

IPVI INSIGHTS

Connecting & Supporting Families Whose Children are Visually Impaired, Including Those with Additional Disabilities

**August
2013**



MBJ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE



This year we have awarded one scholarship. IPVI is very happy to announce that it has presented an MBJ Scholarship to a fine young woman, Stephanie Collins.

Stephanie lives in Deerfield and plans to attend Oregon University. Her goal is to study International Relations and speak fluent Chinese. Her long-term strategy is to become an interpreter and advocate for the visually impaired in China. Also she is interested in working as an interpreter for the United States government in the National Security Agency. She graduated from Deerfield High School with a 3.99 grade point average.

Her past times include Stage Write and poetry. Stephanie is also very active in her faith community. One of her community service accomplishments was to form an Art Club that continues to create artwork to cover the many white walls she was led through at several children's hospitals in the Chicagoland area where she had been treated.

Ms. Collins suffers from a Craniopharyngioma, a reoccurring benign tumor that developed affecting both her pituitary gland and her optic nerve when she was nine years old. This resulted in total blindness in her left eye and severe visual field loss of less than 20 degrees in her right eye following the surgery, radiation and other procedures. Despite her monumental medical issues, Stephanie has been a solid student in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

She uses enlarged print and adaptive technology such as Voice Over, Kurzweil and Adobe Screen Readers. She also employs a Kindle DX and Daisy Products as auditory support devices. The Internet has proven a strong tool for her as well as she has used YouTube to listen to past televised political speeches for her A.P. U.S. History class, when her eye was too strained to read further. To travel, she utilizes public transportation.

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Changes

Bill Bielawski, IPVI President

Dues: I want to thank all of you who have already sent in your 2013 dues with your updated information form. I also want to thank those of you who joined NAPVI as well as IPVI. You can still send in your form and dues anytime during the year. In 2014, we will mail the dues renewal forms early in the year, independent of the Brookfield Zoo mailing. We need your support so we can support each other.

Elections: IPVI is directed by 5 officers: President, Operations VP, Services VP, Treasurer, and Secretary, who support our other volunteers. Officers are elected for 2 year terms, and the President and VPs have a 2 term limit. We will have elections at this year's annual meeting. I have served 2 terms and will not be returning to the board. I have other plans as you will see below. **We need new officers!** Rich, Vicki, and I have been officers for a very long time. We need new parents with new ideas and new energy. Please give me a call at 630-357-8576 if you willing to serve. It is not that hard.

Monthly Training: I can best serve you by conducting a training session one Saturday each month from 10am to 1pm. The meeting will rotate among 4 sites around Chicago: north, west, south suburbs, and in the city. I can speak on 3 topics: Parents Rights, Assistive Technology, and Expanded Core Curriculum. Each topic will be taught at each site once per year. Attend anytime you want. **I need help finding the sites.** They should be free, accommodate 10 people, and have WiFi. There will be fruit salad and bottled water. (or donuts and coffee?) Your dues must be paid for the year to attend. Call to register in advance or just show up. If no one is there by 10:30am, I go home. Please start looking for sites. I will send out the rotation next month.

MS. VIC'S VOLLEYS

Victoria Juskie, IPVI Treasurer

VOLLEY I

Since our last publication, the following families, individuals, and/or organizations became members:

No new members have joined this period.

VOLLEY II

My how time flies. It seems like just yesterday that I was holding my infant son, and now he's my 6-foot tall, 17-year old who went away for his first trip alone for six days without parental unit oversight. The fact that he's visually impaired is a side note only. He went with about 10 other students and 6 chaperones from the Lincolnway school system. After his 3-man team took 2nd place in State earlier in the year at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) marketing competition, they traveled to Anaheim. (By the way, we are extremely grateful to the Lincolnway High School system that supplied the airfare and hotel accommodations for his team. Thank you very much for this generosity.)

Matt had a great time in California at the FBLA Nationals. While he attended several business lectures and took the qualifying tests with his teammates, he was able to squeeze in some free time. He saw a Dodgers game, went to the beach and pool, as well as experienced eating out at establishments of his own choosing. These all involved life skills he had to acquire in order to be accomplished on his own. He had to pay the other expenses with his own money, keeping track

of his receipts as he was utilizing a debit card from his own work-funded checking account. He had to manage his eye products, his self-care items, his clothes and suitcase. He advocated for himself with hotel employees and public service workers at all these various places. In other words, he's beginning to function like an independent young adult.

