, author and therapist, New Rochelle,
NY; Feather Chelle, Merkel, TX; and Peter Altschul,
Columbia, MO

Co-sponsored by FIA and ACBF

7:30 pm – 9:15 pm: Virtual Showcase of the Performing
Arts. Lay back and groove to a mix of music and
poetry through the power of ACB Media.

10:00 pm - 11:15 pm: Showcase After Hours

Participate in our celebration of the Showcase with
performers and those behind the scenes who put it all
together.

Peter Altschul, Columbia, MO; Nancy Pendegraph,
FIA Vice President (VP), Huntsville, AL

Sunday, July 2

9:00 pm - 10:15 pm: Prose and Poetry Reading

Share some of your original work or just come listen.

Material must be family friendly.

Facilitator: Carla Hayes, McMurray, PA

Co-sponsored by FIA and ACB Next Generation

Monday, July 3

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Showcase of the Performing Arts \$20
(\$20)

Get ready for another outstanding panoply of
performances from musicians, poets, and others. The
pinnacle of diversity, creativity, and professionalism.
Cash bar available.

Co-sponsored by FIA, ACB Next Generation and BPI

10:00 pm – midnight: Open Mic

Co-sponsored by FIA, ACB Next Generation and BPI

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 am - 8:15 am: FIA and BPI breakfast \$30 (\$32)

Speaker: Jason Castonguay, performer, composer,
and tech geek, Manchester, CT

Guide Dog Users, Inc.

President: Sarah Calhoun

Program Chair: Maria Hansen

Affiliate Donation: \$10 (GDUI donors will be entered into a
drawing for prizes on July 5)

Thursday, June 22

11:30 am - 2:15 pm: Guide Dog School Updates

Double session of the ever-popular updates from all
the guide dog schools. Are operations returning to
normal from covid disruptions?

Friday, June 23

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Focusing on Eye Health in Guide
Dogs

How and what do dogs see? Do humans and dogs

share some eye diseases? Do breeds commonly used as guide dogs have a predisposition to certain eye conditions? Learn the answer to these and many other questions.

Dr. Alexandra Van Der Woerdt, DVM, MS, DACVO, DECVO, Senior Veterinarian, Specialist in Ophthalmology, Service Head of Ophthalmology, Director of the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Institute for Postgraduate Education, Schwarzman Animal Medical Center, New York, NY

Saturday, June 24

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: The Unique Matching Process

A presentation discussing the unique matching process and things to consider while matching a Leader Dog to a client. Also covered will be how instructors go about this complex process.

Alyssa Otis, GDMI/Outreach Specialist, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester Hills, MI

Tuesday, July 4

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Crossing “the Big Pond” to Hawaiian Paradise with your Guide Dog:

Hawaii is blessed in so many, many ways. Being the only state in our nation that does not have rabies is one of them. It aims to keep it that way with strict animal admittance procedures administered by its Department of Agriculture. At first blush, the process may appear quite daunting. But Vickie Kennedy knows how to smoothly “navigate those waters,” whether you’re traveling by jet or by cruise ship. A resident of Hawaii for many years, she loves sharing her experience, helping to ensure that your trip to paradise is nothing but the delightful experience it should be!

Vickie Kennedy, Ewa Beach, HI

Wednesday, July 5

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm: GDUI Luncheon \$40 (\$42)

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Wrap-up: Awards, Drawing Winners, and Blessing of the Animals

Presentation of Awards, Margie Donovan, Awards Chair, Folsom, CA

Drawing of winners for plush pups in harness.
The Blessing of past, present and future guide dogs,
puppy raisers, handlers, and those who love them.
By Audrey Gunter and Laurel Jean Walden,
Charleston, SC

Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs

President: Ardis Bazyn
Program Chair: Carla Hayes
Affiliate Donation: \$10 (\$12)

Friday, June 23

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

Friday, June 30

9:00 pm – Midnight: RSVA and IVIE Mixer

Tuesday, July 4

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: IVIE Luncheon and Program \$40 (\$43)

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Learning About IRS Accessibility
Services

Come join us for a discussion about all the ways that IRS is improving access to information for people with print disabilities. We will tell you how to request access to notices in your preferred alternate format as well as how to get accessible tax forms and publications.

Kim Carmichael, Senior Distribution Analyst, Internal Revenue Service, Talladega, AL

Link Up with the All New APH CareerConnect: Inform, Empower, Impact

For nearly three decades, CareerConnect has been a reliable go to source for career education, enrichment and trusted knowledge on all things employment.

Hear from staff of the APH ConnectCenter on recent offerings available through APH CareerConnect.

CareerConversations, Employment Connections, our TransitionHub and the all-new Job Seekers Toolkit are just a few of our latest interactive tools and resources for career curious job seekers and entrepreneurs.

Richard Rueda, Digital Content Manager, APH CareerConnect, Sacramento, CA; Lori Scharff, CareerConnect Lead Content Contractor, Waynesboro, VA

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: IVIE Business Expo

Blind and visually impaired business owners will showcase their products and services and answer your questions.

Library Users of America

President: Judy Wilkinson

Program Chair: Brian Charlson

Affiliate Donation: \$10 (By donating you will be eligible for door prize drawings)

Thursday, June 22

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: LUA Business Meeting

Come for our elections and stay for the rest of our action-packed, information-filled business meeting.

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Text to Speech, Artificial Intelligence and You

The future is quickly approaching and now is the time to learn just how it will be affecting you. Come learn from our panelists what the near future of audio

production holds for those of us who rely on audio to read, access video and interact with the world around us. What will Talking Books become? Will we continue to rely on live describers? Join the conversation and give a listen to just how far we have come.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: AI and the Big Boys

What do Microsoft, Google, Apple and Amazon have in common other than they are well funded, massive and have an incredible workforce at their disposal? They are all looking to reinvent themselves to remain relevant.

Come hear what each company is up to in the artificial intelligence space and what they hope the future will hold. We hope for samples of what they have achieved and some blue skying on how all of this will play out for those of us who are blind.

Monday, July 3

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Up close and personal with Jake Williams

Library Users of America and Braille Revival League once again join to sponsor our visit with ACB narrator; this year it's Jacob Williams, Books to Life, Denver, CO

Tuesday, July 4

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Library Users of American meet with Jason Yasner, NLS Deputy Director, and any colleagues he chooses to bring with him.

Co-sponsored by LUA, BRL and AABT

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America (RSVA)

President: Scott Eggen

Convention Chair: Ardis Bazyn

Affiliate Donation: RSVA - Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America \$20 (entitles donors to a ticket into a drawing occurring on Friday, July 23)

Saturday, June 24

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA Business Meeting (for members only)

Friday, June 30

9:00 pm - Midnight: RSVA and IVIE Mixer \$20 (\$25)

Saturday, July 1

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: RSVA: All about the Illinois Business Enterprise Program

This session will highlight the Business Enterprise Program in Illinois so participants will learn how they train vendors, the types of facilities they have in the program, and some statistics of relevance: gross sales, number of facilities, number of vendors, etc. They will also learn how blind people can become vendors in the state.

