



**Blind Community Center of San Diego**

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**NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER  
CELEBRATING 72 YEARS**

**“Thanksgiving Is Not a Time of The Year, But an Attitude of The Heart” Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**

**BCC 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, recreational and educational, activities. During the pandemic, we are featuring virtual experiences where participants can join by telephone and/or computer.

**BUSINESS HOURS:**

**Activities Remain 100% Remote**

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, and have made **the decision to continue with 100% remote delivery of all activities.** At this time, we have not determined an exact date for the re-opening of our center. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Our first priority is to maximize the health and safety of our members, participants, and volunteers.

Because of the uncertainty of the situation, we don't want to fix a date for reopening because it may not work out and we don't want to get peoples hopes up, only to be disappointed.

## **CONTACTS:**

### **We are here for you:**

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Yvette Lee, Blind Member

Lions Optometric Vision Clinic Representative: Marcia DeRuntz

**NORTH PARK LIONS** is sponsoring monthly 'We Are Thinking of You' food deliveries for the BCCSD. **The next delivery is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 2021.** Some packages will be delivered during the week. Active members and participants will receive a phone call prior to the delivery to coordinate their delivery date. This month everyone will also receive a surprise gift from our wonderful supporters, the teens and moms from **The National Charity League.**

Please let us know if you have any questions about the deliveries.

Thank You.

[christie@bccsd.org](mailto:christie@bccsd.org)

## **SEE'S CHRISTMAS CANDY FUNDRAISER LINK**

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The BCC is excited to announce special Christmas candy selections and gift cards added to our online See's Candy Fundraiser.

Our sale for traditional See's candy will last through December. The price is the same as you would pay in the store, but if you buy from us, See's will donate 20% of each item sold to the BCC. For example – if you buy \$65 worth of candy – the BCC will receive \$13. If you combine orders and spend over \$65, shipping is free.

We appreciate everyone's participation and a percentage of every candy purchase will go directly to the BCC. All candy will be shipped directly from See's to your home. Thank you.

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/blindcco\\_blind\\_community\\_center\\_of\\_san\\_diego\\_54/candy?h=Chr\\_Gre3967&c=ot4245](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/blindcco_blind_community_center_of_san_diego_54/candy?h=Chr_Gre3967&c=ot4245)

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## **SPECIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

### **SPANISH & TRIVIA & BINGO ... OH MY!**

**When: Tuesday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

**What to bring: An Attitude of The Heart**

**Where: ZOOM**

**Thanksgiving Is Not a Time of The Year, But an Attitude of The Heart,** and the BCC invites you to share your attitude of gratitude with fellow participants. Everyone will have an opportunity to share how we came together and what we are thankful for.

There will be a little laughter, a little music, a little surprise and a moment of silent thanks.

**To Join, please call the ZOOM number below:**

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Or

**Join by computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAYS**

**PLEASE USE OUR WEBEX NUMBER FOR SPANISH CLASSES**

**Join by phone**

+1-510-338-9438 USA Toll+

Access code: 623 586 039

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

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **INTERMEDIATE SPANISH** taught by **Nena**

### **TUESDAYS**

**FOR TUESDAY ACTIVITIES, PLEASE USE OUR ZOOM NUMBER:**

**Join by Phone**

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**Join by computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TABLE TOPICS** Led by **Christie and Ethel**

**November:** Getting ready for Special Thanksgiving Activity at 11:00 am.

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#### **Join by phone**

+1-510-338-9438 USA Toll+

Access code: 623 586 039

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**BLIND RHYTHM** led by **Shon**

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**OPEN MIC** led by **Pearl**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**TRIVIA** led by **Pearl**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**NAME THAT TUNE** coordinated by **Shon**

## **THURSDAYS**

10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

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

All are welcome! This a Zoom meeting and is on a different Zoom account than the others listed in the newsletter.

Please call or email Clytie for the link.

760-271-8138 or [clytiek104@yahoo.com](mailto:clytiek104@yahoo.com)

## **FRIDAYS**

### **FOR BINGO, PLEASE USE OUR ZOOM NUMBER:**

#### **Join by Phone**

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**BINGO** led by **Christie**, with a bingo caller app and sighted volunteers.

## **SATURDAYS**

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. **LIVE MARTIAL ARTS ZOOM CLASS** taught by  
**SENSEI JOSH LOYA**

All abilities welcome. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [info@bccsd.org](mailto:info@bccsd.org).

You can also message on Facebook link -

<https://www.facebook.com/Blind-Community-Martial-Arts-211126265596001>

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 9 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**To Join, please use the ZOOM number below:**

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**Join by computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**Guests are welcome.** If you would like to address the board, please call 619-298-5021 ext. 208, 24 hours prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda.

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday November 23 2021 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**To Join, please use the ZOOM number below:**

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**Join by computer:**

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Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

**Membership Meetings are held every month on the 4th Tuesday using the ZOOM virtual link from 1:00-2:30. Members, participants and**

guests are all welcome to attend. Attendance shows your support and appreciation for the BCC and our generous speakers.

Please connect 10 minutes early so we can get started on time. The meetings are one way to catch up on what is happening at the BCC.

## **THANK YOU**

**AT&T Pioneers**

**Chula Vista Harbor Lioness Club**

**Chula Vista Host Lions Club**

**Del Sol Lions Club**

**Foundation for Delta Gamma at San Diego State University**

**Friends of the BCC**

**PDG Lion Rick Hannum**

**Harbison Canyon Lions Club**

**La Mesa Lions Club**

**Mira Mesa Senior Center Garden Club**

**National Charity League**

**Oceanside Sea Lions Club**

**Rancho Bernardo Lions Club**

**San Diego County Employee's Charitable Organization (CECO)**

**San Diego Executive Lions Club**

**San Diego North Park Lions Club**

**San Diego United Lions Club**

**Singing Hills Lions Club**

**UCSD Pre Optometry Club**

**University of San Diego**

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.

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**The Lions Optometric Vision Clinic** is now open by appointment only. It is a non-profit 501C3 agency, located on the third floor of the Blind Community Center building. Their Mission is to provide basic vision care for **low-income** individuals throughout San Diego County. For vision screening or a pair of quality, **low-cost** glasses, **call 619-298-5273 for an appointment.**

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

### **CRAFTS FUNDRAISER**

Gifts for everyone

All hand made by BCC crafters and Friends of the BCC.

### **SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATIONS**

**Beaded Candy Canes and Beaded Icicles**  
**6 for \$10**



**Beaded Mary Lou Angels –**  
**\$15 each or 2 for \$25**





**Beaded. Lighted, Lamps – \$30 each  
Penguins, Snowmen, Santa, Mrs. Santa, Pink Elephants, Lions**



**Hand Made Crocheted Slippers**  
All colors - \$10 per pair



**Loop-it Yarn Soft Blankets - \$25**





**Holiday Wreaths - \$30**



**Beautiful Handmade Quilts – \$60**  
**Pictures not available**