Whether your child is low- or non-sighted or not, this kind of independence has life-long significance. It's what we want from any of our children, the ability to handle life on their own. So parents, it is up to you to work to your highest capacity to ensure your child succeeds independently. From toddlers on, teach them life skills.

For instance, age and capability will apply to these tasks but we must teach them, for example, how to put on a shirt and pants properly. If non-sighted, buy tag-in shirts or put some fabric glue below the neckline or on the pants' rear waistband on the inside so they know where to begin putting their clothes on correctly from touch. Then work with them until they get their clothes on right every time.

Also, if your child needs to learn Braille, I suggest you learn it too, even if it is more work to do. Your end goal should be to be able to proofread her/his homework. Braille is not hard and it takes just a little extra time each week until you learn the code. You'll read it visually though and not by touch. This process will create a strong bond with your children by showing them you believe in the importance of reading and writing.

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They most likely won't get a job if they can't read and write in some fashion. So while your duty as a parent is to teach them how to be as independent as they can be, you recognize being literate brings about a significant amount of this independence.

Sometimes – wait a minute, let's be honest -- a lot of time, you'll give up free moments you don't want to as well during all of this training. We parents bite the bullet a lot when there are special needs involved, that's for sure. We learn quickly that like anything else we do in life, we have to practice a task until we get it right. So realize your child won't learn to eat or count or tie his shoes or understand money or wash dishes or take a private shower, etc. etc. etc. unless you help him practice a lot -- usually much more than your other children may require. It gets exhausting periodically. During those moments, take a break and breathe. As you go along, you'll learn to be more creative and find what works with your child, as there is no "one size fits all" approach. Ask for outside help, too. You have us at IPVI, your itinerant teacher or therapist, the folks at the Lighthouse, the Internet, etc. as resources; and we all have the same goal, to help your child be the best s/he can be.

So my tip of the day is learn to be more empathetic so you can help your child learn. Close your eyes (or use a bandana to cover them) and see if you can function without sight. This will give you a perspective of what the world is like for your child. Then feel the way you do a simple task without sight. You can then write down the steps or

take notes on how you did it. This will help you verbalize step by step how one does something. As you may know, 90% of our learning is visual in our world. For the low and no sighted, your words are the window to their conceptual understanding that fills in the gaps of what they don't see. So keep at it a little every day and don't stress about how you'll do it. You'll just do it. Why? Because you're competent. You're reliable. You're loving. **YOU CAN DO IT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO AND YOU CARE TO!** And by your sacrifices, this wonderful little person will grow to give you more emotionally than you ever dreamed possible; and you'll ensure that when you're gone, your child should have the tools it takes to independently continue on. God bless.



ASK M@



Hi everyone. I hope everything is going well with your summer that, regrettably, is creeping towards its end.

This month I have a few things I would like to cover. Back in the end of June, I attended my Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference. My team ended in 18th place out of 100 and unfortunately did not end up placing, as being 15th or better was needed to qualify. However, it was a great experience. It had great Anaheim, California weather and informative workshops on business. Also in the opening ceremony, we were

entertained by keynote speaker, Judson Laipply, who is very well known and award winning. This man was the creator of the hit YouTube video, "*The Evolution of Dance*." He was indeed a very good dancer, but more importantly, I thought he had a terrific message.

One of his key points was bringing up the statistic that over 30 million Americans are diagnosed as depressed and that many people have trouble getting through each and every day.

That is very sad when you think about it. His reasoning for why that happens is due to we -- as humans -- have lost the ability to accept life for what it is. In just meeting new people, you can quickly hear how fast they begin to complain about something in their lives. I'm even talking being out in California on vacation. I thought that vacation was supposed to be a happy time. If that is how you are on vacation, imagine how you are back home in every day life.

You can't let things bring you down. If you do, you will not be able to realize all of the positives. The best way to really think about it is very simple. Do you have control over the situation? If you do not, how can you possibly dwell on it? Just let it go. Take all that energy you are spending on what is out of your control and focus all of that on what you can. Life is never perfect. "Life is change," as Mr. Laipply said. We must adapt to what we are given. For example, I am by no means saying I'm perfect, but I took what I was given regarding golfing and did something with it. I took that as far as I could by myself. Then once I made the golf team, I applied for and was able to obtain a never-before-granted ruling from the IHSA that allowed me to have a spotter. If that is not adaptation, I'm not sure what is.

I am a firm believer in the fact that the human

brain is a very powerful thing. If you set your mind on something and you really want it, you can do it. That is probably the best advice I could give anyone. Then when you do what you set out to do, never let anyone fool you by making you think it was luck or anything else. You will deserve it! And trust me, that is a great feeling!