Presenter: Kim Borowicz, Esq. Bureau Chief, Bureau of Customer & Community Blind Services Division of Rehabilitation Services Illinois Department of Human Services

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA: Tech It Out!

This session will have speakers talking about gadgets and tech used by blind persons. We'll ask the audience for their favorite ones.

Moderators: Scott Eggen, RSVA® President, Maplewood, MN; Patrick Martin, RSVA® Convention Committee Member, Tallahassee, FL

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: RSVA: Tips and Tricks for the iPhone and MAC

Listeners will hear about using the iPhone more easily. Some great apps for the phone will also be discussed. You'll also learn about programs on the MAC.

Presenter: Diane Scalzi, Blind Information Technology Specialists Treasurer, Saint Clair Shores, MI

Sunday, July 2

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: RSVA® Awards Luncheon and Cooking Without Looking: Celebrating Over Fifty Years of Achievement and Advocacy \$43 (\$45)
The Cooking Without Looking TV Show: How We Can ALL change the Way We See Blindness Together.

Speakers: Renee Rentmeester, Creator/Executive Producer, Albany, GA; Allen Preston, Host, West Palm Beach, FL; Annette Watkins, Host, Plantation, FL

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Speed Networking: The Vendor Game
In this session, career options will be explored, including Randolph-Sheppard opportunities available.

Facilitators: Scott Eggen, RSVA® President,

Maplewood, MN; Ardis Bazyn, RSVA® First Vice President, Burbank, CA

Co-sponsored by RSVA, ACB Next Generation and ACBS

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm: RSVA Comedy: Enjoy Some Laughs with Comedian, Michelle Krajecki \$20

Specializing in “clean comedy”

9:00 pm - 12:00 am: RSVA® Karaoke \$15 (\$20)

Show your talent.

Monday, July 3

6:15 pm – Midnight: RSVA® casino trip \$35 (\$40)

Take a break and enjoy visiting the Horseshoe Casino

Visually Impaired Veterans of America

President: David Dowland

Affiliate Donation: (\$10)

Thursday, June 22

10:00 am - 11:15 am: VIVA Business Meeting

ACB Committee Meetings

ACB Women's Committee

Chair: Linda Porelle

Thursday, June 22

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Yoga with Leslie Spoone

All you need is a chair, some comfortable clothes, and no shoes to enjoy a relaxing and stress-free session of yoga.

Facilitator: Leslie Spoone, Certified Aerobics Instructor and Personal Trainer, Orlando, FL

Friday, June 23

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Cardio Exercise with Leslie Spoone

Join Leslie Spoone for an enthusiastic ride or walk on your cardio machine of choice.

Facilitator: Leslie Spoone, Certified Aerobics Instructor and Personal Trainer, Orlando, FL

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Sister Power Happy Hour

Facilitator: Rachel Schroeder, ACB Board Member,
Springfield, IL

Presenters: Maria Kristic, Senior Financial Analyst,
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Albany,
NY; Melanie Alt Sinohui, Senior Process Engineer at
Wells Fargo, Phoenix, AZ

Saturday, July 1

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Compassion Fatigue: When Helping
You is Hurting Me

As women, we tend to take responsibility for meeting
the emotional and physical needs of loved ones. This
can lead to Compassion Fatigue. What is it? What are
the warning signs? How to combat it? Attend this
workshop and leave with your own personal plan to
address Compassion Fatigue.

Facilitators: Pam Shaw, Certified Mental Health
Coach, Philadelphia, PA; Debby Green, Licensed
Professional Clinical Counselor, Elizabethtown, KY

Auction Committee

Chair: Leslie Spoone

Saturday, June 17

6:00 pm: ACB Summer Auction

Come and enjoy the ACB Summer Auction where we will be featuring jewelry, homemade baked goodies, technology, vacations, handmade quilts and crafts. We will kick it off with an Appetizer Auction on Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16.

Audio Description Project Steering Committee

Co-Chairs: Kim Charlson and Carl Richardson

Thursday, June 22

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: The CVTA Explained

The Communications, Video, and Technology Accessibility Act (CVTA) would update existing regulations to ensure better and easier access to a variety of technology for people who are blind, low

vision, or DeafBlind. Panelists will discuss the writing of the bill and what improvements it promises.

Moderator: Kim Charlson, Co-Chair, ACB Audio Description Project Steering Committee, and Co-Chair, FCC Disability Advisory Committee, Watertown, MA

Panelists: Blake E. Reid, Clinical Professor, Colorado Law, Counsel to TDI, Boulder, CO; Karen Peltz Strauss, National Disability Advocate and Historian, Communication Service for the Deaf, Washington, DC; and Clark Rachfal, ACB Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: More from the Streaming Services
Back by popular demand! Representatives from major streaming services will discuss how their organizations make their programming accessible now and what they've got planned for the future.

Moderator: Carl Richardson, Co-Chair, ACB Audio Description Project, Brighton, MA
Invited Streaming Services include Apple+, Disney+, HULU, HBO Max, Netflix, Prime Video, Paramount+, and Showtime.

Friday, June 23

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: ACVREP Certified Audio Description Specialist (CAUDES) Update

Presenters will provide background details and an update on the progress of the work to create a certification process for audio description professionals.

Moderator: Kim Charlson, Chair, ACVREP Certification Subject Matter Expert Committee, Watertown, MA

Panelists: Kathie Zeider, ACVREP Executive Director, Tucson, AZ; Joel Snyder, ACB Audio Description Project Founder and Senior Consultant, Takoma Park, MD; and Martin Wilde, Vice-Chair, ACVREP Certification Subject Matter Expert Committee, Chicago, IL

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: AD Across the Arts

While film and TV might be the most well-known audio described art form, many arts and entertainment venues use AD as well. Live theatre and dance performances, museums, parks, and even the circus provide AD to increase accessibility. Panelists will

share some of the challenges and the excitement of bringing all the arts to life for people who are blind or have low vision.

Moderator: Dr. Tabitha Kenlon, ACB Audio Description Project Coordinator, Alexandria, VA

Panelists: Leigh Jackson, Director, IDEA Programming, People's Light, Malvern, PA; Lisa B. Lewis, Founder, Executive Director, Omnium: A Bold New Circus, Brooklyn, NY; Mark Osborne, Director, Visitor and Volunteer Services, Holocaust Museum, Houston, TX

Co-sponsored by ADP and FIA

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am – 11:15 am: Audio Description Research

The academic community has embraced audio description (AD) as a form of audiovisual translation and within other disciplines, particularly in countries outside the U.S. Join us to learn the latest in efforts to examine AD through survey-based research as well as lessons learned from professional practice.

