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DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING 72 YEARS

'Tis The Season

At this magical time year, we will all come together virtually or in person, and whatever language you speak, or holidays you celebrate, we wish you a safe and beautiful holiday season!

Saying Happy Holidays in different languages brings the world a little bit closer.

Happy Holidays!

Spanish: Felices Fiestas!

French: Joyeuses Fêtes!

Dutch: Prettige Feestdagen!

Italian: Buone Feste!

Fijian: Vanuinui vinaka Me Nomuni!

Hawaiian: Hau'oli Lanui! (Pronounced how-oh-lay la-new)

Irish: Laethanta saoire sona!

Yiddish: A Freylekhn Yontev!

German: Frohe Feiertage!

Portuguese: Boas Festas!

Indonesian: Selamat Hari Raya!

Japanese: Tanoshii kurisumasu wo!

Maori: Meri Kirihimete!

Korean: 행복 휴일

Turkish: Mutlu Bayramlar!

Mandarin: Jie Ri Yu Kuai!

Thai: Sawadee Pee Mai!

South African: li holide eximnandi!

Southern USA: Happy Holidays, Ya'll!
Australian: Happy Holidays, Mate!

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.

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FROM PRESIDENT SHARLENE ORNELAS:

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Bottle of water at Costco is \$0.25.

The same bottle in the supermarket is worth about \$0.50.

The same bottle in a bar costs \$2.

In a good restaurant or hotel, it can be worth up to \$3.

At an airport or on the plane, you may be charged \$5.

The bottle and the brand are the same, the only thing that changes is the place. Each place gives a different value to the same product.

When you feel like you are worth nothing and everyone around you belittles you, change places, do not stay there.

Have the courage to change places and go to a place where you are given the value you deserve. Surround yourself with people who really appreciate your worth.

Don't settle for less.

It's hard to believe. Christmas is knocking at the door. Many things will be a little different. Christmas is on a Saturday. Some religious activities have

been adjusted. COVID-19 is still around, it just changed its makeup. 2022 promises to bring changes. Let's look forward to improvements in our lives.

The BCC has had some much-needed repairs and some requirements met. The good news is that it hasn't drained the bank account, just put a big dent in it. There have been issues with vandalism around the property. San Diego North Park Lions have challenged other Lions Clubs to donate money to cover new lighting and security cameras for us and the San Diego Center for the Blind.

The Holidays are a stressful time of the year for many so this may be the most important number to know after 911. The Suicide Hotline 800-273-TALK (8255).

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa or however you celebrate the Holiday. May you create wonderful memories.

Let's look at 2022 as a glass half full and be optimistic.

Be safe

Sharlene Ornelas

President

NORTH PARK LIONS is sponsoring monthly 'We Are Thinking of You' food deliveries for the BCCSD. **Our next delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 18 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.

Our December gifts will include support from the Chula Vista Harbor Lioness and the Chula Vista Host Lions Clubs.

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

Thank You.

christie@bccsd.org

BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER OF SAN DIEGO

CRAFTS FUNDRAISER SALE

Friday, December 17 9-11 am at the BCC

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

SPECIAL VIRTUAL ACTIVITY

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS GET-TOGETHER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. – NOON

Let's celebrate this Season by singing and dancing and being together on a ZOOM call. You're invited to a virtual Holiday caroling party featuring the BCC Singers CD. Wear a Holiday hat or an ugly Holiday sweater or something that celebrates the Holidays for you. Everyone can describe what they are wearing and why, and we will vote on the most entertaining outfit.

FEATURING BCC SINGERS AND THE BCC SINGERS CD.

Join by Phone

1 408 638 0968 USA Toll+

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

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

Join by computer:

<https://giftedback.my.webex.com/meet/pearl.a.mecenas>
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:

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1 408 638 0968 USA Toll+
Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Join by computer:

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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. TABLE TOPICS Led by **Christie and Ethel**

December:

Funny stories about the BCC on the 7th

Caroling on the 14th

Open Topics on the 21st

Thoughts about 2022 on the 28th

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Access code: 623 586 039

Join by computer:

<https://giftedback.my.webex.com/meet/pearl.a.mecenas>

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 - 760-271-8138 clytiek104@yahoo.com

FRIDAYS

FOR BINGO, PLEASE USE OUR ZOOM NUMBER:

Join by Phone:

1 408 638 0968 USA Toll+

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Join by computer:

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

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.

You can also message on Facebook link -

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, December 14 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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1 408 638 0968 USA Toll+
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

There will not be a Membership Meeting in December.

THANK YOU

**AT&T Pioneers
Chula Vista Harbor Lioness Club
Chula Vista Host Lions Club
Del Sol Lions Club**

Encinitas Lions Club
Foundation for Delta Gamma at San Diego State University
Friends of the BCC
PDG Lion Rick Hannum
Harbison Canyon Lions Club
La Jolla President's Club
La Mesa Lions Club
Mira Mesa Senior Center Garden Club
National Charity League
Oceanside Sea Lions Club
Rancho Bernardo Lions Club
Rancho Santee 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.

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.**