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Leader's Message

From Debbie Persons, CCLVI Treasurer

Hello everyone,

First of all, I want to say that it is my honor to be the CCLVI Treasurer. As Treasurer, it is my job to keep track of all the money that comes into and goes out of the accounts. I see that all bills get paid, accept payments via PayPal or check for membership dues, donations, and fundraisers. I enter all transactions into an accounting program and prepare a monthly finance report for the CCLVI Board and membership. The Finance Committee meets on a regular basis and makes recommendations that are brought to the Board for approval. I also write the checks to the Scheigert Scholarship students for their expenses to the ACB Convention and for their scholarships and I serve on the Credentials Committee with our membership chair and our secretary.

I served as church treasurer for many years and am an officer in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). I currently serve as Secretary of the Kentucky Council of the Blind and of the Kentucky Council of Citizens with Low Vision.

I grew up on a farm helping in the fields with animals, truck crops, hay, and tobacco. I rode horses and was active in 4-H. I would be the only person wearing long sleeves, long pants, and a hat even on super-hot days because I sunburn so quickly due to my having Albinism. People with albinism usually have vision problems, light blonde hair, and pale skin. I always sat close to the television but my vision wasn't a big issue until I started school. The teachers could not understand why I could not see what was written on the chalkboard from the front seat or why I struggled to read the mimeographed papers they passed out. We did not have large print books so magnifying glasses were a big help. I was not good at softball but I could out run most all the kids at multi-school track meets and I was a cheerleader for our school basketball team.

I first met other low vision and blind students in college. Finally, someone else understood what it was like to live with vision problems. I was an EMT, taught CPR and First Responder Classes. I have held several jobs but my favorite was working as an assistant in medical offices. I became involved with the American Council of the Blind when they held a convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2008. In my free time, I enjoy time with my family and friends, doing genealogy research, and reading books.

Membership Renewal Reminder

by Zelda Gebhard

Please pay your dues by March 1. If you are an At-Large member, complete and mail your renewal form and check for \$15 to CCLVI, 5401 Southern Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40214.

At-Large members and CCCLV members have an option to renew online by completing the form at <https://cclvi.info/join/member-form/> and paying at <https://cclvi.info/join/pay2022/>

Members of CCLVI affiliates (except for CCCLV) will pay their affiliate representative directly.

Life Members need not pay dues, but we ask you to call 701-709-0262 to update your information.

If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact Zelda at the above number or at cclvimembership@gmail.com

Renew your CCLVI membership and explore more in '24.

Affiliate Corner

News from Delaware Valley Council of Citizens with Low Vision

by Glenda Such

The Delaware Valley Council of Citizens with Low Vision (DVCCLV) continues to hold monthly Zoom Meetings. During the last two months we had Sam Seavey from Blind Alive and Jason Eckert from Vision Serve Alliance. Sam Seavey spoke about his life with Stargardt's Disease and why he started making videos for people with a visual impairment. Jason Eckert from Vision Serve Alliance spoke about his organization, its purpose, benefits, and how it impacts the services delivered to those with a visual impairment.

As a result of our Zoom meetings being open to anyone who lives anywhere and has an interest in the issues of low vision, our membership continues to expand across the United States.

By joining DVCCLV people become full members of our group as well as CCLVI and ACB. That means if someone is a member at large to CCLVI, instead of sending dues to CCLVI they send it to us and we pay CCLVI and ACB for you. Our dues are currently \$25 for 2024 and can be paid

by either PayPal or by check. If paying by PayPal, send \$25 to ibadancer@comcast.net

If paying by check, make check payable to Karin Surkin and mail to:

Karin Surkin
213 Shady Brook Drive
Langhorne, PA 19047.

If you want more information you can write to <mailto:lowvisionnow@hotmail.com>

To listen to recordings of our Zoom meetings go to: <https://suchasite.com/DVCCLV%20meetings.htm>

Autonomous Vehicles – So Much More Than a Cool Date Night Notion

Part 2 – Are AVs Safe and Accessible? And When Do We Get Ours?

by Ron Brooks

Ron Brooks lives in Phoenix, is a long-time member of the ACB, and a 30-year veteran of the public transit industry where he is focused on making bus, rail, paratransit and other services accessible and equitable for people with

disabilities. As a believer in the power of emerging technologies to transform lives, Ron regularly writes and presents on the potential of autonomous vehicle technologies. To learn more, find him on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ron-brooks-066b174/>.

