



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 9/2/16

### In Memoriam: Cleo Dolan, Executive Director of Cleveland Sight Center (1958-1983)



Cleo B. Dolan

- Cleo B. Dolan passed away on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Cleo had just celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in July.

Cleo Dolan served 25 years (1958-83) as Executive Director of the Cleveland Society for the Blind. Under his dynamic leadership the Society became the third largest private multi-purpose agency in the nation serving people who were blind or visually impaired.

He was an innovative thinker and a man ahead of his time. Under the leadership of Cleo, many of the agency’s pioneering programs were established—many of which are still in existence:

1959: Low Vision Clinic was established;

1961: Children’s services established followed by early intervention services established in 1981;

1962: the Aids and Appliances Department opened (now the Eyedea Shop);

1969: an intensive summer rehabilitation program designed especially for teenagers was initiated in preparation for college or vocational training;

1971: the Society became the first agency to field test the Optacon (an electromechanical device that enabled people who are blind to read printed material);

1972: Food Service Training Program for snack bar managers was established, a first in the country furthering the agency's long-time dedication toward employment opportunities for those served;

1975: the Society was designated as a regional center for deaf-blind students;

1978: first Independent Living Residence Training Center in the United States was opened.

Keeping step with the electronic age and thus, opening a whole new world of employment, the Society opened the Electronic Aids Training Clinic in 1978, the first of its kind for blind persons and the STORER Computer Access Center in 1982, one of the finest computer access centers in the country for people with blindness.

Many would agree that the Cleveland Society for the Blind was a pacesetter particularly in job training that others sought to emulate.

Cleo established the agency's planned giving program in the 1950's and built upon the agency's endowment of which the agency continues to build upon and benefit from today.

Cleo Dolan's professional organizational affiliations are numerous. National Rehabilitation Association, Life Member; American

Association of Workers for the Blind, Life Member and President (1971-1973) with Cleveland hosting the national convention twice; board member for National Industries for the Blind, National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the American Foundation for the Blind.

He was active in the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, Affiliated Leadership League for the Blind of America, National Presidents' Association of Agencies Serving Blind and Visually Handicapped Persons, Lancaster Masonic bodies, Lancaster Rotary International, Heights Lions Club, and Garfield Memorial Church.

Cleo Dolan represented the United States at international conventions in Russia (1973) and Brazil (1974). In 1988 he was the distinguished recipient of the National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (NARF) award.

Cleo Dolan left an indelible print on Cleveland Sight Center and those for whom the agency serves.

We have learned that there are no services planned.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Vivian and the Dolan family during this difficult time.

### **CSC to Host Open House for Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute:**

- Cleveland Sight Center will host an open house at the agency for associates of Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to learn more the services, programs, and opportunities to enhance the continuum of care for patients. [Desmond Kennedy](#) hosted a recruiting/information table at Cole Eye Institute on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sauced Wood Fired Pizza will have a food truck on site, the menu is below. For more information on the open house, contact [Desmond Kennedy](#) (x4595) or [Steve Frohwerk](#) (x4562).

- Margherita (\$8) – Fresh Basil, Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Balsamic Reduction
- Sweet Chili (\$9) – Chicken, Prosciutto, Pineapples, Sweet Chili Sauce
- Bourbon Chicken (\$9) – Bourbon Sauce, Bacon, Chicken, Onions
- 3-Meat (\$10) – Pepperoni, Bacon, Sausage
- Firecracker (\$9) – Chipotle Ranch, Chicken, Bacon, Hot Banana Peppers

### Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- CSC was represented at Wednesday's "Senior Safari" day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. [Susie Meles](#), [Ralph Johnson](#), [Desmond Kennedy](#), and volunteer [Mike Musgrave](#) attended to answer questions and distribute goodies including CSC-branded pens, wristbands, and pieces of candy with CSC information attached to these items.
- CSC will be represented at the annual "Anchor Splash" event hosted by the Delta Gamma Fraternity at Case Western Reserve University, Theta Beta, on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anchor Splash® is a campus wide swimming competition involving men's and women's fraternities, and various campus clubs and groups. The fraternity's national philanthropy is Service for Sight. It is events such as "Anchor Splash" that have enabled the Delta Gamma Foundation to award more than \$2,800,000 in Service for Sight grants to local and national organizations that share our philanthropic mission of sight preservation and service to and support of those who are visually impaired. The event will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Veale Natatorium on the campus of Case Western Reserve University. For more information, contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118).

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

- 10x/1x (Two-Sided) Compact Mirror. Need to check your look to be sure that you look your best? Carry this small compact mirror for easy quick touch ups. It's convenient to carry and has a small profile to fit in any small purse or pocket. Stop by the [Eyedeas Shop](#) and check it out. The cost is only \$10.00!



Compact mirror in navy case

## Items of Note:

- CSC is closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. The agency will re-open on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Attention Heinen's Shoppers! With your help, Heinen's will help support [Bright Futures Preschool](#). When you use your Tasteful Rewards Preferred Card throughout the school year, Heinen's will donate up to 1% of your purchase to a school of your choice. You can sign up online at [Heinens.com/schools](http://Heinens.com/schools) or in-store at the Customer Service Desk, or by calling their Customer Relations Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337. Heinen's requires that everyone reselect a

school every year. Be sure to select Cleveland Sight Center [Bright Futures Preschool](#).

- Come to September [Job Club](#) at CSC to get a new perspective on the hiring process! On Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., [Job Club](#) will be joined by Sylvia Morrison, who currently works as a senior director of database marketing. Ms. Morrison has worked in the hiring field for many years and currently provides services for one of the largest employers in Cleveland. Get her tips on how to sharpen your job search skills, discuss online applications, and learn how to show your stuff in a job interview! As the song says, “See you in September.” For more information, contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (216-791-8118).
- [Spellbound](#), CSC’s annual fundraising gala, celebrates 30 years in 2016! Save the date for this year’s fundraiser, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. This year’s theme is “Looking Back, Seeing the Future” and part of the evening will highlight CSC’s [Early Intervention](#) program. Event invitations are now available! Contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118) for additional information.
- Save the date of Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for a beep baseball game between the Cleveland Scrappers, a softball team of players who are blind or have low vision, and Solon's Babes of 1916 over 65 softball team. This exhibition game is a great family event and highlights the talents of the Scrappers. Last year’s contest was won by the Scrappers 15-8 and drew hundreds of spectators. Details for the game are below.  
Lawn chairs and blankets are recommended.  
Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
Solon Community Park - Field 4  
6679 SOM Center Road  
Solon, OH (¼-mile south of Aurora Rd (Rt 43))
- A new \$5 bank note has entered circulation in Australia that has tactile markings on it. [Click here](#) for the full article.

## Did You Know?

- Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. This Labor Day weekend, the Blue Angels, the United States Navy's Jet Demonstration Team, take to the skies over Cleveland for the Cleveland National Air Show, which started over 50 years ago. [Click here](#) for more.