Moderator: Dr. Joel Snyder, ACB Audio Description

Project Founder and Senior Consultant, Takoma Park, MD.

Panelists: Pilar Orero, PhD, Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; Rosiana Natalie, PhD, Student, Singapore Management University, Singapore; and Joselia Neves, PhD, Professor, Associate Dean, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar.

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Audio Description for Kids

Whether kids are relaxing with a book or movie or doing a homework assignment, audio description provides vital opportunities for engagement with the world of ideas. Panelists will discuss resources to help parents and teachers integrate audio described content into the lives of their children and students.

Moderators: Carl Richardson, Co-Chair, ACB Audio Description Project, Brighton, MA; and Dr. Tabitha Kenlon, ACB Audio Description Project Coordinator, Alexandria, VA

Panelists: Jason Stark, CEO, Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP), Spartanburg, SC; Jamie Aznive, Audience Services Manager, Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University, Boston, MA; Matt

Kaplowitz, President, Bridge Multimedia, New York, NY; and Sam Gould, Esq., Open Door Theater, & Founder, Think Outside the Vox, Acton, MA

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Audio Description Across the Globe
Several years ago, ACB collaborated with the World Blind Union in a survey of audio description practice worldwide. This panel will highlight AD activity in New Zealand/Australia, South Africa, and in the UK.

Moderator: Dr. Joel Snyder, ACB Audio Description Project Founder and Senior Consultant, Takoma Park, MD

Panelists: Martine Abel-Williamson, Audio Description Advocate and President, World Blind Union; Auckland, NZ; Sonali Rai, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), London, UK; Jonathan Marshall, Research Assistant, RNIB, London, UK; and Shakila Maharaj, Audio Description Producer and Consumer Advocate, Shazacin, Durban, South Africa

Co-sponsored by ADP and IRC

Monday, July 3

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Film Screening: One Step at a Time: A Journey of Hope, Commitment and Resiliency

One Step at a Time chronicles Blind Filmmaker Michael McCulloch, Houston, TX trek of the 26-mile Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. The film premiered in February 2021 at the ReelAbilities Houston Film and Arts Festival and won the Best Cinematography Award at the Sports, Fitness and Recreation Festival in Toronto in August 2022. Michael will set the stage for his documentary and answer questions after the viewing.

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 pm – 11:30 pm: Double-Feature with the 2021 and 2022 Oscar Winning Best Pictures!

7:00 pm: CODA (2021) Length: 1 hour, 51 minutes – PG-13
As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her love of music and her fear of abandoning her parents.

9:00 pm: Everything Everywhere All at Once (2022)
Length: 2 hours, 19 minutes – R
With her laundromat teetering on the brink of failure and her marriage to wimpy husband, Waymond, on

the rocks, overworked, Evelyn Wang struggles to cope with everything, including tattered relationships with her judgmental father, Gong Gong and her daughter, Joy. She must also brace herself for an unpleasant meeting with an impersonal bureaucrat: Deirdre, the shabbily dressed IRS auditor. However, as the stern agent loses patience, an inexplicable multiverse rift becomes an eye-opening exploration of parallel realities. Will Evelyn jump down the rabbit hole? How many stars are in the universe? Can weary Evelyn fathom the irrepressible force of possibilities, tap into newfound powers, and prevent an evil entity from destroying the thin, countless layers of the unseen world?

DKM First-Timers Committee

Chair: Kenneth Semien Sr.

Vice-Chair: Zelda Gebhard

Monday, July 3

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm: ACB/JP Morgan Chase Leadership
Fellows Reception (by invitation only)
Flow with the Winds of Unity and Empowerment.

Wednesday, July 5

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: DKM First-Timers Reception

Imagine the Roaring 1920's, Jazz your way to the DKM Reception. Come out and meet the Class of 2023.

Employment Committee

Co-Chairs: Brooke Jostad and Peter Altschul

Friday, June 23

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Perfecting Professionalism on Paper

Entering and navigating the hiring process can be challenging for current students. Let's review the basics and some well-kept corporate secrets of what makes a good resume. During this virtual event, students will be able to ask questions about do's and don'ts to help them create a strong resume that tackles the needs of specific employers.

Co-sponsored by ACBS and the Employment Committee

Saturday, June 24

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Bots, AI, Social Media, and the Virtual: Exploring the brave new world of the future career search.

Learn about artificial intelligence's impact on future career searches, and how best to prepare for these changes.

Facilitator: Peter Altschul, Creating Common Ground Consultant, Columbia, MO

Panelists: Melanie Sinohui, Senior Process Engineer, Wells Fargo, Phoenix, AZ. John Robinson, President and CEO, Our Ability, Inc., Albany, NY

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: You Got the Job; Now What?

Have you been looking for a job or seeking out a promotion and were unsure of how to negotiate for the accommodations you require to be successful? Have you felt like you deserved a promotion but didn't know what to do next? Whether it's figuring out what accommodations are needed, how to take those brave steps to move yourself up in your company, or how to set yourself up for a successful career, come join a Retail Technology Sales Representative seeking out her next promotion, a newly hired Account Support Specialist working with her employer

to make her job accessible, and a Tax Examiner at the US Treasury Department who has now settled into his new role.

Information Access Committee

Chair: Jeff Bishop

Thursday, June 22

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Web Accessibility, Defining the Problem

What is web accessibility and why is it important?

Share real-life testimonies of the lack of accessibility and the impact on people's lives. What has ACB done for web accessibility and why are we truly here?

Understanding the digital divide of web accessibility from a legal and end-user perspective.

Matthew Handley, Attorney at Law, Washington, DC;

Clark Rachfal, ACB Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA

Co-sponsored by IAC and BITS

Friday, June 23

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Identifying Web Accessibility

Standards, Principles and Guidelines (WCAG)

Introduction to WCAG – what is it? Define the basics of WCAG principles (P.O.U.R.). Define common web accessibility gaps on web sites and how to identify them. How do we speak to developers and companies as it relates to WCAG if we are not an engineer? Resources and additional information on WCAG.

Presenters: Rob Gallo, Senior Software Engineering Manager, Microsoft, Tucker, GA; Rebecca Bridges – TPGI (previously known as The Paciello Group), Manager, Solutions Delivery, Arlington, VA; Elizabeth Whitaker, Vispero Product Manager, User Education and Outreach, Columbus, OH

Co-sponsored by IAC and BITS

Saturday, June 24

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Overcoming Common Pitfalls and Tools to Assist in Finding Gaps in Web Accessibility

Define common pitfalls seen on the web when using a screen reader with potential solutions. Making sense of web accessibility problems from an end-user perspective: Review free tools to provide data to companies. Summarizing the problem – tell real-world stories to companies. Sharing data and follow-up, including resources.