Now, I hope everyone can get up the motivation to just get out there and "follow your dream and do it!", as said by my new buddy from the Men's Warehouse store whom I met in California. That is all I have for this time. I look forward to talking to you next month!

M@



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This inspirational young woman is a testament to the human spirit refusing to give up in the face of adversity. We at IPVI wish Ms. Collins a wonderful college experience and are proud to be a part of her journey towards a degree. God Bless You, Stephanie!





IPVI's Matthew Benedict Juskie Scholarship Fund

For students who are blind or visually impaired

Any individual intending to continue his/her education at a college, university or trade school and is interested in being considered for the MBSF, must meet the following criteria: Illinois resident, blind or visually impaired, undergraduate or graduate student, and an IPVI member.

The candidate's application is processed free of charge. The student must mail or fax a written request to receive a copy of the application from IPVI. Then the student must complete the MBSF Application Form, provide 3 completed Reference Forms, submit medical records or a letter from the vision specialist confirming the condition, and mail them to IPVI. The applicant may attach a 1-page resume of clubs, offices held, or any other pertinent information concerning his/her activity record.

The IPVI Board of Directors will review all scholarship applications and select the winners. IPVI reserves the right to announce such awards in its newsletters and marketing materials.

The MBSF is funded completely from tax-deductible donations from individuals, companies and corporations who support IPVI's goals. Any individuals or groups wishing to donate to this fund, please forward your tax-deductible donations to IPVI. Thank you for your continued support of IPVI.



To request a scholarship application, please contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator, Vicki Juskie at: 1-815-355-2098 or vajuskie@aol.com

Prevent Blindness America Provides Tips and Tools to Promote Children's Vision and Eye Health as New School Year Begins

PBA Declares August as Children's Eye Health and Safety Month to Educate Parents, Teachers on Importance of Healthy Vision for Kids

CHICAGO (July 23, 2013) – As many children begin to head back to school after the summer break, Prevent Blindness America hopes to help educate parents and educators on the importance of children's vision.

According to the recent **“Cost of Vision Problems: The Economic Burden of Vision Loss and Eye Disorders in the United States”** study from Prevent Blindness America, vision disorders in children ages 0-17 cost Americans more than \$5.7 billion in direct and indirect costs. Fortunately, eye problems such as amblyopia (lazy eye) and strabismus (crossed eyes) can be successfully treated if detected early.

Prevent Blindness America has declared August as Children's Eye Health and Safety month to inspire parents to make their child's vision health a priority. The non-profit group provides free information on its website at preventblindness.org.

Topics include:

- Signs of possible eye problems in children
- Taking your child to an eye doctor
- Your child's glasses
- Protecting your child's eyes from the sun
- Keeping your child safe from eye injuries
- Home eye tests for children



For educators, PBA offers the **Star Pupils Eye Health and Safety Curriculum** for grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The program, which is available free for download upon request, provides teachers with interactive materials that help students learn the importance of sight, components of the eye and how we see, and how to identify objects and situations that can be dangerous to eyes. The program meets National Health, National Science and National Physical Education standards and includes presentation guides, eye exam diagrams, in-class worksheets and an activity book for children to take home.

“The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time in a child's life,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. “By working together with parents and educators, we hope to give all our kids a bright and healthy start!”

For more information on children's eye health and safety, or the Star Pupils Eye Health and Safety Curriculum, please call Prevent Blindness America at (800) 331-2020 or visit **preventblindness.org**.



STEP RIGHT UP!

**The Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center
222 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025**

is pleased to announce a
WALKING CLUB (free)



**rain or shine at the Glenview Park Center
2400 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026
847.724.5670**

**Wednesdays, June 5, 2013- September 4, 2013 (12 weeks)
Next session begins August 7, 2013**

All WALKING CLUB members are invited to join another program scheduled back-to-back each Wednesday; times may vary depending on when the other program is scheduled.

