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Leader's Message

by Terry Pacheco, CCLVI 2nd Vice President

One of the most enjoyable weekends I have experienced in a long time was March 1 through 5 at the ACB Leadership Conference in Arlington, VA.

Friday evening allowed for plenty of time to socialize and meet with old and new friends. So many of us have gotten to know one another through Zoom over the last four years, but finally we were able to meet face-to-face. We were treated to a reception hosted by the staff at the new ACB National Office in Alexandria, VA. There we had the opportunity to meet and greet the new ACB Executive Director, Scott Thornhill.

The ACB Board of Directors meeting made for a long day Saturday. But, to the great advantage to those of us on the Board, we got to see how many members cared enough to attend both in person and virtually. Rick Morin and his crew worked tirelessly with the audio equipment and streaming. Six of us from CCLVI got together for dinner to discuss plans for the next few days.

The President's Meeting on Sunday provided a wealth of information for today's and tomorrow's leaders. This day included a luncheon speaker whose topic was conflict

resolution. The Dine Around Sunday evening was another time for smaller groups to socialize and get to know each other.

Monday was the Legislative Seminar. This was one of the weekend's highlights to me as it was so much more informative than some. The four imperatives were each presented in break-out sessions so everyone could get their questions answered before going to Capitol Hill on Tuesday. Karla Gilbride was the luncheon speaker. She is the new General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She spoke of her journey as both an attorney and a blind woman who loves sports.

Two of this year's imperatives are of particular interest to those of us with low vision. They have to do with making equipment such as video magnifiers and accessible glucose monitors more available to people on Medicare and Medicaid.

Due to a prior medical commitment, I was not able to go to Capitol Hill Tuesday, but CCLVI was very well prepared and represented.

From the Editor

by Melanie Sinohui, Publications Committee Chair

The CCLVI Publications Committee, with the support of the CCLVI Board of Directors, has decided to modify Vision Access. Going forward, Vision Access will be published quarterly; February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. While we are decreasing the number of issues, these issues will increase in size, so you won't be missing out on content. Deadlines will remain the 15th of the month prior to publication (January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15) and please email your submissions to us at <u>CCLVIVisionAccess@gmail.com</u>. We are also looking forward to implementing some exciting presentation changes to the physical copies, more to come later this year. We cannot do this alone so please, don't hesitate to send us content to share your stories, insight and revelations to help enhance the lives of all of our readership.

2024 CCLVI Annual Business Meeting and Elections and 2024 ACB National Conference and Convention Updates

by Melanie Sinohui, Convention Committee Co-Chair

Can you believe it's already convention time!

Your Convention Committee is hard at work putting together some fun and informative programming, keeping the spirit of this organization in mind. Pre-registration opened for ACB members May 13 (non-members opens May 20) and closes June 17.

Check the CCLVI email lists and the ACB convention registration website for additional details and see below for CCLVI's 2024 program offerings.

CCLVI Annual Business Meeting and Elections

2pm EDT Saturday, June 29 (Virtual)

45 Years of CCLVI Dance

8pm EDT Saturday, July 6 (in person) Put on your bell bottoms and dancin' shoes and come boogie with CCLVI at our 45 Years of CCLVI Dance. Show off your style by dressing in your best 1970's outfit, channeling your inner John Travolta and competing in our costume contest. Themed drinks will keep the thirst away, so grab those platform shoes and dance the night away.

This Old House

2:30pm EDT Sunday, July 7 (Hybrid)

Do you have a to-do list full of home repairs? Does your house need an upgrade? Come get tips on how to fix the little things that won't hurt your wallet, but make you feel better about your home.

Looking How I'm Feeling

2:30pm EDT Monday, July 8 (Hybrid)

Join us for a roundtable session where we share how we radiate confidence in everyday situations. We'll discuss techniques for shopping to find the products that help you best project your image, exploring your personal style, and navigating social outings. Together we will embrace looking how we feel as people with low vision.

CCLVI Game Night: Family Feud

7pm EDT Wednesday, July 10 (in person) CCLVi's Game night is back after many years. Get your teams of five ready for a great fun evening of Family Feud. In celebrating our 45 years Mrs. Roper will be your host. So come and have a night of laughter and fun.