Jeff Bishop, Chair of the Information Access Committee, Tucson, AZ; Elizabeth Whitaker, Vispero, Vispero Product Manager, User Education and Outreach, Columbus, OH; Rebecca Bridges, TPGI (previously known as The Paciello Group), Manager, Solutions Delivery, Arlington, VA

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International Relations Committee

Chair: Maria Kristic

Vice-chair: Meryl Shecter

Thursday, June 22

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Updates on NLS's Foreign Language Offerings

Learn what's new and exciting with the Foreign Language Collection of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, and get your questions answered.

Presenter: Kelsey Corlett-Rivera, Foreign Language Collections Librarian, National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Chevy Chase, MD
Co-sponsored by IRC and MCAC

Friday, June 23

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Toward a World with Zero Barriers with Zero Project

In partnership with the United Nations in Vienna, the Zero Project, an initiative of Essl Foundation, finds and shares innovative solutions worldwide that improve the daily lives and legal rights of all persons with disabilities. Learn about their exciting work and how you can get involved!

Presenters: Robin Tim Weis, Director, International Affairs, Zero Project, Vienna, Austria; Sumita Kunashakaran, Manager, Civil Society, Zero Project, Vienna, Austria; Michael Fembek, CEO, Zero Project, Vienna, Austria; and a Zero Project awardee.

Saturday, June 24

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Audio Description Across the Globe

Several years ago, ACB collaborated with the World Blind Union in a survey of audio description practice worldwide. This panel will highlight AD activity in New Zealand/Australia, South Africa, and in the UK.

Moderator: Dr. Joel Snyder, ACB Audio Description Project Founder and Senior Consultant, Takoma Park, MD

Co-sponsored by ADP and IRC

Tuesday, July 4

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Voices from Around the World

Luncheon: Where's My Gate? Airline Accessibility Challenges and Opportunities Through a Global Lens.

We've all likely had both positive and challenging experiences when traveling by air. Come hear the perspective of a blind airline executive with over 30 years of experience with various international airlines.

Presenter: Michael Swiatek, Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, Avianca, and Chairman, Working

Group on Accessibility, International Air Transport
Association, Miami Beach, FL

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Conversation with World Blind Union
president Martine Abel-Williamson

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Presenter: Martine Abel-Williamson, President, World
Blind Union, Auckland, New Zealand

Co-sponsored by IRC and MCAC

Leadership Institute

Chair: Donna Brown

Saturday, July 1

10:00 am – 11:15 pm: Berl Colley Leadership: We've Got to Stop Meeting Like This!

We, the members of the Difficult Council of the Blind, request the honor of your presence at our chapter meeting. Be prepared for a unique experience. After the meeting, there will be time for discussion that will focus on conducting effective meetings.

Facilitator: Pam Shaw, Certified Mental Health Coach, Philadelphia, PA

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Berl Colley Leadership: Happenings Since the Pandemic from the Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

What were the challenges as the pandemic took hold? How did leaders respond to them? What changes that were made during the Pandemic have continued as we emerge from it? Dr. Janet Szlyk, President and CEO of the Chicago Lighthouse for

People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, will talk with us about how the Lighthouse adapted to the pandemic and what they are doing as we move forward. She'll also discuss what they learned from the pandemic and how it is helping.

Membership Committee

Chair: Ardis Bazyn

Saturday, June 24

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm: Keys to the Convention

This is a session for first-time convention attendees as well as for people who have not attended a convention recently. Presentations will explain various sessions, business meetings and voting, as well as guide dog info, exhibit info, and some social events.

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Facilitated by Ardis Bazyn, ACB Membership Committee Chair, Burbank, CA

Wednesday, July 5

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: ACB Membership Seminar: The Benefits of Partnerships for Membership Growth

Facilitator: Ardis Bazyn, ACB Membership Committee Chair, Burbank, CA

Panel 1: How to Find and Establish Partnerships. ACB membership committee members will share their best practices.

Panel 2: What You can learn from Current Chapter

and Affiliate Partnerships.

Theresa D. Thomas, Executive Director, Bluegrass Council of the Blind, Inc., Lexington, KY; Allan Peterson, ACB Membership Committee Member, Fargo, ND; Casey Dutmer, President, Michigan Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Wyoming, MI

Mental Health and Wellness Committee

Chair: Pam Shaw

Friday, June 23

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: This is my Story, This is my Song
It has been said that mental health is a journey, not a destination. And each of us has a unique story when it comes to our experience. Join us as three people share their stories of strength, courage, and hope. Each panelist will end their presentations with a song that inspires them.

Saturday, July 1

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Compassion Fatigue: When Helping You is Hurting Me

As women, we tend to take responsibility for meeting the emotional and physical needs of loved ones. This can lead to Compassion Fatigue. What is it? What are the warning signs? How to combat it? Attend this workshop and leave with your own personal plan to address Compassion Fatigue.

Facilitators: Pam Shaw, Certified Mental Health Coach, Philadelphia, PA; Debby Green, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Elizabethtown, KY

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
A speaker from the Alzheimer's Association of Illinois will help us:

- Describe typical age-related memory, thinking or behavior changes
- Recognize common warning signs of Alzheimer's and dementia

- Discuss the tips for approaching someone about memory concerns
- Explain the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis
- Identify possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process
- Name the resources available through the Alzheimer's Association.

Sponsored by: Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL) and the Mental Health and Wellness Committee (MHWC).

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Defining the New Normal

In this post-pandemic era, it seems as if everything has changed. This interactive workshop will enable you to design and implement your personal version of the New Normal.

Presenter: Pam Shaw, Philadelphia, PA

Sponsored by: Alliance on aging and Vision Loss (AAVL) and the Mental Health and Wellness Committee (MHWC)

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Mental Health Advocacy Works

How can you effectively advocate for your mental health needs? Who do you approach to help with your certain situation? Come join us as we have a discussion on how advocating for your mental health really works. Our guest will share valuable information that may help you in your day-to-day life. We can't expect others to know what we need. We have to find the way to be proactive in advocating for ourselves.

Facilitator: Pam Shaw, Philadelphia, PA

Panelist: Representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Monday, July 3

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: The Four "I"s of Low Vision

Identifying as a person with low vision or blindness has its challenges. This session discusses identity, individuality, independence, and inclusion as you walk through the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual journey of life. Come share your experiences, support others, and learn.

Facilitator: Cassie Trosper, Mental Health and

Wellness Committee member, North Bend, OR

Co-sponsored by CCLVI and MHWC.