In Part 1 of this two-part series on Autonomous Vehicles (AV's for short), we defined the term "autonomous vehicle" and shared some of the potential ways transit agencies and providers may put them to use. But are they safe? And what about accessibility? And if we can get them going, when are they going to be more widely available? This second and final installment focuses on these three critical questions.

What About Accessibility?

Accessibility is a critical area of concern for everyone involved at every level of the autonomous vehicle industry, and especially for those manufacturers and service providers who wish to serve the public transit industry. In 2020, the U.S. Department of Transportation invited AV manufacturers, service providers, researchers, and other interested parties to compete in an Innovative Design Challenge focused on creating solutions to accessibility challenges posed by AV technology. Participating research teams focused on everything from wayfinding to and from the vehicles, to wheelchair securement solutions,

and approaches for assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to use Avs safely. Ultimately, the Department of Transportation awarded ten semi-finalist prizes to encourage additional research, and larger grants for each of three finalists. In addition to the AV Innovative Design Challenge, the Department of Transportation hosted a four-part community forum where researchers, advocates, manufacturers, service providers and other stakeholders identified and discussed accessibility challenges and potential solutions.

These efforts have been encouraging to watch, but the proof is in the pudding, and as of this writing, the level of accessibility of Avs is uneven.

- Vehicles are relatively accessible for people who can use a standard sedan or SUV, but some customer-facing vehicle controls (including in-car entertainment and climate control) are not entirely accessible for blind/low vision (B/LV) passengers. And if a customer requires a wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV), few, if any, of the manufacturers are able to offer a vehicle that fully meet ADA vehicle accessibility requirements.
- Mobile apps used to summon AV-provided rideshare services like Waymo are generally good, but they do not

offer all of the functionality that is available through the in-car controls.

- In general, navigating to and from the car using the app-based guidance can be challenging for blind/low vision (B/LV) people. Of these two navigational tasks, finding the vehicle is the easier of the two because AV service providers can give the customer the ability to honk the vehicle's horn, flash the lights, play music to serve as a directional indicator, or take some other action that identifies the vehicle's location from a distance. AV providers have incorporated some basic navigational guidance for finding destinations into their mobile apps, but these tools need refinement.

Although AV vehicle and service accessibility is evolving, there are other encouraging signs. Many of the major AV manufacturers and service providers either have built, or are working to create, disability community advisory boards who can be enlisted to discuss and advise on accessibility-related questions and concerns. In addition, the AV industry has continued its efforts to include people with disabilities in AV vehicle and service product assessments and pilot projects. These efforts are creating many opportunities for the AV industry to incorporate community perspectives into their products and services. It is also helping to underscore the importance of launching

these AV technologies with accessibility built-in, or at least factored into vehicle and service designs where possible.

One challenge to accessibility that cannot be easily resolved is the race to implementation. AV manufacturers and service providers are in a race against time and each other to introduce a viable product, and whoever gets there first will have a clear and short-term advantage in the marketplace. As a result, there is a tendency to sacrifice more difficult aspects of a new product or service in favor of launching a “Minimum Viable Product” (MVP) as quickly as possible. Given that human-powered vehicles are largely inaccessible, the replacement of this technology with an accessible AV technology, while desirable, is not seen as essential - at least not on day one. This attitude will continue to be a challenge, and it’s one that community leaders will need to address at every turn in this ongoing journey from concept to a commercially viable AV product.

But Are These Things Safe?

It’s a great question, and the answer depends on your frame of reference. AV technology is evolving, and it will get better. There have been accidents and incidents involving AV’s, and there have been injuries and fatalities. On the other hand, the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 94% of all vehicle

collisions are caused, at least in part, by human error. Thus, it is reasonable to draw the conclusion that by eliminating human drivers, as many as 19 out of 20 car accidents could be eliminated or at least minimized.

Safety statistics are hard to come by, but a 2023 article from Ars Technica, "[Are Self-Driving Cars Already Safer Than Human Drivers](https://arstechnica.com/cars/2023/09/are-self-driving-cars-already-safer-than-human-drivers/),"

(<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2023/09/are-self-driving-cars-already-safer-than-human-drivers/>) the author uses crash data and accident reports that Waymo and Cruise provided to regulators in the locations where they operate, including Phoenix and San Francisco. Based on this data, the two providers (taken together) operated approximately 60,000 miles between accidents (that's about one accident per five years of human driving), and most of the accidents were determined to be caused by errors made by the drivers of the other vehicles. There were differences between the relative safety performance of the two competing companies, so the article is worth a look. But here's the bottom line on safety. AV's are not yet perfect, but their performance in the area of safety is very promising.