2024 CCLVI Election Announcement

by Leslie Spoone, Nominating Committee Chair

The Council of Citizens with Low Vision will be holding its annual business meeting on June 29, 2024. The nominating committee has presented the candidates slate at the May 14 Board of Directors meeting. Those currently serving in this role are listed next to the position: President, Patti Cox; Second Vice President, Terry Pacheco; Secretary, Melanie Sinohui, and three director positions held by Tom Frank, Renee Zelickson and Donna Williams. All current officers and directors are eligible to run for another term. CCLVI will be holding a candidate's forum on Tuesday, June 11 at 8:00pm ET. We look forward to an informative candidate discussion of the issues impacting our low vision community. The elections will be held at the CCLVI Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 29, 2024. If you are interested in running for a position on the CCLVI Board as a Director or Officer, please send your information to Leslie Spoone at lesliespoone@cfl.rr.com or you can call Leslie at 407 678-4163 to participate in the candidate's forum.

News from the Fundraising Committee

by Kathy Farina, Fundraising Committee Chair

The Fundraising Committee has been hard at work. We held our auction on Zoom on April 5, 2024. It was an amazing success raising over \$6500 for CCLVI. We thank all the individuals and businesses who so generously donated items for bid. We also thank everyone who participated by bidding and buying the night of the auction. One huge thank you goes out to those individuals who worked to put this auction together; Michael McCarty, auctioneer; Natalie Couch, Zoom host; Cecily Nipper, streamer; and the entire auction fundraising committee.

We will also be participating in this year's Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk at the ACB national convention in July. There will be a 50/50 drawing in July as well. Watch your email for more details on these events.

2024 CCLVI Awards

by CCLVI Awards Committee

We thank those of you who took the time to write nominations for the 2024 CCLVI Awards. Our volunteers are vital to our organization and when they contribute their time and talents selflessly and in extraordinary ways, we want to acknowledge them.

Our awards are rather new with adoption in 2021 and the first being awarded in 2022. The Awards Committee reviewed the nominations according to the criteria of each award and selected a recipient for the 2024 Bernice Kandarian Service Award which will be announced during the virtual CCLVI Annual Business meeting on June 29th and presented during the CCLVI Dance at the ACB Conference and Convention.

The Friend of CCLVI will not be given this year because none of the nominees met the criteria for that award.

The Awards Committee encourages you to begin identifying those who fit the following criteria for the 2025 awards. Keep in mind that the Bernice Kandarian Service Award is reserved for CCLVI members and the Friend of CCLVI Award is to recognize those outside the organization.

The Bernice Kandarian Service Award may be awarded annually to a member who has provided dedicated, longterm service to the organization with the first being awarded posthumously to Bernice Kandarian in 2022. Criteria:

- Years of membership
- Offices and other elected leadership positions held.
- Service as chairperson or active member of a standing committee.
- Overall donation of time and talent to the organization.

The Friend of CCLVI Award may be awarded annually to an individual, organization, group, or company who has been supportive of our organization, members or programs. The Friend of CCLVI Award provides an opportunity to encourage further development of connections and increase awareness of the low vision community by acknowledgement of the efforts of those who support our organization's mission and purposes.

Criteria:

- Description of a nonmember individual, organization, or business
- Supportive connection to CCLVI, our members, or programs
- Extraordinary service rendered or impact made

Thanks for helping us recognize those who serve to make our lives better.

Affiliates Corner

Are you a CCLVI member at large who wants to be a part of an active low vision Support Group? by Glenda Such

If you answered yes or even maybe, then you should check out our chapter of the Council of Citizens with Low Vision. While our name sounds as though our members are strictly from the Delaware Valley, we have members from across the United States.

Our chapter of CCLVI is the Delaware Valley Council of Citizens with Low Vision, (DVCCLV) and we meet via Zoom each month. Participants who have joined our Zoom meetings include those from: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakoda, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Washington, D.C. and even more.

During our meetings, often we have guest speakers, and when we do not, we have a group discussion about issues relating to low vision. What makes our group even more inclusive are the members who once had low vision but became blind as a part of their visual pathology.

If you have been a member at large and now choose to join our group, you would no longer pay dues directly to CCLVI. Instead, you would pay our dues which includes membership to CCLVI as well as the American Council of the Blind.

To learn more about our group and or how to join DVCCLV, write to <u>lowvisionnow@hotmail.com</u>. If you are reading this in an email, just click or tap on the address I just gave, and you will be in the subject line of a new email to us from you. And visit

https://suchasite.com/DVCCLV%20meetings.htm to listen to recordings of some of our meetings. We hope to hear from you soon.

