



Blind Community Center of San Diego

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Blind Community Center of San Diego - June 2025

 **You're Invited!** 

Event: *Tea Time Fundraiser*

Date: Saturday, **June 28, 2025**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Blind Community Center Ballroom

 1805 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of **food**,
entertainment, and an **exciting auction** – all in
support of a great cause!

 **Admission:** \$50 per person

 **Sponsorship opportunities available!**


To reserve your tickets:

Visit bccsd.org and click the **yellow 'donate'**
button

Payment method: PayPal, debit, or credit card

Reason for payment: *Tea Time*

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Fundraising for a new Elevator



Goal \$115,000

Raised to Date: \$50,000

Tea Time at the BCCSD 'Elevator' Fundraiser
Saturday, June 28, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

National City Host Lions Club 4th of July Carnival
Kimbal Park, National City – Food, fun, rides

Wednesday July 2 5 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Thursday July 3 5 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Friday July 4 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Saturday July 5 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Sunday July 6 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

The BCCSD will have booth featuring
hand made jewelry – Please Join us!

Thank you to Major Donors of Elevator Fund
To Date: North Park Lions Club

AT&T Pioneers San Diego

La Mesa Lions Club

Chula Vista Host Lions

Andrew Ries

Sweetwater Women's Club

'Anonymous'

BCCSD Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner,
2024 Tea Time Fundraiser

Spotlight on Pat Newman: A Legacy of Friendship and Fun at BCCSD



If you've spent any time at the Blind Community Center of San Diego (BCCSD), chances are you've met **Pat Newman**. A longtime member and passionate cribbage player. **Pat's** connection to the **Center** spans decades, full of stories, service, and heartfelt memories.

Pat's journey began in 1962, when, at age 20, she joined the U.S. Navy. She was stationed at the Naval Training Center (NTC) in San Diego—what we now know as Liberty Station. Within just three months of arriving, she discovered BCCSD. Though she wasn't blind herself, the kindness of the Center's community left a lasting impression on her. One of her earliest memories is how the wonderful people at BCCSD transformed *Mary Poppins* into a six-book braille series for her blind sister, Valerie.

Though life took her in other directions for the next 40 years, Pat never forgot the generosity she experienced. One day, she decided to return—and she's been part of the heart and soul of BCCSD ever since.

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Pat brought more than just fond memories back with her. With her deep love for cribbage, she invented a special cribbage board designed for people who are blind or visually impaired. She added braille playing cards and uniquely designed pegs, creating a fully accessible game experience. Since then, Pat has been teaching cribbage with enthusiasm, making the game both inclusive and fun for all. Beyond cribbage, Pat has been a steady presence in nearly every corner of the Center. She has participated in our Blind Singers group, supported water activities, attended countless fundraisers, and—most importantly—built enduring, beautiful friendships. Pat holds the unique distinction of being connected to the Center longer than anyone else. “The BCCSD has been such a huge, wonderful part of my life,” Pat shares. “I cherish the friendships, the activities, and the amazing people I’ve met here.” And while Pat is not yet 100 years old, she laughs and admits, “Sometimes it feels like I am!” Thank you, Pat, for your decades of dedication, joy, and creativity. You’ve helped make the BCCSD the vibrant, welcoming community it is today.





**San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
Water Ski events. Remaining Saturdays:
June 21, July 26, August 23, and September 27**

**Call 619-298-5021 ext. 206
to reserve your space.**





In 2023, Esther's Pig, Nena's Chef, Rochelle's Elephant were all winners.

BCCSD Winners at the San Diego County Fair Crafters Competition.

Who will win this year?

**Will it be the Beaded Pumpkin?,
Chicken?, the Spring Garden
and Bunnies?, the Sheep?, or
the Hand Loomed Hat?**

Find out at the Fair!

**Ethel Miranda Braille Transcriber
Christie Greene – Newsletter Editor**



**Elia and Spring Garden
and Bunnies**

CALENDAR



WEEKLY Monday = M, Tuesday = T, Wed = W

- 9-1 Crafts (M, T, W)**
- 9-1 Games, Visit, Coffee and Sweets (M, T, W)**
- 9:30-11 Drama with Kim (M)**
- Audio Descriptive movie (T)**
- Chorus with Lee (T)**
- 9:45 Chair Yoga with Wendy (M)**
- 9:45 Boogie-ing with the BCCSD (M)**
- 11-1 Cribbage with Pat (M)**
- 11:30 Free Lunch with Mary (M, T, W)**
- 2 – 4 Writers Workshop - Clytie (ZOOM) (W)**

Please sign up for activities by calling the BCCSD at 619-298-5021, ext. 206 and leave a message one week before the class or event you want to attend.



SDSU Volunteer Alexa and BCCSD Member Sharon prepare carrots for Corner Grocery

CALENDAR



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

June 11 9-11 Bingo (W)
June 21 9-1 Water ski (S)
June 24 9:30 -11:45 Art Museum Tour (T)
June 24 12-1 Membership Meeting (T)
June 25 9-11 Bingo (W)
June 28 "Tea Time at the BCCSD" Fundraiser
Reservations only - Pay in advance

July 2 – July 6 - Kimball Park Carnaval
July 8 12-1 Board Meeting (T)
July 8 Corner Grocery (T,W)
July 9 9-11 Bingo (W)
July 14 Corner Grocery (M,T,W)
July 22 12-1 Membership Meeting (T)
July 23 9-11 Bingo (W)
July 26 9-1 Water ski (S)
July 30 9-11 Bingo (W)

August 11-13 Grocery (M,T,W)
August 12 12-1 Board Meeting (T)
August 13 9-11 Bingo (W)
August 16 10-1 Annual BBQ at the BCCSD (S)
August 23 9-1 Water ski (S)
August 26 12-1 Membership Meeting (T)
August 27 9-11 Bingo (W)

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