And What If Something Happens?

No technology is perfect, and AV's are no exception. Cars break down. Passengers experience health emergencies.

And as discussed above, accidents sometimes happen. So, the logical next question is, “Then What?”

Within a day or two of taking our first trip, my wife Lisa and I decided to meet our kids for dinner at a nearby restaurant. I summoned a Waymo, and when it arrived, my adult son took the front seat, and my wife and I the backseat. Once we were all buckled in, I hit the “Start Ride” button on the Waymo One mobile app, and the vehicle began to roll. Almost immediately, the pleasant female-sounding Waymo voice announced that we were being contacted by the Waymo Control Center. As soon as they were on the line, an agent advised us that one of our party was not wearing their seatbelt. This was news to me, both because we take seatbelts seriously, and because I was really taken aback by the fact that someone in a Control Center was contacting us in the car to raise the issue in the first place. It turns out that my wife had connected her seatbelt, but she had placed the shoulder strap behind her because she didn’t like the way it lay across her collar bone. On another occasion, I was contacted because someone in the Control Center had a question about the placement of my guide dog on the floor in front of the front passenger seat. The placement was fine, but the agent wanted to make sure I was aware that the dog could not block the driver compartment which still exists because Waymo vehicles are still subject to motor

vehicle regulations that require passenger cars to have a steering wheel.

At first, I was a little taken aback by what felt like intrusions. What I came to understand is that there is a large Control Center where trained agents monitor every trip taken on the Waymo platform. They're not watching us in the vehicle, but they do monitor people as they enter and exit the vehicle - a time when passengers are most susceptible to trips, slips and falls. And of course, they also check for adherence to the company's mandatory seatbelt policy. At other times, agents are monitoring vehicle locations and performance and can intervene at any time a vehicle appears to be off course or not performing as expected. And I can also call them any time I have a need.

Waymo is not the only AV provider with a Control Center. Cruise employees monitor their services in a similar manner, and AV services operating shuttle service are also monitored by human beings at all time. Another company, Guidant, uses technology called Tele-Operations to remotely control their AV shuttles if and when the need arises.

Bottom line: these vehicles are autonomous, but passengers are never truly alone, and this strikes me as a very good thing.

Conclusion – What’s Next?

Aside from the AV manufacturers and service providers, who are keeping their own counsel, there is no way to know precisely where AV’s will launch and when. But there is one thing that is absolutely certain. AV’s will become more and more prevalent in the years and decades to come. Currently, most AV manufacturers and service providers are operating at SAE Level 4 autonomy, but according to an [Autonomous Vehicle Fact Sheet](https://css.umich.edu/publications/factsheets/mobility/autonomous-vehicles-factsheet) from the Center for Sustainable Systems (<https://css.umich.edu/publications/factsheets/mobility/autonomous-vehicles-factsheet>), Level 5 autonomous vehicles should begin to hit the market by about 2030. From there, the rate of market penetration will depend on a combination of factors that are unknown, including vehicle pricing relative to competing vehicles, licensing and insurance requirements, safety and mechanical performance, and customer satisfaction. In the meantime, it is highly likely that the use of AV’s for passenger transportation (including by rideshare providers and public transit) will increase as more and more AV projects launch and/or move from pilot to permanent. It is also possible that the overall AV marketplace may look very different

from how the traditional human-operated vehicle marketplace looks today. For example, it is possible that converging trends of lower demand for personal automobiles by younger generations and the emergence of AV rideshare services such as Waymo and Cruise may prompt more people to skip on car ownership altogether. Only time will tell.

The Tactile Ease and Use of the Victor Reader Stream 3 (Part Two)

by Cheryl McNeil Fisher

For a long time, I thought the Victor Reader Stream 3 was unnecessary. Why would I need another device when Apple has created outstanding accessibility on my iPhone and iPad?

As I stated in Part One, I changed my mind when I admitted the difficulty of performing audio prompting. I tried using voice memo with a two-finger double tap to start and stop or going line by line, using voiceover on my phone or iPad. However, if I hovered with my finger too long or swiped the wrong way, voiceover did what it wanted to do, not what I needed it to do.