NOTE As of publication, the Delaware Valley Council of Citizens with Low Vision changed its name to Low Vision Now and can be reached at <u>lowvisionnow@hotmail.com</u>

We're Back: FCCLVI Rejoins CCLVI

by Michael Wiseman, President FCCLV & Paul Lewis, Immediate Past President, FCCLV

The Florida Council of Citizens with Low Vision (FCCLV) is excited to re-engage its affiliation with the Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI). After some time as an independent special interest affiliate and after the pandemic, FCCLV membership saw the value and benefits of re-affiliating with CCLVI.

FCCLV is once again looking forward to working with and for the low vision national special interest affiliate. The members of FCCLV welcome the opportunity to support CCLVI in its advocacy and its many other initiatives.

You might be wondering how all this came to be and the answer is simple. At the 2023 FCCLV Annual Meeting, two motions were made that essentially said the following: the Florida Council of the Blind seeks to re-establish its affiliation with the Council of Citizens with Low Vision International.

You have probably already figured out what the result of the vote was, but to remove any suspense, the motions passed! What was left to do was to cross the T's and dot the I's and file all the required documentation.

WE ARE BACK HERE TO STAY!!!

If I may, I would like to add a short personal note. After I joined my local chapter in southwest Florida and decided to attend my first state convention, I became intrigued about a group that was dedicated to the issues and concerns of individuals with low vision. That was definitely a meeting that I was going to attend. Something unexpected happened to me at that first meeting. I, became the organization's secretary, and have been involved in leadership of the chapter ever since.

What attracted me to the group was not tangible benefits, but what it had to offer that were intangible items. These intangible items are what really drew me to FCCLV and I become an active and participating member.

I am sure that many of you know the rest of my story, and I am sure you have a similar story as well. Since that first meeting, I have become a dedicated and loyal member of FCCLV and CCLVI – Paul Lewis

New York State Citizens with Low Vision

by Rosanna Beaudrie

NYSCLV is a chapter of CCLVI as well as an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind of New York (ACBNY). Our current president is Bill Murry who lives in Albany, NY and we currently have 10 members and meet monthly.

We have worked on various issues that continue to challenge people with low vision. Some of these issues include street crossings, voting, using ATM machines, and licensure for mobility instructors. We continue to advocate for accessible currency and accessible prescription labeling. And we will work on joint projects with ACBNY.

Advocacy is a critical role if we want to achieve equality and independence. It is so important for our voices to be heard by the right people. Advocacy as a group can make our points stronger.

New members are always welcome to join us in our mission to create a more accessible society.

CCLVI's Committees Need You!

by Kathy Farina and Christine Chaikin

You've heard the expression, "It takes a village." It takes a small village to keep CCLVI running too. If you're thinking about how to help CCLVI, but don't know how, read on.

Awards:

This committee is responsible for establishing guidelines, criteria, and selecting recipients of the: Bernice Kandarian Service Award and Friend of CCLVI Award. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Zelda Gebhard at: cclvimembership@gmail.com

Constitution and By Laws:

This committee reviews and proposes changes to improve our affiliate constitution. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact: <u>cclviwebmaster@gmail.com</u>.

Convention:

This committee plans and facilitates our events at convention. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Melanie Sinohui at: <u>cclviwebmaster@gmail.com</u>

e-Communications:

This committee facilitates our social media and other forms of communications. The e-Communications Committee shall develop, design, implement and continue maintenance of CCLVI's website and social media presence. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Terry Pacheco or Joyce Feinberg at: <u>cclviwebmaster@gmail.com</u>

Fundraising:

This committee brainstorms and facilitates fundraisers throughout the year and at convention. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Kathy Farina at: <u>cclvifundraising@gmail.com</u>

Genensky Foley Magnification Award:

This committee is responsible for awarding video magnification devices to people of all ages who meet the awards criteria. This committee solicits donations of these devices and develops the awards criteria. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Donna Williams at: <u>cclvigenensky@gmail.com</u>

Legislative and Advocacy:

This committee promotes ways members can be involved in advocacy efforts and works closely with ACB for legislative proposals. It develops the annual legislative agenda and advocacy plan. It provides information on legislation to the Board of Directors. It reviews current legislative matters affecting the rights and or interests of CCLVI's members. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Cassie Trosper at: cclviwebmaster@gmail.com

Membership:

This committee recruits new members and develops strategies for retaining members. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Zelda Gebhard at: <u>cclvimembership@gmail.com</u>

Nominating:

The nominating committee recommends a slate of candidates to be voted on at the annual business meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Leslie Spoone: <u>cclviwebmaster@gmail.com</u>

Public Relations:

This committee promotes CCLVI's mission through information, communication, and outreach. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Tom Frank at: <u>lowvisionoutreach@gmail.com</u>

Publications:

The publications Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the publication of CCLVI's newsletter and other publications as this organization may decide to produce. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Melanie Sinohui at: <u>cclvivisionaccess@gmail.com</u>

Resolutions:

This committee prepares and recommends resolutions that enhance life for people with low vision and brings these resolutions to the annual meeting where the membership votes on them. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Cynthia Hawkins at: <u>cclviresolutions@gmail.com</u>

Scholarship:

This committee administers the Fred Scheigert scholarship program. The committee is responsible for reviewing applications and determining the winners. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact Charles Cronin at: <u>cclvischolarship@gmail.com</u>

We hope you will make the time to share your talents and skills with any of our committees and in turn our membership and all those benefiting from CCLVI.

Here's Your Chance to Share What You Like Take the CCLVI Membership Survey and Enter for a Chanee to Win a \$25 VISA Gift Card

Here's your chance to be placed in a drawing for a \$25 VISA gift card. All you need to do is share what you like about CCLVI and what you think we could do better. The membership committee created some questions to find out more about you and what you want.

We hope you'll take a few minutes to complete the Google forms survey found at: <u>https://forms.gle/dmxYCRJz8C8J3BWe7</u>

The organizational information you share will help leadership know what direction to go to improve our affiliate.

We are asking for your email address, but your personal information will be kept confidential, and the general information will be treated like a "suggestion box" and will not be connected to you.

We want to hear from everyone so if you have difficulty completing the online survey, we will help. Call 701-709-0262 and Zelda will enter your information as directed by you. If the phone is busy when you call, please leave a voicemail with your name, your phone number, and the best time to call you back.

Complete the survey by May 31st and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kitchen Corner The Safe Way to Hold a Knife with Vision Loss: Focus on Finger Positioning

by Debra Erickson

This is the most important knife safety tip I have ever received. Hold the clean dry knife in your clean dry dominant hand and pinch the lowest portion of the side of the steel blade tightly between your thumb and index finger. Your index finger will be curved - not extended along the spine of the knife. Your pinch should be just above the top part of the handle, with your other 3 fingers safely curled around the handle of the knife. This is true regardless of the length of the blade. Pinching the knife is the safest way to keep it from turning in your hand should it get wet or oily and allows you to keep the sharp blade always facing downward. Be sure to look at our next newsletter which will be Part One of a 3-part series of safe ways to protect the hand that is holding the food!

Look for more kitchen tips in future Vision Access issues.

The Makapo Aquatics Project Levels the Paddling Field for the Visually Impaired (Part 1)

by Catharine Griffin

At 11 a.m. on September 2, 2006, 128 outrigger canoes lined up outside the bay at Honaunau on the Kona coast of Hawaii Island, the starting line of the Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race. Among them was a novice team from Southern California, living out their dream of competing in the world's biggest long-distance paddling event. Their steersman was renowned coach Billy Whitford, the founder of the Newport Aquatic Center (NAC), located in the coastal wetlands known as the Back Bay.

The race ran 18 miles along the coast in sweltering conditions, testing the endurance of the six-man crews. The NAC crew struggled, and before long they had dropped to last place; the only vessel behind them was the safety jet ski tasked with bringing up the rear.

Here comes this big braddah on the jet ski. "We're way back," Whitford recalls. "He'd come over, he'd shake his head."

"Timing!" the ski driver yelled impatiently, puttering alongside the canoe.

"Eh, thank you, braddah," Whitford called out to appease him. "These are my blind guys." The driver was stunned. "Makapo?" "Yeah," the steersman replied. "They can't see." Instantly, the jet-ski driver became their biggest cheerleader, calling out every landmark as the crew - the Blindsiders, they called themselves - pushed for the finish line. They crossed at three hours, ten minutes and fortytwo seconds, becoming the first-ever blind crew to complete the race.

The next morning, *West Hawaii News* featured their photo on the front page. "What did that guy call us?" one of the paddlers asked afterward.

"'Makapo," someone repeated. Hawaiian for "blind" ("maka" means eye; "po" is darkness). When they returned to California, the Blindsiders evolved into the Makapo Aquatics Project, a nonprofit for blind and visually impaired paddlers. The Makapo Aquatics Project is a perfect fit for NAC, which Whitford established as a nonprofit in 1980 to protect public access to the water among the exclusive marinas of Newport Beach. The center is like Top Gun for operators of human-powered watercraft - flatwater kayaks, surf skis, outrigger canoes, even dragon boats. The center's teams have won numerous national titles, and among its alumni are twelve Olympic gold medalists. Its

membership spans young to old, and it consistently produces top collegiate rowers. The center also hosts We Are Ocean, a program that gets those fighting cancer out of the wards and onto the water.

