



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/22/16

### Register for White Cane Walk:

- This year’s [White Cane Walk](#) is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Village. The event will again feature the [White Cane Walk](#), a [5K Run](#), and NEW THIS YEAR, a [1-Mile Stroll!!!](#) Registration is now open for all components of this fun-filled, educational, fundraising, and outreach showcase of CSC! [Click here to register](#) and don’t forget to start your own fundraising team as well! For more information, contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118). Way to go Board Trustee and White Cane Walk Committee Chair [Mike Weissman](#) and CSC staff members [Jennifer Dean](#), [Steve Frohwerk](#), and [Kevin Krencisz](#) for already setting up fundraising teams!



White Cane Walk event logo

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- [Susie Meles](#) and Paul Smith, Division 11 Chairs of AERO (Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Ohio) held a spring workshop at Cleveland Sight Center on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>. 24 Vision Rehabilitation Therapists attended from all over Ohio! Wonderful presentations were offered including [Erin St. Denis](#) presenting on cortical vision impairments, [Randy Knapp](#) and [Andrea](#)

[Marley](#) presenting on how to obtain assistance from medical companies with the purchase of specialized adaptive equipment and [Mary Jo Chisnell](#) leading the hands on activity of preparing and eating lunch under blindfold. Other topics of discussion were recreational programs for persons with vision impairments, a discussion on apps available on iPhone, iPad or Android devices, and an update on the Vision Rehabilitation therapist field at the National level. Thank you to [Marcia Houston](#), [Steve Frohwerk](#), [Keith Winn](#), [Sherry Raymont](#), [Jennifer Dean](#), [Alicia Howerton](#), [Lori Marsalis](#), [Scott Malone](#), [Debi Welsby](#), [Bryan Manthey](#) and [Steve Penberthy](#) for helping make the workshop a success!



Participants are under blindfold and work with CSC employees to make sandwiches.



Participants at the workshop work together and hear from speakers in attendance.

- [Anthony Easley](#) and [Marjorie Pyles-Hearst](#) presented CSC's partnership with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) at the 2016 Stronger Together Conference on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the positive impact of partnerships. CSC and the Tri-C ABLÉ program offer

classroom instruction to students who are blind or visually impaired. The variety of accessible accommodations and resources make this a successful program. The creative instructional techniques used can be adapted for learners of all levels.

- [Sylvia Snyder](#) has been participating in an adhoc Vision Advisory Committee to review and revise the standards & guidelines for both preschool vision screening and school age vision screening. The Ohio Department of Health has assembled vision providers from around the state to complete this task. Their next meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup> and we look forward to hearing more!
- [Dr. Lidija Balciunas](#) attended a continuing education workshop on Tuesday hosted by The Cleveland Clinic Foundation with 150 local optometrists. Several panel ophthalmologists, Drs. Traboulsi, Rachitskaya and Yuan as well as optometrist Dr. Kampani, expressed the significant benefits their patients have received from services provided at CSC's Vision Clinic and other departments. They stressed the importance to patients' overall well-being by making the appropriate referrals to CSC!
- It's been a busy week for Community Engagement!
  - [Sylvia Snyder](#) represented CSC at a Transition Fair at Notre Dame Colle in South Euclid.
  - [Tom Sawyer](#) had displays at three different Assistive Technology Vendor fairs throughout Ohio.
  - [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) attended Prevent Blindness Ohio's Aging Eye Summit at Case Western Reserve University.
  - [Anthony Easley](#) attended the Ohio Continuing Education Conference in Columbus.
  - [Judy Post](#) represented CSC at the Cuyahoga County Department of Health Conference in Brook Park.
  - [Susie Meles](#) and [Barb Piascik](#) will be representing CSC today at Gary Clawson's Low Vision Fair in Avon.



Alicia Howerton and Lisa Cellura at the CSC display table at Case.

- The Consumer Council met at CSC yesterday afternoon for presentations and discussion about CSC Employment Services.



The Consumer Council meets in the auditorium.

- Participants in CSC's Tandem Bike & Hike program enjoyed a beautiful weekend outside last week at Cuyahoga Valley National Park!



### Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedeas Shop](#): BUMP DOTS! For \$10, a multi-pack of 80 bump dots allows for a variety of uses. Different colors and sizes are available in the shop for any need you may have in fully accessing your appliances, technology, etc.



A set of different colored bump dots.

- Can't make it to the [Eyedea Shop](#) at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

### For Your Entertainment and Enjoyment:

- University of Southern California's blind long snapper, Jake Olson, played in the team's spring exhibition game last weekend. He lost his left eye to a rare form of retinal cancer when he was 10 months old, completely losing his sight in 2009 when he was 12 years old. A USC fan since he was young, Olson hasn't allowed his sight to interrupt his football plans. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- United States currency is in the middle of a revamp, and this will include having tactile features on bills to make it easier for those who are blind or visually impaired to use paper currency. For more information, [click here](#).
- Cleveland State University art students and CSC will present "Exploring Sensation," a juried exhibition designed to bring art into the world of those who are blind or have low vision. The Opening Reception will be on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). Introductory remarks about the exhibit will be made at 6:30pm. Viewing hours for the artwork are 4:00pm – 7:30pm on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 11:00am – 4:30pm on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information, contact [Desmond Kennedy](#) (x4595) or [Steve Frohwerk](#) (x4562).

## Items of Note:

- The [Consumer Council's Technology Fair](#) will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at CSC from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). For more information on the [Technology Fair](#), contact [Anthony Easley](#) (x8751).
- The next gathering of the [Job Club](#) will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:30am in the [Library Conference Room](#) at CSC. The group will discuss “Financial Basics” with guest presenter Sharron Murphy-Williams, Founder and Executive Director of the Phe’be Foundation, a non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy education to members of our communities. Topics to be addressed include:
  - How to manage your current income and create a budget
  - How and/or why to open bank accounts
  - What to expect in a paycheck from your employer

For more information on the [Job Club](#), contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (x4686).

- [Mike McManamon](#) participates on a panel at BlueBridge Network's Nonprofit IT Innovation Summit III on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Museum of Art. The focus of the discussion will be “Investing In and Taking Advantage of the Digital Age”.
- The [Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees](#) is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Corporate College East from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. This year's [Annual Meeting](#) will be an evening reception and will feature progress the agency has made over the year. In addition, those members of CSC's [Foresight Society](#) will be recognized. The [Foresight Society](#) was established to honor all those who have made the commitment of an endowment gift, established a life income plan, or have made provisions in their estate plans to benefit CSC. For additional information on the [Annual Meeting](#), contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118).

- There is a new Bonus Offer in effect for the Labels for Education UPC program. For just 5 UPCs, [Bright Futures Preschool](#) can receive 50 points. Please bring any UPCs to [Lorie Marsalis](#) in CYAS or put them in the container in the [Employee Hub](#), where a list of eligible products is posted. This offer must be mailed in before May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for remembering those labels as we earn important funds for [Bright Futures Preschool](#)!



Labels for Education logo

## Did You Know?

- Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>! The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. 20 years later, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. [Learn more here.](#)