Multicultural Affairs Committee

Chair: Cheryl Cumings

Thursday, June 22

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: The Continuous Rise of Antisemitism & Anti-Zionism: The Situation & Solutions

This workshop will give statistics from the Anti-Defamation League. Solutions will be offered and events on college campuses will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Presenters: Trent Spoolstra, Anti-Defamation League, Associate Regional Director, Jewish Community & Young Leadership Engagement, Chicago, IL; Emily White, Director, JUF's Israel Education Center, Chicago, IL; Emily Briskman, Assoc. Vice President, JUF Campus Affairs and Executive Director, The Hillels of Illinois, Chicago, IL

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Presenter: Martine Abel-Williamson, President, World Blind Union, Auckland, New Zealand.

Co-sponsored by IRC and MCAC

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm: Coming Together – An Afternoon Mixer
Take a breather from your full convention schedule. Join MCAC's Afternoon Mixer. Catch up with friends, meet new ACB'ers, relax and enjoy a few nibbles and libations.

Wednesday, July 5

12:15 pm - 3:45 pm: MCAC Luncheon – Chicago and Diversity

Chicago is a city shaped by the migration of people from around the world and across the nation. Join us for a discussion of how race, class and ethnicity influenced the development of the city.

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Did Helen Keller exist??

Rewriting history; its impact on the blind or visually impaired and other marginalized communities.

Join a panel as they explore the impact and consequences of removing different stories and experiences from our classes and libraries.

Pedestrian Environmental Access Committee

Chair: Becky Barnes

Sunday, July 2

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Taming the Rural Streetscapes

Urban areas make up only 3 percent of the entire land area of the country but are home to more than 80 percent of the population. Conversely, 97 percent of the country's land mass is rural, but only 19.3 percent of the population lives there.

This program will highlight challenges in 3 areas: climate, navigating in the winter when snow, snowplows, and drifts bring along a whole new landscape. How does one navigate with low vision or deafblindness when sidewalks are non-existent and other landmarks are obliterated?

There is urban, rural, and very rural. What does very rural consist of? What happens when you only have one streetlight in your entire neighborhood? Who do you talk to when advocating for crosswalks and APS when no infrastructure exists? Sometimes it is about access, or improving safety, other times in very rural areas all you have are portable stop signs that move from site to site to affect traffic. How do you speak to MUTCD when there are no traffic engineers or traffic control devices?

Possible solutions: In rural areas a group like the new Sioux Falls Active Transportation Board (ATB) which is charged with coordinating and de-conflicting the recommendation from the overarching Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, and Safe Streets. Is there an entity like the ATB in your area? Are they looking for candidates? Who do you talk to in very rural areas when an ATB does not exist? Are there ways to "follow the money" to see if any projects can be funded to promote better access or increased safety for pedestrians? Learn about National Rural Transit Assistance Programs. What can National RTAP do for you? Plus, you will learn much more.

Facilitator: Koni Sims, ACB Board Member, Sioux Falls, SD; Amy J. Scepaniak, M.S., COMS®/CLVT®, SD DeafBlind Program Coordinator Aberdeen, SD

Rehab Issues Task Force Committee

Co-Chairs: Christine Hunsinger and Doug Powell

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Making a Big Difference with
Rehabilitation Coaching

Do you want to win at the game? Try getting a coach. Imagine how your rehabilitation experience would have been if you had a coach by your side preparing you for your IPE and helping you through your meetings with your counselor. Come hear about a project to train Rehab Coaches for your affiliate.

Presenters: Neva Fairchild, National Aging & Vision Loss Specialist, American Foundation for the Blind, Dallas, TX; Marsha Farrow, Vision Rehab Therapist, Summerville, GA

Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Denise Colley and Rebecca Bridges

Friday, June 30

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm: Scholarship Winners' Dinner (by invitation only)

Monday, July 3

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm: ACB Scholarship winners' reception

Sight and Sound Impaired Committee

Co-Chairs: Karyn Campbell and Carl Richardson

Friday, June 23

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Aging into Dual Sensory Loss; What is the Road Forward?

Are you someone who has vision loss and is now experiencing hearing loss? If so, come and listen and learn as Jenee Alleman-Goodman, Older Adult Program Coordinator for the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC), Fort Leavenworth, KS shares

information and tips for how to cope with and move forward on this journey.

Facilitator: Megan Conway, Ph.D., Information, Research and Professional Development (IRPD), Helen Keller National Center (HKNC), Healdsburg, CA

Co-sponsored by SASI and AAVL

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids; The Good, the Bad and The Ugly
Come, listen, and learn from Carol Hamer, audiologist with the Helen Keller National Center, Sands Point, NY, and Carl Richardson, ADA Coordinator and consumer, Brighton, MA, about over the counter vs. prescribed hearing aids.

Facilitators: Lori Scharff, VRT and advocate
Waynesboro, VA

Co-sponsored by SASI and AAVL

Sunday, July 2

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: SASI Social
Meet people who share your unique issues related to

DeafBlindness and learn about various ways to communicate in a relaxed atmosphere.

Transportation Committee

Chair: Claire Stanley

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2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: What now:

The impacts of the pandemic and available infrastructure funding on transportation

This 2-part session will explore the changing landscape of transportation in the United States both as the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and then the results of the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure package. The panelists will discuss both the good and bad effects of such changes for travelers who are blind or low vision. The 2-session event will include panels on experts in the transportation space, as well as government officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Facilitator: Claire Stanley, Washington, DC; Kelly Buckland, Washington, DC

Walk Committee

Chair: Donna Brown

Saturday, July 1

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm: ACB Walk: Get Up and Get Moving!
Walking Everywhere!

Lace up your shoes, grab your water bottle, and be ready to be energized. Join the ACB Walk committee as we gather to raise money for ACB and its affiliates, get some exercise by traversing the halls of the convention hotel and the convention center, and make a grand entrance to kick off the opening general session of the convention.

Other Meetings and Programs

Advocacy Issues

Friday, June 23

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: OKO, the Revolutionary New
Pedestrian Crossing

OKO is a mobile application that uses the smartphone

camera and artificial intelligence to bring back the status of the pedestrian light (WALK, DON'T WALK and COUNTDOWN) and helps you with not veering off into traffic when crossing the street. OKO doesn't require any additional infrastructure to be installed and does not rely on a Wi-Fi or cellular connection. No stress and greater safety while crossing the street.

Michiel Janssen is founder and CEO of AYES, the company behind the OKO application. Two years ago, a blind family friend told Michiel about his challenges while navigating outdoors. It's at that point he and his co-founders decided to build a solution for him and the 300M blind and visually impaired people.

Saturday, July 1

7:30 am - 9:00 am: Janssen, (a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson) invites you to join them for breakfast and a listening session on life experiences with retina degenerative diseases

Representatives from Janssen will be present to hear from you and our moderators; Dan Spoone, ACB Interim Executive Director, Orlando, FL; Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy, Alexandria, VA

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Accessible Prescription Advocacy 2030

Come learn what public policy makers in health care are focusing on and how your advocacy team can utilize these objectives to their own advantage, including creating a culture of accessibility in the pharmacy industry! Healthy People 2030, published by the DHHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, is a set of data driven national objectives to improve the health and well-being for our nation over the next decade. Health People 2030 has nearly 300 objectives including 14 vision-related objectives as well as health literacy, health equity and social determinants as key priorities.