Now, let's talk about all the advantages of the Victor Reader Stream 3. One of my favorite features is the ability to connect my Shockz Bluetooth headset. While my cell phone also has the Bard app, the VRS3 offers a more tactile and convenient experience. You can search for and download books and magazines directly from NLS BARD with Wi-Fi.

I personally prefer searching for books and magazines using my iPad and external keyboard. I add the items to my Wish List, and then download my Wish List to my VRS3. You may choose to use a numeric keypad with letters to search and load books. Whichever preference is a quick way to make our reading materials readily available on this palm-size tactile device.

You can also download your favorite podcasts and have them automatically added to the cue, ready for the next time you turn on your device. Access your news media channels and other internet radio programs.

There's a lot packed into this little device. It has made my life more manageable in a short time.

For more information, visit: <https://www.humanware.com>

Remember, if purchasing from a source other than Humanware, ensure you buy the Victor Reader Stream, 3rd-generation with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.

Low Vision Resources on a Dime

by Cristella Gonzales

Remember the five-and-dime stores, when items were literally priced 5 or 10 cents each? Nowadays we enjoy our local dollar store, which items used to be \$1.00 but are now \$1.25. Regardless, it's still a great deal! Did you know that your local dollar store has amazing products for low vision for a fraction of the cost? Here are a few of our favorites!

Resources on a Dime

Clip Boards:

A wonderful tool for holding your paper, article or recipe stable while using your magnifier.

LED Clip Lights & Nightlights:

Clip lights clamp to your clipboard or books, enhancing the contrast of printed materials. Nightlights are excellent for bathroom and hallway safety.

LED bulbs:

While we prefer 5000K output bulbs, you can find 3000K LED bulbs that provide similar cool daylight tones.

Large Print Activity Books:

From crosswords to sudoku to word searches, you can find multiple books that are in large print for your leisure!

Sticky Contrast:

The crafts section is filled with Velcro-type items, raised stickers and puffy paints that can be used as touch indicators for items around the house.

High Contrast Duct Tape:

Found in the tools section, you can find different colored duct tape, such as red, yellow or black, to mark stair treads or shower thresholds.

Rubber Bands & Safety Pins:

Use bands around bottles and jars for easy identification and mark clothing labels with safety pins to identify colors or matching sets.

Dark Soap Dish:

Place a white bar of soap in a dark soap dish for improved contrast.

Contrasting Plates & Placemats:

Use a white plate on a dark placement or vice versa and change them depending on the color of food you are eating.

Bold Markers:

Have we mentioned contrast yet? Using a bold, thick marker for writing optimizes contrast against white paper. Try printing instead of cursive for optimal clarity!

Neon Sticker & Sticky Notes:

Excellent for marking cans, bins and items on shelves for improved home organization. Print with a black Sharpie or marker.

Do you have any low vision hacks on a dime? Please share with us so we can learn from you!

We provide training, tools and resources to individuals of all ages who are blind and visually impaired and even offer a full calendar of activities. If you or someone you love is experiencing vision loss and could benefit from our services, please contact Future In Sight at services@futureinsight.org or 603-224-4039 today!

Source: <https://futureinsight.org/blog-lowvisionresources/>

Older Americans Act Q&A

submitted by the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss and
Cheryl McNeil Fisher

An important message developed as part of the advocacy efforts of the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL)

The primary funding source for services specifically targeted to older Americans in the U.S. is the Older Americans Act (OAA). Services such as Meals on Wheels, Senior Companion, Home Weatherization, Benefit Counseling, Fall Prevention, and Nutrition classes benefit many millions of seniors.

However, the needs of older Americans who are blind, deaf-blind, or who have low vision are left out under the Act. This occurs because vision and hearing loss are not identified as severe health concerns and this population is not named among the designated groups to receive services under the OAA specifically targeted to meet their needs. In addition, there is no special outreach to them and very little information in formats that they can read explaining the various programs and services which are available.

In 2024, the Older Americans Act will be up for reauthorization by the U.S. Congress. Funds under this Act are distributed to each state for allocation to local area agencies on aging who then fund local programs and services for prescribed populations and services as specified in that act.

We are respectfully asking that Senators support amending the Older Americans Act to explicitly recognize and include older Americans with vision loss, as well as those with both vision and hearing deficits, as a group whose needs must be specifically accommodated and addressed through initiatives by local area agencies on aging.

Please note that the above information can be utilized to get in touch with your representatives. It is crucial to ensure that the wording of the Older Americans Act is accurate. As many of you are aware, the way something is worded can have a significant impact on your eligibility for various benefits, regardless of their size.

