

## **BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER OF SAN DIEGO**

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## **OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**BCCSD MISSION:** To enrich the lives of blind and visually impaired adults preparing them for a normal, active life in a society that is principally sighted by encouraging independence.

**The Blind Community Center of San Diego** gives blind and visually impaired people in our community an opportunity to socialize and interact. It helps members build skills, confidence and self-esteem through our various social and recreational activities. During the pandemic, we are featuring virtual experiences where participants can join by telephone and/or computer.

## **BUSINESS HOURS:**

In order to keep our community safe, our building is temporarily closed following the extended 'Stay at home order'. We will keep you informed in this newsletter when the time is right to re-open. Please stay safe and follow all recommended guidelines.

## **CONTACTS:**

**We are here for you:**

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## **ONLINE BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER CRAFTS FUNDRAISER**

Blind Community Center crafters and volunteers are working hard to create crafts for sale with a suggested donation price. Included in this virtual sale

are items we normally sell at December Nights. Soft blankets, crocheted hats and scarves, beaded Santa, snowmen, and Christmas tree lamps and Mary Lou angels. These items and others can be viewed via Facebook and on our website. Please encourage your family and friends to participate.

It's a great way to support the BCC during the pandemic.

For a minimum donation of \$25 you can choose from:

One of our soft blankets that measure 26 inches x 36 inches Beaded snowmen and Santa lamps

For a minimum donation of \$12 you can have one of our unique beaded Mary Lou Angels.

For a minimum donation of \$10 you may want to choose a warm, reversible, hand loomed or crocheted winter hat or beanie. Many colors to choose from.

We also have quilts, yarn poodles, and beaded candy canes. All made with love from, **Nena, Joyce, Jill, Diane, Elia, Suchin, Esther, Francis, Marty, Cindy, Lyn, Dave, and Mary.**

Soon we will have a beaded Lion lamp and beaded Pink Elephant lamps!

**PLEASE SIGN UP WITH AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT THE BCC EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE**

Did you know that Amazon donates 5% of the price of eligible items to the non-profit of your choice if you shop through their special donation portal at **smile.amazon.com?**

To enroll in the program, go to **https://smile.amazon.com/**. The enrollment process couldn't be easier and takes less than five minutes. The BCCSD appreciates your support of our programs through all channels, including shopping.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **BEGINNING SPANISH** led by **Nena**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **ADVANCED SPANISH** led by **Nena**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. **BLIND RHYTHM** hosted by **Shon**

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **OPEN MIC** led by **Sharlene**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **TRIVIA** hosted by **Pearl**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **NAME THAT TUNE** hosted by **Shon**

### **FRIDAYS**

9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. **BEGINNING FRENCH** led by **Theresa** 10:30

a.m.-11:30 a.m. **ADVANCED FRENCH** led by **Theresa**

12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. **BINGO** led by **Christie**, with a BINGO Caller and volunteers **Dora, Marty, Theresa**, members from the **NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE, NCL**, and occasional other community volunteers.

### **THURSDAYS**

10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

**BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER WRITERS WORKSHOP** with **CLYTIE**

We do not meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Zoom only allows us 40 minutes so we take a break and resume at 11:00 AM

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. using the web platform we use for other activities. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have something for the agenda, please send an email to [president@bccsd.org](mailto:president@bccsd.org) or leave a message on my office phone, 619-298-5021 ext. 208. I check my office messages from home.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**There will not be a membership meeting in October.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR BCC MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS**  
(BCC volunteers will call you with more information)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**BCC VOLUNTEER NO SPAGHETTI DINNER IN 2020 SURPRISE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE SPOOKTACULAR SURPRISE**

**THANK YOU**

**Chula Vista Host Lions Club**  
**Chula Vista Harbor Lioness Club**  
**North Park Lions Club**  
**Del Sol Lions Club**  
**Oceanside Sea Lions Club**  
**Rancho Bernardo Lions Club**  
**Rancho Santee Lions Club**  
**AT&T Pioneers**  
**Foundation for Delta Gamma at San Diego State University**  
**U.S. Navy**  
**University of San Diego**  
**San Diego County Employee's Charitable Organization (CECO)**

**La Mesa Lions Club**  
**Encinitas Lions Club**  
**Spring Valley Lions Club**  
**Harbison Canyon Lions Club**

Please visit our web site at <https://bccsd.org/> for more information about our wonderful supporters and find out how they contribute to the Blind Community Center of San Diego.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**ANYONE CAN DONATE AT ANY TIME AND WITH ANY AMOUNT**

**Here's how:**

1. Go to [www.bccsd.org](http://www.bccsd.org) and click on "donate"
2. Once on the donation page, click on "donate" again

3. Enter the donation amount and then click on “donate with a debit or credit card”
4. On the next page, you can choose whether you’d like this amount to be donated on a monthly basis.
5. Immediately after that, there is a section where you can type instructions and designate what the donation is for. For example, if a donation is for the Craft Fundraiser, please type “Craft Fundraiser.”
6. Complete the rest of the form and provide your email address to receive confirmation of your donation.

**Don't have a computer or access to one? Want to make a donation?**

**No problem.** If you're comfortable providing your credit card information over the phone, we can have a volunteer help. Or you can mail a check or money order to:

BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER OF SAN DIEGO or BCCSD

1805 Upas St.

San Diego, CA 92103.

Due to the pandemic, checks are deposited twice per month.