Tuesday, July 4

7:00 am – 8:15 am: AFB Breakfast \$15

Join the American Foundation for the Blind at its annual breakfast, where guests will learn what's on the horizon for AFB and have an opportunity to meet with its new President & CEO Eric Bridges.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: A Conversation with Uber, OnSite & Virtual, Schaumburg G

Join representatives from Uber to learn how they are

improving the rideshare experience for passengers with disabilities, including service dog handlers.

Moderated by Clark Rachfal, ACBs, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs.

Careers

Friday, June 23

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Is Fundraising a Profession for You?

In this seminar, we will explore career opportunities in fundraising for blind and low vision individuals. The seminar will address basic fundraising skills; training for a fundraising career; accessible fundraising training materials; and fundraising 101 for volunteers and staff. The seminar is open to all ages and backgrounds.

Presenters: William (Bill) Reeder, ACB Interim Chief Development Officer, Ellicott City, MD; Kolby Garrison, ACB Development Officer, Greensboro, NC; Jo Lynn Bailey-Page, ACB Associate Director of Development, Los Altos, CA

Monday, July 3

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Meet the All New APH ConnectCenter
Support families with children who are blind or low vision? The ConnectCenter is celebrating its fifth birthday with APH. Join Katie Frederick and Richard Rueda from the APH ConnectCenter team as we unveil digital tools and resources empowering, influencing, and impacting you and your community. Come have a conversation with us and take away some fun giveaways!

Presenters: Richard Rueda, Assistant Director
Connect Center, Sacramento, CA; Katie Frederick,
Digital Content Manager, VisionAware, Worthington, OH

Guide Dogs

Sunday, July 2

7:30 am - 8:45 am: Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB)
Breakfast
GDB grads connect with friends and staff; those considering the guide dog lifestyle are welcome. If you'd like to join GDB for breakfast, please email Jane at jflower@guidedogs.com.

Health and Wellness

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Friends of Bill W.

Sunday, July 2 and Monday, July 3

9:00 am – 6:00 pm: Help Cigna and Express Scripts improve their digital accessibility
Cigna and Express Scripts will be conducting a usability study focused on improving digital accessibility during the 2023 American Council of the Blind Conference and Convention. They are looking for volunteers who regularly use a screen reader on their computer and/or mobile phone. Participants will walk through a number of tasks and provide feedback regarding the experience. The study will take place Sunday, July 2nd and Monday, July 3rd. Individual sessions are by appointment only and will last about an hour. Participants will be compensated with a \$100 electronic gift card for completing a session. To sign up or learn more about the study, please contact accessibility@express-scripts.com.

Monday, July 3

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Intracortical Visual Prosthesis
Research Project

The project is being conducted by The Illinois Institute of Technology and The Chicago Lighthouse, and we invite you to come learn from the researchers about an experimental device intended to restore visual perception for individuals who are blind. Learn about the intracortical visual prosthesis device, the study, expectations, possible risks and benefits, process and post implant requirements.

Wednesday, July 5

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Friends of Bill W.

Technology

Thursday, June 22

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Responsible AI is Accessible AI:
Microsoft's approach to the future of accessible
technology

AI is rapidly transforming the digital world. We aim to build inclusivity by focusing on three principles; build accessibly, include data sets that represent disability, and innovate. Join us to learn about our approach and AI's usage within our products.

Presenters: Hector Minto and Laurie Allen

Friday, June 23

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Panel Discussion with the Experts: Leverage Technology in Work, Play and Life. MS product engineers gather to answer questions based on user experience scenarios across industry. Learn best practices and resources from the product experts including Windows, Teams, Cloud & AI and Seeing AI.

Microsoft panelists include: Brett Humphrey, Redmond, WA; Manish Argawal, Redmond, WA; Ryan Shugart, Redmond, WA; Saquib Shaikh, Redmond, WA; Hector Minto, London, England

Moderator: Laurie Allen, Austin, TX

Saturday, July 1

10:00 am - 11:15 am: HIMS Session

Please join Earle Harrison from HIMS as he shares new and exciting news with regards to HIMS Flagship product the BrailleSense 6 notetaker, and demonstrates the new SensePlayer handheld, the world's most versatile book reader, multimedia player, and field recorder, and demonstrates the Smart Connect feature and discusses why somebody might desire the ability to remotely control their tablet or phone.

Presenter: Earle Harrison, National Account Manager, HIMS Inc., Austin, TX

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Seleste, the Future of Smart Glasses - Affordable, Thin, and Fast

Assistive technology has often been behind technology available for the public, with people with vision loss having to choose from bulky and expensive products. Come learn how Seleste is changing things and get hands-on with the glasses!

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Paving the Holy Braille Highway with APH

The future of braille literacy is dynamic and digital.

With the development of new braille technology comes the opportunity to make braille and tactile graphics more affordable, available and interactive. Join APH to discuss the important work that will be required to ensure this future is a reality.

Presenter: Greg Stilson, Director, Global Innovation, Madison, WI

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Devices and services accessibility at Amazon

Amazon obsesses about customer delight, and that includes customers with disabilities. In this session, we will discuss the latest accessibility features for Fire TV, Fire tablet, Echo Show, Echo Frames, and more. We will share more about Prime Video's journey to make audio descriptions as common as captions, as well as text-to-speech voice improvements. We will also review the suite of award-winning Fire OS accessibility features that have been delighting Amazon's customers with disabilities for years.

Presenter: Peter Korn, Director of Devices, Accessibility, Amazon, Seattle, WA

Sunday, July 2

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: What's New with JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion

Join Ryan Jones for the annual user's group meeting. All skill levels are welcome. We'll demonstrate and discuss the recent developments and look at what's coming in 2024. We will also discuss how you can help shape the future of our products. Bring your

questions and join the fun as we kick off the 2023 Convention!

Presenter: Ryan Jones, Jones, VP Software & Product Management, Clearwater, FL

Monday, July 3

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: VictorReader Stream 3

Join HumanWare to learn about what's new with the VictorReader Stream 3. The VictorReader Stream 3 has been updated with many new highly requested features.

In this presentation, you will learn about the enhancements and changes incorporated into the

world's most popular book reader. We've added Bluetooth connectivity, access to modern Wi-Fi bands, updated the audio file formats available, and made playback more enjoyable with improvements to the built-in speaker.

With new voices and languages a download away, listening to your Stream has never been this good! We've introduced a new menu structure providing easier and more efficient navigation. We've also redesigned the unit with buttons that are more tactually identifiable, a protective cover for the SD card, longer battery life, and more!