CCLVI Scheigert Scholarships

The Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI), an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, annually awards four scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to full-time college students - two incoming freshman, an undergraduate and a graduate student - all of whom must be low vision, maintain a strong GPA and be involved in school/local community activities.

Application materials must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern Time March 15, 2024. Scholarship monies will be awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year. To access the guidelines and application, visit <http://cclvi.org> and click on the Scholarships link. Or if you have a smartphone, you can use your camera to scan the QR Code below.



Applications will be available to complete and submit online from January 1, 2024 to the March 15 deadline. Questions may be directed to 844-460-0625. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We look forward to receiving your application materials.

Take Part in the ACB Leadership Conference

ACB's 2024 Leadership Conference will be a hybrid event. ACB's Board Meeting, Presidents' Meeting, Legislative Seminar, and Capitol Hill Visits will take place between Friday, March 1st, and Tuesday, March 5th, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, VA.

Conference Registration

Registration to attend the DC Leadership Conference in-person will cost \$95 for those who register by Monday, February 5, or \$125 for those who register on or after Tuesday, February 6. Registration includes the conference registration fee, a welcome reception on Saturday, March 2, and luncheon meals on Sunday, March 3, and Monday, March 4. Deadline to register for in-person attendance is Friday, February 23, 2024.

Registration to attend the DC Leadership Conference virtually costs \$25 and includes the conference registration fee. Deadline to register for virtual attendance is Friday, February 23, 2024.

To register, please visit members.acb.org. Log in to your account or create an account by clicking the "Create an

Account" button. If you have an account but can't remember your username and/or password, please call our Minnesota office at (612) 332-3242 or our Virginia office at (202) 467-5081. Once you have logged in, visit the "DC Leadership Registration" link at the top of the page, read through the instructions, and hit the "Begin with Preferences" button. To register by phone, please call our Minnesota office at (612) 332-3242 or our Virginia office at (202) 467-5081.

2024 Legislative Imperatives

- Websites and Software Applications Accessibility Act - S.2984 and H.R.5813
- Communications, Video, and Technology Accessibility Act – S.2494 and H.R.4858
- Medical Device Nonvisual Accessibility Act – H.R.1328
- Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefits Act – S.842 and the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act – H.R.33. H.R.33 is the House companion bill to S.842, although it has a slightly different title.

Schedule of Events

- Friday, March 1: Afternoon Tour (TBD) and Evening Open House at the new ACB Office in Alexandria, VA

- Saturday, March 2: Board Meeting (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET) & Evening Welcome Reception
- Sunday, March 3: President’s Meeting (including luncheon) (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET) & Evening Dine Around in Pentagon City
- Monday, March 4: Legislative Seminar (including luncheon) (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET)
- Tuesday, March 5: Attendees may visit Capitol Hill to meet with their representatives.

Please visit <https://www.acb.org/acb-2024-leadership-conference> for hotel information and more details about the Leadership Conference!

It’s a Great Time to Get Connected and Build a Strong Leadership Foundation!

by Kenneth Semien, Sr. and edited by Melanie Sinohui

Complete your online application by April 3, 2024 to be considered to become a member of the Class of 2024 Durward K. McDaniel (DKM) First-Timers or the Class of 2024 ACB JPMorgan Chase Leadership Fellows.

Prepare to experience an array of opportunities to learn and grow personally as you connect with other like-minded

individuals. We'll get together in Jacksonville, Florida for the 63rd annual ACB conference and convention from July 5-12, 2024 and become more familiar with ACB's wealth of inclusive convention activities.

The Class of 2024 DKM First-Timers will be able to enjoy the privilege of connecting with members of previous classes, ACB leaders, and others from around the nation.

The Class of 2024 ACB JPMorgan Chase Leadership Fellows seeks to identify five curious ACB members who have demonstrated leadership potential and have an eagerness to enhance their lives and others they meet through personalized leadership development activities.

To be eligible for consideration for both awards, each applicant must meet specific requirements, which include being age 18 or older; blind or visually impaired; an ACB member in good standing (current on membership dues); and for the DKM First-Timers award, never attended an in-person ACB national convention. Applicants must be able to travel independently, navigate the convention hotel, and request support when necessary. Another step of eligibility will be the expectation of undergoing a 30-minute interview with a team of DKM committee members during mid-April. In addition, a letter of recommendation from a state or special-interest affiliate president must be

submitted and should include specific references to the applicant's demonstrated leadership potential and contributions. Please refrain from asking your chapter president to submit a letter of recommendation.

