



Blind Community Center of San Diego

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MAY 2025

Come Celebrate With the BCCSD!

Join us as we celebrate **76 years of service** to the
blind and low vision community of San Diego.

Saturday, May 24

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Enjoy an uplifting morning filled with:

Inspirational personal stories

Delicious finger foods

Live crafter demonstrations

and hands-on participation

Craft sales

...and so much more!

Let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and
spread the message that **vision loss is not the
end—sometimes, it's just the beginning.**

What's Up With The BCCSD Elevator?



THE WHOLE STORY

Our Elevator:

- It is Safe and fully operational
 - We have quarterly maintenance checkups
 - It goes down occasionally - 4 outages since October 2024 – Not due to aging parts
 - It is 26 years old and many parts are not available.
 - If unavailable parts break, they must be manufactured, which can take weeks.
- **ADA Requirements:** Buildings with three or more stories are required to have an operational elevator to provide accessibility.



\$115,000

\$48,000



Thank you!

PLEASE

GIVE!

- In the event of a major repair, the BCCSD and the LOVC will be closed during the repairs.
- Upgrade proposal: \$115,000.
- We are discussing options to repair/replace obsolete components at separate occasions to spread out impact.
- For more information: Please call Christie Greene 619-997-8058

Fundraising for a new Elevator



Goal \$115,000

Raised to Date: \$48,000

Tea Time at the BCCSD Fundraiser

Saturday, June 28, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Blind Community Center Ballroom
1805 Upas Street • San Diego, CA 92103

Food • Entertainment • Auction

Per Person Admission: \$50

Sponsorship Opportunities

**To reserve your tickets, please visit our webpage
and click on the **yellow** 'donate' button**

Pay with PayPal, debit or credit card:

Reason for payment – 'Tea Time'

**For more information, contact
Mary Manning at (619) 547-9256**

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Visit Website: https://bccsd.org/

Volunteer

Mary Manning



**Mary Manning –
BCCSD Board
Member & Free
Lunch Program
Manager**

Lion Mary Manning joined the BCCSD Board in 2019 and has quickly become an indispensable team member, always ready to serve in any capacity needed. She successfully leads in fundraising efforts, served as Board Secretary until 2024, and now manages both our Free Lunch Program and Kitchen operations. Mary's passion for cooking, baking, and quilting shines through her weekly home-cooked meals for BCCSD participants.



Mary and BCCSD member Shirley

Her homemade jam and quilts, are highlights of our fundraisers. A proud San Diego native with deep roots in Mission Valley's dairy history, Mary has called Harbison Canyon home since 1976, where she and her husband Ed, her high school sweetheart, raised their family. For 45 years, she ran a day care out of their home, nurturing generations of local children.

The Blind Spotlight: Betsy Allende



We're proud to feature Betsy Allende, a vibrant BCCSD member, born with cerebral palsy and vision impairment. Her humor, energy, and love for life light up San Diego, where she confidently navigates in her electric wheelchair. Betsy joined the BCCSD in 2020 and is a talented bead crafter, crocheter and volunteer. She recently expanding into jewelry-making. Her creations are a popular fundraiser item, and she generously donates both time and materials. Betsy will receive her Associate Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences on May 22, 2025. She will transfer to SDSU to pursue a Bachelor's in Sociology.



Betsy and her mom, Chacha

Betsy says the BCCSD is a special place where she can give back, connect, and share her talents. Betsy lives with her mother, Chacha, and their dogs, Bebo and Princesa.

**Thank you, Betsy,
You inspire us all!**



Blind Ski Program – 63 Years of Making Waves!

Join us for an unforgettable summer experience with the **Blind Ski Program**, proudly hosted by the **San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club**. For over six decades, they have provided children and adults with visual impairments the opportunity to enjoy hands-on water sports in a safe, environment. **What to Expect:**

- Water skiing with trained instructors
- Inner tubing and relaxing boat rides
- Shore activities include donuts and hot chocolate, a friendly community and lots of smiles!

Come for the adventure, the community.



We head out on the water **five times every summer**, creating lifelong memories with every splash. After the morning's excitement, we'll enjoy a **BBQ at the Clubhouse**. See Calendar for dates.

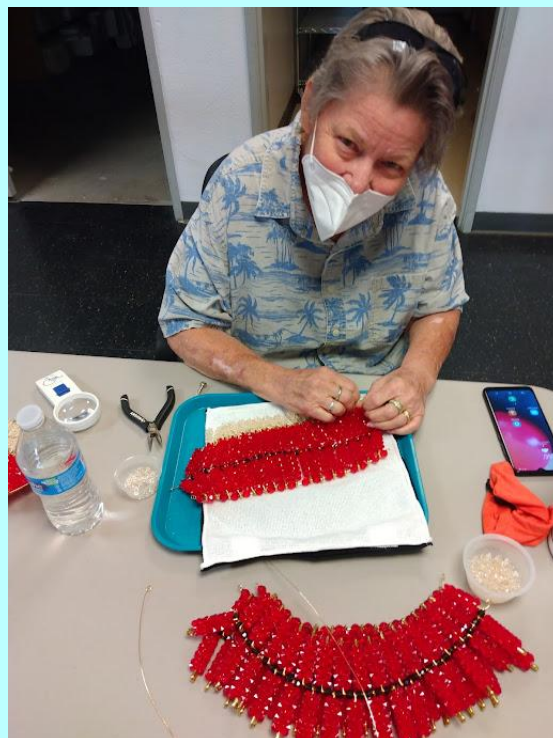


Call 619-298-5021 ext. 206 to sign up.

WEEKLY

- 9-1 Crafts**
- 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)**
- 10-1 Games, Visit, Coffee and Sweets**
- 11-1 Cribbage with Pat (M)**
- 11:30 Free Lunch with Mary**
- 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.



VP Diane makes a Santa Lamp

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

May 10 Bingo 9-11 (S)
May 12-14 Corner Grocery 10-1
May 13 Board Meeting Noon (T)
May 24 BCCSD 76th Anniversary (S)
May 26 Memorial Day – Closed
May 27 Membership Meeting (T)
May 28 Bingo 9-11 (W)
May 31 Water ski (S) 9-1

June 9-11 Corner Grocery 10-1
June 10 Board Meeting (T)
June 11 Bingo 9-11 (W)
June 21 Water ski (S) 9-1
June 24 – Membership Meeting
June 25 Bingo 9-11 (W)
June 28 “Tea Time at the BCCSD” Fundraiser
June 29th to July 4th - Kimball Park Carnaval

July 8 Board Meeting (T)
July 9 Bingo 9-11 (W)
July 14-16 Corner Grocery 10-1
July 22 Membership Meeting
July 23 Bingo 9-11 (W)
July 26 Water Ski

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