



Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/1/16 (Early Edition)

TourismOhio Contract with CSC’s Call Center Extended Two Years:

- CSC’s contract for Call Center Services with TourismOhio has been awarded an extension of two years through June 30, 2018. This marks the second two-year renewal with TourismOhio, which was the first significant call center work between CSC and the state of Ohio.

Congratulations to all who have contributed to the success of this campaign and to all the [Call Center Representatives](#) who earned their Certified Tourism Ambassador certification, [Steve Jambrozy](#) for keeping the content on Ohio.org accurate and up-to-date, [Mike Cunningham](#) for providing a warm and friendly voice to help visitors to Ohio “Find It Here”, and [Jack Desmond](#) for his diligent follow-up to ensure customers received the materials they ordered.

Educating and Engaging the Community:

- CSC received a visit from Geoffrey A. Phillips, Executive Director of the Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC) on Tuesday, June 28th. BEMC is a funder of Radio Reading and provides the broadcast services for all of Ohio’s government agencies. Mr. Phillips toured the facility with [Jassen Tawil](#). On Thursday, [Lisa Cellura](#) presented the “[Aging Eye](#)” program to the Euclid Beach Club Senior Center and [Jane Arnoff Logsdon](#) attended the Bryant and Stratton Volunteer fair to introduce students to CSC and volunteer opportunities.

Summer Programs Continue:

- The [Summer Youth Work Experience](#) participants continue the usual work and lessons in technology, activities of daily living, and orientation & mobility. For fun this week they are bowling in Lakewood, visiting the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and will spend the weekend at Highbrook Lodge before returning to CSC on Monday for a cookout.



SYWE participants pack boxes of food at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank



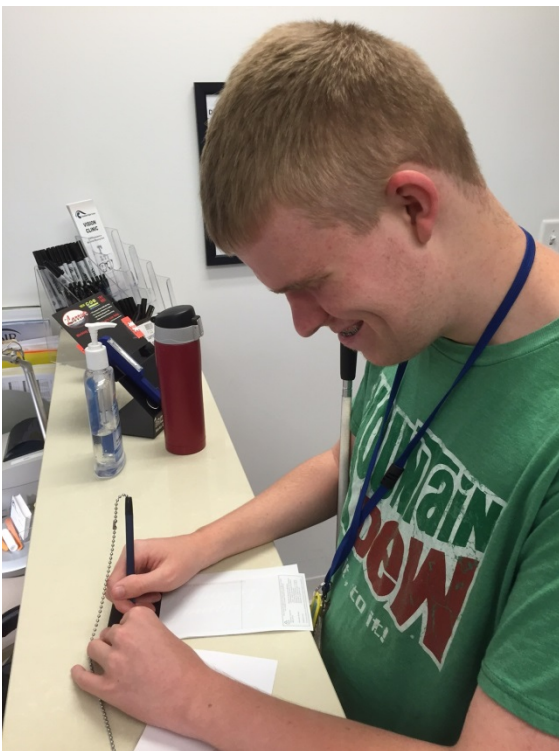
Group photo in front of Food Bank large forks SYWE participants waded in Lake Erie



Bowling Night



Group photo on a patio overlooking Lake Erie



SYWE participant Hunter signs his first paycheck

- **Recreation** programs continue all summer long...want to give **Golf** a try? What about **Boot Camp**, **Yoga**, or **Tai Chi**? Contact **Desmond Kennedy** (216-791-8118) for more information.
- Spots in the Geauga County Excursion Trip with **Highbrook Lodge** are still available! The trip takes place Monday, July 11th from 9:00am to

3:00pm. Campers will visit the Amish Auction, the Middlefield Cheese Factory, and the Chardon Walmart. Campers will be assisted by summer staff for the day. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and transportation from and back to CSC. Please inform interested clients to contact [Tamara Flowers](#) (216-791-8118) to register by July 5th.

- The annual “[See What’s Possible](#)” workshop for teachers, educators, and those working with students who are blind or have low vision in the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th at CSC. The workshop will feature strategies, technology, and demonstrations. The program fee is \$25 and includes all materials, lunch, and certificate. Contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118) to register or for more information.

Items of Note:

- CSC is closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The office will be open at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 5th.
- Please be advised that due to construction, the sidewalk located in front of the building from East 101st to East 105th is closed. The [Facilities](#) department will advise when the sidewalk has re-opened.
- Read about the foods you should eat to help prevent vision loss by [clicking here](#).

Did You Know?

- Courtesy military.com: On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's [Declaration of Independence](#) resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a

national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.