When Makapo came along, Whitford says, it made sense for NAC. "Paddling is one of the few sports where blind people don't need anything adaptive. They can race against able-bodied men and women same-same," he says. "The vibe they gave off was pure. Everybody just loved helping." As one of Makapo's first coaches, Whitford quickly learned that when directing blind paddlers, simple verbal commands were key. "You don't have to go into a big explanation. Not, 'I need you to ...' All it takes is two words: 'Turn right.'" He chuckles as he recalls a water change - when paddlers jump out of the canoe and relief paddlers climb in - during a long race. "'Marco!'" he called. "I hear 'Polo!' and they start swimming towards me on the escort boat. That's a true

On any given day, Whitford is running around cracking dad jokes, but he's serious when he acknowledges the patience and respect demonstrated by the Makapo paddlers, a reality check for the rest of NAC.

"If you ever think you're having a bad day, just talk to one of them," he says. "It humbles you so quickly."

"Billy reminds us we're kind of the glue here," says Makapo's executive director, RJ De Rama. "You've got people complaining about the most mundane things or top athletes worried about shaving a couple seconds off their time. But when one of our blind athletes comes through here on his own with a cane - when we first started, it was like, 'Oh my God, is that guy going to die? Is he going to sprain an ankle?' - for a split second they're reminded they have things to be thankful for."

"We like to say, as blind people, we run into the nicest people," jokes the 48-year-old De Rama, who went blind at 29. At the Braille Institute he met a former water polo player and swimmer named John Chavez, who had gone in for ankle surgery, suffered a heart attack during the procedure and woke up blind. Not one to back away from a challenge, Chavez cooked up the idea for the blind Kona crew and invited De Rama to join them.

"The draw for me was that I was going to participate in something with people who knew what I was going through, specifically the four other blind guys," De Rama says. (For obvious reasons, the steersman must be sighted.) He wanted to offer that sense of belonging to other visually impaired people. Whitford, Kirsten Hermstad and Toni Bushong stepped up to coach, and generous sponsors including LA84, the Andrei Foundation, Kings Hawaiian, Foreseeable Futures, the Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation and the Allergan Foundation have since helped buy equipment and fund the program. They also collaborated with New York Outrigger, which launched a sister program in 2014.

That same year, De Rama and his wife, Rita, adopted a newborn whom they would come to discover had cerebral palsy. "The big thing with disability is that your world changes. We saw it again when our son wasn't able to do the activities that typically developed kids could do," De Rama says. "As parents your life is your kids' activities you're hanging out at soccer or baseball. Because our kid isn't in it, our social circle is different. For a lot of parents, the social circle doesn't exist. You don't have the flexibility to go to those places." He and Rita immersed themselves in a community of parents with kids with special needs, taking their son, Timmy, to therapy several times a week. Perpetuating what De Rama praises as NAC's "culture of yes," he opened up paddling to anyone with a physical, cognitive or developmental disability. Hope, he says, is the currency and a hallmark of Makapo.

"If there's one thing I want to teach my son, it's how to be a person with a disability in an able-bodied world. I don't think anyone sees people with a disability as not human, but there's a certain sense of humanity that gets lost. People don't know how to interact. Uber drivers will ask me, 'Hey, you're blind. Have you tried glasses?'" De Rama says. "The opportunity we have at Makapo is to be ambassadors, to walk with your head high, to ask and to correct people with respect and grace. In the cerebral palsy community, there's a program called Just Say Hi. If you see someone with a disability, just say aloha." Makapo hosts a few hundred blind and adaptive paddlers a year, including amputees, autistic youth, individuals with traumatic brain injury and many others. Some race competitively. Look out for the August 2024 Vision Access for part two.

Source: <u>https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/hawaii-</u> stories/hana-hou/articles/issue-27-1/guiding-light

Calendar of Events

Everyone is welcome to attend these events by accessing the Zoom mobile app, visiting the Zoom website at <u>https://zoom.us</u> 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 <u>CCLVIWebmaster@gmail.com</u>. 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 Book Chat week) 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

Low Vision Now

(formerly Delaware Valley Council of Citzens with Low vision)

The monthly Zoom meeting Low Vision Now 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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