



Keeping You “In the Know...” 2/17/17

Educating and Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Nicole Kahn and Alexis Vickers met with several members of the Revenue Group’s executive team on Thursday, February 9th. The Revenue Group is a leading accounts receivable management company that was established in 1994 who contacted CSC to learn about the organization and how Employment Services can help fill the company’s ongoing hiring needs. As a result of the meeting, the Revenue Group committed to becoming a dedicated employment partner for those job seekers with an interest and skill set in sales and customer service orientated roles.
- Past Board Chair and current Board Trustee Andy Sikorovsky introduced a friend to CSC with a meeting and tour of the agency on Monday, February 13th.
- Lisa Cellura represented CSC on Tuesday, February 14th at the Hillcrest Rotary Club meeting, where she talked about CSC programs and services. On Wednesday, Lisa presented the “Blindness Basics” program to all volunteers at the Ahuja Medical Center.
- Desmond Kennedy continues to meet with eye doctors and eye care professionals. Meetings last week included Beachwood’s Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute and Western Reserve Ophthalmology. Visits this week included Abrams Eye Center, located in the St. Vincent Charity Medical Building downtown as well as a visit with University Ophthalmologists.

This Week at CSC:

- On Tuesday, students in Bright Futures Preschool celebrated Valentine's Day with moms and siblings, shared Valentine's treats, danced, passed out Valentine's notes and played "place the kiss on Miss Karen." Also this week, they enjoyed a visit to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.



Preschool students blow a kiss to the camera



Preschooler spells "hug" in magnet letters



Preschoolers in the cave



Preschoolers wearing their orchid masks

- Job Club met at CSC on Thursday, February 16th and welcomed guest speaker Brandon Smith, Cleveland Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security. Mr. Smith provided an overview of SSI, SSDI and work incentives offered by Social Security and answered questions about these programs from Job Club participants. Staff from CSC's Call Center and other departments joined the group and everyone said that they were glad to gain a new understanding of this complicated topic. Save the date for the next Job Club on Thursday, March 16th. More information coming soon.

- The Braille Notes Choir traveled to the Jennings Center this week to perform a concert centered on Black History Month. The choir, accompanied by drums and piano, sang for an hour to the benefit of a large audience of both adults and children receiving services from Jennings Center.



Braille Notes Choir performs

- The Therapeutic Recreation team kept things busy with the following activities: Tuesday Latin Dance Class; Workout Wednesday; Thursday Yoga Class; Friday Walking Club and Game Day.
- Have you fallen behind on your New Year's Resolution? Are you looking for ways to get back in shape or some healthy diet tips? Join the Workout Wednesday group on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. for a workout and presentation from the Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland. Snacks are included, so please RSVP to Mollie Evans (216-791-8118) if you plan to attend the class held in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC.

Camp Registration is Now Open!

- Registration for upcoming summer 2017 camp sessions at Highbrook Lodge is now OPEN! Are you or a family member interested in spending time outdoors, making new friends and much more? Highbrook Lodge utilizes the benefits of the natural environment to promote friendship, growth, independence and self-sufficiency through traditional camp activities adapted to the needs of campers. The 2017 schedule with additional information is posted on the Highbrook Lodge

pages of CSC's website, [click here](#). Any questions, contact the Camp team at 216-791-8118.

- Don't forget, Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge is February 24th – 26th. Cost of the weekend is \$60/camper. Transportation to/from CSC is provided for an additional \$15/camper. To register please call the Camp Department (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured products of the week include handcrafted wood items donated from the workshop of CSC's President Larry Benders! All proceeds from the sale of these items will benefit Cleveland Sight Center. If you have admired the items won by the winners of the Random Acts of Awesome Awards, here's your opportunity to own a piece of his work. The Eyedeas Shop is offering a variety of items including a choice of salt/peppermill for \$50.00, cutting board for \$50.00, bottle openers for \$15.00 and more! They are beautifully made so stop in and see the great selection today!



Handcrafted items including salt and peppermills, cutting board and bottle openers

- The Eyedea Shop will be closed for inventory on March 1st and 2nd.
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Technology Tidbits:

- In observance of Low Vision Awareness Month, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), in partnership with the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), wants to spread the word about the **U.S. Currency Reader Program** – a program that provides assistive technology at no cost to eligible applicants. The currency reader, called iBill®, is a small hand-held device that denominates all U.S. currency in circulation to assist people who are blind and visually impaired. To request a currency reader, individuals should complete the application located on BEP's website

at <http://www.bep.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html> or call (844) 815-9388, toll free, to request that an application be mailed. For additional information, [click here](#).

- A visor-like headset that uses a high-speed, high-definition camera called eSight3 is changing the way the world looks for users. Where the user once saw blurry shadows, he/she now sees details, like the expression on a person's face. Each person who uses eSight 3 can control color, contrast, focus, brightness and magnification (24X). [Click here](#) for the full article on this product.
- John Carroll University's Student Accessibility Services, The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion and The Mandel Grant are proud to present "Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit." This self-guided exhibit from Saint Louis University promotes disability awareness, ability and inclusion. Viewers may attend at their own leisure on March 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and March 21st and 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the O'Connell Reading Room in John Carroll University's Dolan Science Center. For more information about The Ability Exhibit, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

- Here are some "Ohio by the Numbers" facts:
 - **948** – Ohio's tallest building, the 63-story Key Tower in Cleveland, is 948 feet tall.
 - **44 percent** of Ohio is prime farmland.
 - **75,000** – the number of spectators at the 1962 All-American Soap Box Derby. This event has been held in Akron, Ohio since the 1930's.
 - **\$484 billion** – Ohio's total Gross Domestic Product for 2011.
 - **8/44** – More of our country's presidents came from Ohio than from any other state. Eight of 44 American presidents were elected

from the Buckeye State, earning Ohio the nickname “the Mother of Presidents.”

- **200** – Ohio produces more than 200 different crops. Corn and soybeans are tops by volume.
- **88** – the number of counties in Ohio
- **1899** – In 1899, a Mercer County school teacher named Joseph Oppenheim developed the first manure spreader in response to a number of his students missing school to help their families haul manure.
- **30 minutes** – Former Governor James Rhodes proposed the idea that a campus of higher education should be within a 30-minute drive for every Ohioan.
- **88 percent** of Ohioans are high school graduates.