RSVP:

**Pam Stern, Manager of Youth/Adult Enrichment Programs
pam.stern@chicagolighthouse.org
847-510-2054**



SUMMER PLAYS WITH AUDIO-DESCRIPTION

(Narration when there isn't dialogue between characters)



Steppenwolf Theatre Company

1650 N Halsted Street in Chicago, IL, 312-335-1650

Slowgirl- Sunday, August 4, Touch Tour: 1:30pm Curtain: 3pm

In the wake of a harrowing accident at a house party in Massachusetts, a teenager flees to her uncle's isolated retreat in the Costa Rican jungle to await, or avoid, the repercussions. As the reclusive uncle and his impulsive niece get reacquainted over the course of a week, startling details about their pasts slowly unfold. *Slowgirl* is a compelling story about owning your past—and getting on with your life. “Audiences will find themselves on the edge of their seats, drawn into an ever-deepening relationship that’s pulsing with intensity, confusion and love.” *Theatre-Mania*

Belleville - Sunday, August 18, 1:30 Touch Tour, 3:00 Curtain

Newly married American expats Zack and Abby live an enviably hip, do-gooder existence in the up-and-coming neighborhood of Belleville, Paris. But a single encounter in the apartment they rent...

A “thrillingly good” drama with elements of a “nail-biting psychological thriller”
by *The New York Times*

Victory Gardens Theater

2433 N Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614, 773-871-3000



Mojada - Sunday, August 11 - 3:00pm (touch tour at 1:30pm)

A breathtaking reimagining of Euripides' *Medea* transported to Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. Medea, a young, gifted healer in exile, enters the United States illegally to escape a past filled with betrayals. With husband and her son in tow, she is caught in a struggle to adapt to the modern world. A modern take on the Greek myth tackles American immigration, family, tradition, culture and the explosive moment when they all collide.

If interested in any performance and lower group rates contact:

Pam Stern, Manager of Youth and Adult Appreciation
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**The Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center
proudly offers
Young Professionals**



**at
222 Waukegan Road
Glenview, Illinois 60025
monthly, day and time to be determined;
please let me know your availability**

For more information contact:

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SUMMER AUDIO-DESCRIPTION MOVIES AT THEATER NEAR YOU!

Narration is provided during non-dialogue moments, specifically for people who are blind or have low vision

The Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center
222 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025



Wednesday, August 7, 12:30pm – 2:30 pm

Soul Surfer is the true story of competitive teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, inspiring millions worldwide through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. With Dennis Quaid.



Wednesday, August 21, 12:30-2:30

We Bought a Zoo, starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson is about a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo following the death of his wife in this comedy/drama

Of course we will be serving popcorn and beverages!

RSVP: Pam Stern, Manager of Youth/Adult Enrichment Programs
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847.510.2054

MAKING SENSE

Attention Parents, Students and Teachers of the Visually Impaired: Don't miss this important opportunity to learn how to incorporate an iPad into the classroom environment! On Saturday, September 28 from 9:30am to 3:30pm, David Flament conducts "An Apple for Students, Parents and Teachers," a hands-on workshop where you will learn how to use many of the features of the iPad, including using VoiceOver and gestures, researching and

managing apps, connecting Bluetooth devices and working with documents. There is no charge for parents and students who are accompanied by a parent or TVI. Fee for TVIs is \$25 with CPDUs available. To register for this comprehensive workshop, call David Flament at 312-236-8569 or email david.flament@second-sense.org.

Free Braille Books for Illinois Children: Dots for Tots, sponsored by the Illinois Council of the Blind (ICB), provides four braille books per year, free-of-charge, to children

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**The Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center
proudly presents**

DR. STUART RICHER, OD, PhD, FAAO

Please join us for this fascinating and educational lecture series to learn about the impact of nutrition on eye health

There is no charge for this lecture series, however an **RSVP** is requested to
Pam Stern, Manager of Youth and Senior Programs
847.510.2054

pam.stern@chicagolighthouse.org

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 4:00-5:00 pm

New Cancer Research Perspectives

Some 80% of all cancer occurs after the age of 50. There are specific nutrients holding great promise for prevention of this feared condition. Some of these nutrients have been shown to improve ocular health as well.

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:00-5:00 pm

Astaxanthin and Eye Care

This carotenoid found in Sockeye salmon, allows them to swim upstream against the current. A small dietary dose may offer great promise to patients of all ages. Dr. Richer discusses the new research studies coming out of Asia.

FRCD



Family Resource Center on Disabilities
Providing parents of children with disabilities with information, training, assistance, and support

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE PARENT WORKSHOP TODAY!

Space is limited; registration is mandatory Please visit www.frcd.org or call 312-939-3513 for registration and workshop location.