Presenter: Rachel Ramos, Blindness Product Specialist, San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, July 4

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: NLS and the E-Reader

Join National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled as Deputy Director Jason Yasner and other NLS staff members share the latest information on the NLS e-reader. This is your chance to hear from the experts and have your questions answered.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: BARD Mobile Smartphone App.

This is your chance for an in-depth look at the new BARD application with NLS deputy director Jason Yasner and other library staff. Find out the most updated information on how to access library services from your smart device.

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: StellarTrek

Take a Journey with HumanWare as You Learn About What's New with the StellarTrek. This presentation will showcase what's new with this compact GPS and text-reading device. StellarTrek can help you navigate your environment; from reading addresses on doors, to signs on businesses, text has never been this easy to find. You can follow a route in real time or browse the world virtually from wherever you are. Getting lost is a thing of the past, as you can map any area - on the street grid, or in an open area - and StellarTrek will guide you to where you want to be. Building on these features, we've added a barcode reader and color recognition to StellarTrek's capabilities, with more to come!

Presenter: Rachel Ramos, Blindness Product Specialist, San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, July 5

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Unfolding Aira's Roadmap

We'll journey from the Aira product manager's desk to states like Colorado and Alabama, and the corporate offices of some well-known brands to show you what's coming in the world of visual interpreting.

Presenter: Jenine Stanley, Director, Customer Success and Engagement, Columbus, OH

More Convention Entertainment

You will be ready for a break and a little fun after all those workshops, seminars, and business meetings. Below are some activities and events that take place at the hotel. For more fun ideas, see Convention Tours. Check the agendas of the many affiliates and groups for more mixers, luncheons, and parties.

Friday, June 30

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm: Welcome to Schaumburg \$15 (\$20)

Come one, come all to the Welcome Schaumburg party hosted by the Illinois Council of the Blind (ICB)! Soloist Jeff Trudell with his guitar is sure to entertain

us for an interactive evening of singing, dancing and socializing.

Saturday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 5

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality:

Here's your opportunity to meet up with those you've only met virtually or to see friends you haven't been with for a few years or more.

Drop in for a few minutes or the entire time. You're sure to find some midday convention cheer here.

Saturday, July 1

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm: Tailgate Party

Join the Get Up and Get Moving and the Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk committees 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 Get Up and Get Moving and Brenda Dillon Walk organizers and friends.

This event is for those who have registered for the walk.

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Community Mixer \$15

This is a meet and greet you won't want to miss. You've heard each other on ACB Media, in Zoom or in Clubhouse; now you can visit with these friends in person over a drink, handshake, or hug. And yes, join in even if you've never taken part in community events previously. All are welcomed!

2023 Tours

Important tour information: Please read the following information completely. It will answer many of your tour-related questions and will help you have a more enjoyable tour experience.

1. All tour buses will load and drop off at the west entrance of the hotel.

2. Bus departure times for each tour are listed in this program. Please be at the bus departure area and ready to board the bus 15 minutes prior to the listed departure times. Arrival times back to the hotel are approximate.
3. The first two rows of seats on both sides of the bus are reserved for the tour coordinators, volunteers and people with mobility difficulties. If you sit in those seats, you will be asked to move.
4. All buses are fully ADA-equipped. If you have mobility difficulties or use a wheelchair that requires the lift to access the bus, you **MUST** check the appropriate boxes on the pre-registration form in order for us to plan the necessary accommodations. If you are able to transfer from a wheelchair into a bus seat, your chair will be placed under the bus for the duration of the ride.
5. Indoor facilities are air-conditioned unless indicated, but many tours include significant outdoor time. Dress appropriately and bring sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, and a water bottle for your comfort and safety.

6. Space is limited on all tours. ACB reserves the right to cancel a tour should sales fall below required minimums.
7. All return times are approximate. If you have dietary scheduling concerns, bring a light snack in case we are unavoidably delayed. We ask that you board the bus quickly and safely to avoid delays. We plan 15 minutes to load and unload the bus. Please do not schedule back-to-back events based upon the return time of the tour, as we cannot plan for traffic and road condition delays.
8. A limited number of volunteers will accompany each tour. While they will help as much as possible, ACB volunteers are not personal guides or personal care attendants. If you need individual help, plan to attend the tour with a friend who can provide the assistance you need. If you use a wheelchair, you must have someone on the tour with you to push your wheelchair!
9. Most tour destinations are ADA-accessible. Some tours that are NOT ADA-accessible may include long walks, steps and steep grades. Some tours may involve strenuous activities. If you have a medical condition that may limit your involvement or

participation, please let us know ahead of time and use common sense when making your selections.

- 10.** The tour leader will have a list of all paid attendees and the waiting list for each tour. The leader will be stationed at the door of the bus to record your attendance. Please do not board the bus until the tour leader has completed this task.
- 11.** If registration for a tour exceeds its capacity, a waiting list is created based on the date and time your order was placed. If you are on a waiting list, you will be asked to stand in a designated area to wait for your name to be called. If you are not present when your name is called, the next person on the waiting list will be called to fill that seat. You may not give your place on the waiting list to another person.
- 12.** If you arrive late and your name has already been called from the waiting list, your ability to secure a seat will be entirely dependent on the number of vacant seats remaining on the bus. No one who has answered the call from the waiting list will be asked to give up their seat.
- 13.** If there is no waiting list, or if the waiting list has been satisfied, any remaining vacant seats will be sold to walk-up traffic. Such vacant seats will be sold for

cash only. To purchase, you must have a valid name badge, a day pass for the current day or other proof of registration.

14. If you have paid for and are issued a tour ticket and do not appear at the designated time and place, no refund will be made. If you are on a waiting list and are not able to get on the bus, the tour leader will report this to the registration office and you will be able to secure a refund the next day after the tour.

Should you not be present at the convention the day after the tour, or if the convention has ended, please call the Minneapolis office by July 31st to arrange for a refund via check or credit card.

Friday, June 30

8:00 am - 5:30 pm: The Museum of Science and Industry
\$115) (no onsite tickets available)

Go into a coal mine and see what life was like for miners. Visit the exhibit Pompeii, perform hands-on experiments, learn the science behind taste, learn about sound waves and walk through a replica of a human heart.

There's so much to experience, plus lunch and an amazing gift shop!

6:15 pm - 10:30 pm: Detective Dinner: \$110 (no onsite tickets available)

Learn about the players, hear the clues and figure out whodunit after enjoying a great meal! Cash bar available.

Saturday, July 1

9:30 am - 4:00 pm: Holocaust Museum \$67 (\$70)

None of us want to think about this horrendous but important time in history. This museum focuses on life in Poland and talks about not just the Jewish people who were persecuted, interned, and murdered, but also those with disabilities and other ethnicities. Lunch from a local deli will be provided as part of the tour.