The DKM program and ACB honor recipients by funding round-trip air travel and supporting transportation; hotel accommodations (double occupancy); per diem allowance for meals and incidentals; leadership institute; reception; banquet ticket; the general convention registration fee; and other activities determined by the committee. Optional tours and other fun activities are not covered by the program.

The responsibilities of each recipient include, but are not limited to, attending the full week of conference and convention activities from Friday, July 5 through Friday, July 12 and participating in daily general sessions and the Keys to the Convention seminar, along with special-interest and committee seminars, while interacting with ACB leaders and fellow members.

Apply by clicking the following link.

<https://forms.gle/Maqx45pBsDw4dkSy5> Letters of Recommendation should be submitted to Kenneth Semien, Sr., via email at semien.k@outlook.com

All questions should be sent to DKM Chair Kenneth Semien Sr., semien.k@outlook.com, or call (409) 866-5838.

Calendar of Events

Everyone is welcome to attend these events by accessing the Zoom mobile app, visiting the Zoom website at <https://zoom.us> or calling (312) 626-6799, and entering the appropriate meeting ID and passcode.

Subscribe to our CCLVI-Info email list to receive weekly meeting reminders and Zoom details by emailing CCLVIWebmaster@gmail.com. In addition, all CCLVI events, except our business meetings, are listed on the ACB Community Call schedule. Those without email can access that information by calling 1-800-424-8666 and following the prompts.

CCLVI Low Vision Discussion

Themed chats—First Monday at 8:00 PM ET

Speaker or Themed chat - Fifth Monday at 8:00 PM ET

Meeting ID: 896 8650 7068

Passcode: 225846

CCLVI Game Night

Second and fourth Mondays at 8:00 PM ET

Meeting ID: 896 8650 7068

Passcode: 225846

CCLVI Low Vision Peer Support Group

Third Monday at 8:00 PM ET

Meeting ID: 896 8650 7068

Passcode: 225846

CCLVI Board of Directors Meeting

Second Tuesday at 8:30 PM ET

Webinar Meeting ID: 829 0433 3824

Passcode: 784688

Let's Talk Low Vision

Join our guests for this monthly informative program

First Thursday at 8:00 PM ET

Meeting ID: 874 7608 2312

Passcode: 225845

CCLVI Table Talk Thursday

Weekly calls on a variety of topics related to low vision

Thursdays at 8:00 PM ET (except for first and third Thursdays)

Meeting ID: 828 1584 6310

Passcode: 225848

CCLVI Coffee Hour

Fridays at 11:00 AM ET (except for Book Chat week)

Meeting ID: 898 0359 8659

Passcode: 225843

CCLVI Monthly Book Chat

Third Thursday at 8:00 PM ET and the following Friday at 11:00 AM ET

Meeting ID: 898 0359 8659

Passcode: 225843

CCLVI Affiliate Zoom Calls

California Council of Citizens with Low Vision (CCCLV) – A Sunday Chat

Spend part of your Sunday with members of CCCLV and enjoy “A Sunday Chat”. This is a call for those of us who are blind or with low vision and any family and friends, be they near or far. Topics will range from all things low vision to life in general as a person who is blind or low vision.

First and Third Sunday at 7:00 PM ET

Webinar Meeting ID: 859 2669 0965

Passcode: 282367

Delaware Valley Council of Citizens with Low Vision

The monthly Zoom meeting with DVCCLV is open to all

who have an interest in the issues of low vision.

First Saturday at 12:45 PM ET

(2nd Saturdays in July and September)

Webinar Meeting ID: 440 465 3663

Passcode: 2121

Kentucky Council of Citizens with Low Vision

(KCCLV) - Low Vision Support Calls

First Wednesday at 8:00 PM ET: Business Meeting

Third Wednesday at 8:00 PM ET: Informative meetings for
low vision individuals across the US

Meeting ID: 862 9889 6972

Passcode: 975864

*Topics and speakers are subject to change. Please
reference the weekly CCLVI emails and ACB Community
Call schedule.

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Vision Access welcomes submissions from people with low vision, from professionals such as ophthalmologists, optometrists, low vision specialists, and everyone with something substantive to contribute to the ongoing discussion of low vision and all of its ramifications. Submission deadlines are January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15 and November 15. Send contributions to CCLVIVisionAccess@gmail.com