(A.Y.L.P.) Advance Youth Leadership Power Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 4pm
Friday, August 9, 4:30pm

Reaching Our Dreams
Tuesday, August 13, 4pm

(A.Y.L.P.) Advance Youth Leadership Power Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 4pm

The Empowered FE-FE's
Tuesday, August 20, 4pm

(A.Y.L.P.) Advance Youth Leadership Power Meeting

Friday, August 23, 4:30pm

Reaching Our Dreams
Tuesday, August 27, 4pm

The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) offers parents of children with disabilities birth to 21 years old, their helpers, relatives, professionals, and interested community members no-cost training and workshops, telephone and e-mail assistance, and resources to help claim their role as the child's most effective and significant advocate.

You are invited to contact FRCD for information, resources, support and training.

1-312-939-3513 | info@frcd.org |
www.frcd.org
20 East Jackson Blvd., Room 300
Chicago, IL 60604



THE VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECT

Presented By
Family Resource Center on Disabilities in collaboration with the Roosevelt University Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation

The Volunteer Advocacy Training Project is a training program for individuals who are willing to become advocates for families as they navigate their way through the world of special education.

Requirements:

- Willing to attend all sessions
- Willing to shadow an advocate at an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting
- Willing to advocate for a minimum of four families of children with disabilities

Training will cover:

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- State law (Part 226)
- The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Section 504
- Advocacy

All trainings and materials are free. The Volunteer Advocacy Project is six sessions long. Homework is required and must be completed prior to each session. Participants must have

access to a computer with internet for the purposes of completing homework.

The training will be in the fall of 2013 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The dates are: Oct. 5th, Oct. 19th Nov. 2nd, Nov. 16th, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 2013.

Training will be held in the Chicago Downtown Area. More information regarding the location will be given upon acceptance into the program. The deadline for all application submissions is Friday, Sept. 20 at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Paula Wills at 312-939-3513 or paula.wills@frcd.org.

Download Your Volunteer Parent Advocacy Training Application Today at www.frcd.org/news/vatp

A Movement United 2013 TASH Conference

December 11-14, 2013

Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60605

By bringing together research, practice and advocacy, the TASH Conference builds bridges between stakeholders in the field and unites them in advancing inclusive lives for people with significant disabilities. This year's theme draws its inspiration from three challenges facing the disability community today.



9th Annual Illinois Statewide Transition Conference:

October 24-25, 2013

Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois

The 9th Annual Transition Conference titled "Stepping Stones of Transition", for high school aged students and young adults with disabilities, their family members and teachers, vocational professionals, caregivers, health care professionals, college students pursuing careers in special education and community.

ages 4-14 with vision loss. There are no income restrictions to participate in this program; however, children must live in Illinois. This program is being featured at the ICB's convention taking place October 11-13 in Springfield. For more information about Dots for Tots or the ICB state convention, contact Maggie Mogged, ICB Office Manager at 217-523-4967.

Scholarships Available for Master Degree in Blindness: The Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech University is looking for qualified individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the blindness field and is offering three Masters-level scholarships. The Institute actively recruits people who are blind, sighted and of diverse backgrounds. To learn more, call the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness at 318-257-

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Foundation Fighting Blindness Coffee Social



The Chicago Chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness invites you to chat about retinal disease.

Come and share your thoughts, experiences and advice with those affected, family members and friends. Also, learn about the Foundation Fighting Blindness' research and upcoming events.

Anyone is welcome to attend this event, so please feel welcome to invite your family, friends, or neighbors!

**Batavia Coffee Social
Friday, August 16, 2013
10:00 a.m. – Noon**

Panera
154 W. Wilson
Batavia, IL 60510

RSVP to Mary Ann at 847.680.0100 or MSubleski@FightBlindness.org

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The Chicago Lighthouse For People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

We are pleased to announce the opening of a Ready to Learn: Preschool for All at The Chicago Lighthouse in September, 2013!

The Chicago Lighthouse has received a grant from the Chicago Public Schools for children age three to five who live in Chicago Public School districts. This grant will encourage emerging literacy and provide early learning opportunities. The CPS grant covers all expenses, making the program **FREE TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES!**

The Preschool program will be half-day, five days a week, in the morning and the afternoon, for children ages 3-5 years. Students may enroll in one half-day session, Monday through Friday.

The Chicago Lighthouse Preschool for All offers programs for a total of 40 eligible children residing in Chicago. To be eligible, students must live in neighborhoods with zip codes 60607, 60608, 60612, and 60623 and meet the criterion for admission to our school. Additionally, children who are visually impaired are also eligible if they reside anywhere in Chicago.

The Chicago Lighthouse Preschool for All Program offers an opportunity for both children with and without visual impairments to learn in the same setting. Use of adapted, multi-sensory materials will benefit all students. **Our program will instill sensitivity and a respect for diversity.** All materials, toys and books will be adapted to meet each child's individual needs, whether it is in Braille, large print or regular print.