10:30 am - 3:30 pm: Beach Day \$43 (\$46)

Swim or sit on the beach, enjoy lunch and play beach games. We'll do it all at Bangs Lake. There will be lifeguards and a gazebo for anyone who wishes to be out of the sun. Guide dogs are not allowed in the water and the sand will be very hot, so it is advised that you consider leaving your dog with a friend at the hotel.

Sunday, July 2

7:30 am - 7:00 pm: Tube down the river \$103 (\$106)

Travel to Winamac, Indiana where you will spend 3 hours floating down the river. Several tubes will be joined together so that everyone will be safe and life jackets will be provided. You must wear rubber-soled closed-toe shoes such as old tennis shoes or water shoes on the river. If you don't have footwear, you will be required to pay rental for water shoes from the venue for \$15. Make sure to bring sunscreen! Guide dogs may not accompany you on this tour, so you will need to make arrangements to leave your dog at the hotel with a friend. Lunch will be provided.

12:15 pm - 6:15 pm: Chicago History Museum \$50 (\$53)

The Museum's collection of more than 23 million objects, images, and documents record the evolution of Chicago, one of the nation's most significant cities, from fur-trading outpost to modern metropolis.

Lunch is not included in this tour.

Monday, July 3

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Pizza and Gangster tour \$125

Taste the flavors of Chicago and learn about the most notorious era the Windy City is known for, Prohibition! This is a city bus tour with a twist! You'll get a chance to literally eat your way through Chicago by sampling slices of its world-famous pizza at three culturally significant pizzerias. Along the way we'll educate the group about all things pizza, and, since one of the pizzerias used to be an Al Capone-controlled speakeasy, we'll discuss that history as well.

12:15 pm - 6:00 pm: National Museum of Mexican Art \$65 (\$68)

Founded in 1982, the museum represents the Mexican community from its own point of view and its own voice.

The museum will stimulate knowledge and appreciation of Mexican art and culture from both sides of the border through a significant permanent collection of Mexican art; rich visual and performing arts programs; high quality arts education programs and resources; and professional development of Mexican artists. The Museum welcomes all people and strives to foster a world where all are included. During this tour we will see some 3-D renderings of paintings, and our docents will describe the exhibits for us in vivid detail. We will also take a two-block walk to learn about the murals painted in the

neighborhood. Lunch will be catered from a local Mexican restaurant and will be served buffet style.

6:15 pm – Midnight: RSVA Casino trip \$35 (\$40)

Take a break and visit Rivers Casino. With over \$1.8 billion in jackpots paid out, Rivers Casino has the most jackpots in Chicagoland. Plus, you can now find your favorite games and the newest slot machines on the main gaming floor as well as in the expanded downstairs and the new upstairs gaming areas. Table Games: Poker (6 Games), Baccarat, Roulette, Craps. 9 dining options: steak house, market place (4 options), coffee bar, fast food, and Asian.

Tuesday, July 4

9:15 am - 5:30 pm: Wine tasting \$78 (\$81)

Travel to Milton, WI to visit two wineries, one of which also includes beer tasting. Sit outside and sip, learn about wine production, purchase wine for shipping (if your home state allows), and visit great gift shops with numerous wine related items.

Lunch will be provided.

4:30 pm - 11:00 pm: White Sox Game \$90 (\$93)
Watch the White Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays at
Guaranteed Rate Stadium.

Wednesday, July 5

12:15 pm - 5:00 pm: Horizons for the Blind \$49 (\$52)
Everything in the building is labeled in large print and
braille. Visit the production area where everything from
utility bills to menus are embossed. Horizons' phenomenal
store has numerous gadgets and braille books. Enjoy
lunch with the Horizons staff and learn about their history.

12:30 pm - 2:45 pm: Long Grove Confectioners Tour I \$35
(\$38)

You've probably had these marvelous treats before. Long
Grove Confections are sold under many other labels.
Learn about how their candy is hand-made, try some
samples and do lots of shopping! They have everything
from monster peanut butter cups to candied roasted
pecans!

Lunch is not included in this tour.

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Long Grove Confectioners Tour II \$35 (\$38)

You've probably had these marvelous treats before. Long Grove Confections are sold under many other labels. Learn about how their candy is hand-made, try some samples and do lots of shopping! They have everything from monster peanut butter cups to candied roasted pecans!

Lunch is not included in this tour.

Thursday, July 6

10:15 am - 6:00 pm: Goodman Theatre \$70 (\$73)

Attend an audio-described performance of "Tommy." Prior to the performance go on-stage to meet the cast, see the costumes and scenery. Lunch is not included in this tour.

Friday, July 7

8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Sanfilippo "Place de la Musique" Music Box tour I \$52 (\$55)

Known worldwide for its magnificent collections of beautifully restored antique music machines; phonographs, arcade and gambling machines; chandeliers; art glass; the world's largest restored theater

pipe organ; the most spectacular European salon carousel in existence; street and tower clocks; steam engines; and other functional mechanical antiques, displayed within a breathtaking French Second Empire setting. If you enjoy music, trains, or antiques, you don't want to miss this tour!

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4:30 pm - 11:30 pm: Odyssey dinner cruise \$175 (no onsite tickets available)

Take a gourmet dinner cruise on a high-end luxury yacht with the stunning skyline of Chicago serving as your backdrop. Climb aboard the recently renovated vessel, featuring a sumptuously appointed rooftop lounge and stylish interior design, for your cruise along Lake Michigan. Then sit down for a 3-course dinner.

After dinner, enjoy coffee and tea, captivating views of Chicago landmarks like the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower and Navy Pier, plus musical entertainment provided by the onboard DJ.

You will select your meal on the boat.

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Saturday, June 17, 6:00 PM

ACB Summer Auction

Come and enjoy the ACB Summer Auction, where we will be featuring jewelry, homemade baked goodies, technology, vacations, and handmade quilts and crafts. We will kick off the auction with our Appetizer Auction on Thursday, June 15 from 11:00 am through Friday, June 16 at 11:00 am, and Friday, June 16 11:00 am through Saturday, June 17 at 11:00 am.

Saturday, July 1, 5:15 pm

ACB Walk: Stepping Out With the American Council of the Blind

Stepping Out with the American Council of the Blind Help kick off the ACB general sessions by joining ACB members and friends during the live Virtual Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk. Lace up your shoes, grab your water bottle, and be a part of one of the kickoff events in the ACB Health and Wellness campaign.

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Win \$5,000 in cold hard cash! Limited tickets available; \$50 each. Buy one for yourself or your affiliate or find up to four friends and split the cost five ways. To purchase tickets, call (612) 332-3242.

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Saturday, July 1: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 2: 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, July 3: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, July 4: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, July 5: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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ACB Angels

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AIRA

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