Also, on site is a therapeutic day school approved by the State Board of Education for children with multiple disabilities including vision impairments. All staff are certified and familiar with working with children from all backgrounds.

Register now; spots are limited to 20 children for each session.

**For more information, call Mary Zabelski at 312.997.3675
or email her at mary.zabelski@chicagolighthouse.org**

www.chicagolighthouse.org/Preschool





Please join us on Monday, October 2, 2013 for an afternoon of golf at the Prevent Blindness America Swing Fore Sight Golf Outing. The afternoon kicks off with lunch and a putting contest, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start and concludes with dinner and award presentations. Enjoy an afternoon of golf at the prestigious Inverness Golf Club, while supporting the sight-saving programs and services of Prevent Blindness America.

Right here in Illinois, Prevent Blindness America staff and volunteers educate children, adults and seniors and advocate for important eye health and safety issues. Because healthy vision is so important to us and so many Americans, we ask you to golf, sponsor or donate in support of the golf outing and the work of Prevent Blindness America.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact Danielle Schultz at (312) 363-6022 or dschultz@preventblindness.org.

The GuildScholar Program

A Scholarship for Visually Impaired High School Students

Open to all legally blind high school students entering college in September 2014. Application to be made at the beginning of the senior year of high school.

Must be a US Citizen or legal resident, have an excellent academic record and have demonstrated school and community leadership.

Scholarships of up to \$15,000 will be competitively awarded to qualified students. The deadline for the 2014 scholarships is September 15th, 2013. The GuildScholar application is online.

Please log on to www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp
For more information, contact Gordon Rovins at rovinsg@guildhealth.org

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Save the Date! Annual Meeting 2013

APH Annual Meeting, "The Universe at Our Fingertips, STEMulating Products for Life,"
October 17 – 19, 2013
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky!

Annual Meeting Hotel Registration Now Available

The Hyatt Regency is offering special rates to attendees of the 2013 APH Annual Meeting. Single and double occupancy rooms are \$135, triple occupancy is \$145, and quadruple occupancy is available for \$155.

You can make your reservations online here:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/APH2013>

Reservations are best made online, however, if additional reservation assistance is needed, please call 1-888-421-1442.



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clude very short videos, each of which focuses on a particular tip to help make your work a little easier! Check here often for new videos!

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4554 or email ebell@latech.edu.

News from the National Library Service Talking Books Program: Voices of Vision in Geneva and the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center in East Peoria have merged and both will now be housed in Burr Ridge, Illinois. This change affects all Illinois Talking Books patrons outside the Chicago city limits. The new number to call to order books, make changes in your profile, put your account on hold, or any other issues is 800-426-0709. The Chicago Public Library Talking Books Center for Chicago residents is not affected. To learn more, visit www.illinoistalkingbooks.org.

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- Regular communications which include: workshops, conferences, training seminars, legislative issues, organizational announcements, products, and advice about raising a child who is visually impaired.
- Offers several \$500 college scholarships each year.
- Publishes a resource catalog which includes anything and everything to do with visual impairment.
- Conducts training and support sessions where parents share experiences and ideas.
- Holds fun outings adapted for children with visual impairments at athletic, cultural, educational, and entertainment settings.
- Represents parents of children with visual impairments at conferences, public hearings, and on committees.

What does IPVI do?

- Promotes and provides information through meetings, correspondence, publications, etc., which will help parents meet the special needs of their children with visual impairments.
- Facilitates the sharing of experiences and concerns in order to provide emotional support and relief from feelings of isolation for parents and their families.
- Creates a climate of opportunity for children who are blind in the home, school, and society.
- Fosters communication and coordination of services among federal, state, and local agencies and organizations involved with providing services to people who are visually impaired.
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▶ 8/4, 8/11, 8/18	Summer Plays with Audio-Description	Chicago
▶ 8/7, 8/21	Summer Audio-Description Movies	Glenview
▶ 8/13, 9/10	Lighthouse North Educational Lecture Series	Glenview
▶ 11/24-25	9th Annual Illinois Statewide Transition Conference	Effingham
▶ 12/11-14	A Movement United 2013 TASH Conference	Chicago
▶ 8/16	FFB Coffee Social	Batavia
▶ September	TCL—Chicago: Ready to Learn! Preschool for ALL!	Chicago
▶ 10/2	PBA Swing Fore Sight	Las Vegas

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