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Organization News

The President's Corner, By Jim Jirak

Welcome to the spring edition of Vision Access. As I begin this column, the eastern half of the United States has seen another foot of snow and power outages, the South is experiencing unusually colder than normal temperatures, parts of the state of Texas are encased in ice, the Midwest has below-zero wind chill

as well as sub-zero temperatures, and the west, more specifically the state of Oregon, is under a winter weather advisory. My unofficial meteorological degree says the jet stream is out of kilter this winter season. Luckily, as this edition circulates, spring has sprung and not soon enough.

First, concerning our parent organization, I want to share with you some information regarding some recent changes to the ACB Board of Publications. Effective December first, Judy Jackson officially tendered her resignation citing personal reasons. Judy served on the Board for 5-1/2 years with a dedication and service that are very much appreciated. We wish Judy well in all of her future activities and want to acknowledge

her many contributions over the years.

The ACB Constitution does provide clarification to the ACB president and Board of Directors in the case of a mid-term resignation in an elected position on the Board of Publications. According to "Article IV: Officers," the following guidance is provided:

**"ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

If a vacancy should occur between an annual conference and convention in any elected position on either the Board of Publications or the Board of Directors, except in the offices of President or 1st Vice President, the Board of Directors shall, by a majority vote, elect an individual to serve in the position until the next annual conference and convention. At this conference and convention, if

necessary, the membership shall elect a successor to serve for the remainder of the term. An officer, director, or member of the Board of Publications elected or succeeding to a position under the provisions of this section shall assume the duties of that position immediately upon election or succession."

Since terms for members of the Board of Publications are

only two years, and elective seats are filled in even-numbered years, an election was held by the ACB Board of Directors during a recent 2014 budget preparation teleconference call.

As your CCLVI president, I am pleased to report that the Board unanimously elected Richard Rueda from California to fill the remaining 6-plus months of the term.

Richard resides in Union City, California.

Some of his ACB activities include:

- * Serving as Editor of the Student Advocate, the national student magazine of the National Association of Blind Students (now known as ACB Students) from 1999 to 2001**
- * Working as an intern at the ACB national office during the summer of 2000**
- * Serving on the Board of the California**

**Council of the Blind
from 2002 through
2009**

- * Participating as a
member of ACB's
national scholarship
committee from
2006 to 2012**
- * Elected President of
the Council of
Citizens with Low
Vision International
(CCLVI) in 2010.**

**Richard has had low
vision since birth and
brings some unique
skill sets with respect
to low vision people to
the Board of**

**Publications. He has
been employed since
the autumn of 2011
with the Junior Blind
of America, where he
serves as their new
Director of Transition
Services for Northern
and Central California.
Richard has a BS in
Vocational
Rehabilitation from
California State
University in Los
Angeles and has over
22 years of extensive
firsthand experience
working and
motivating blind and
visually impaired**

persons from across the United States. I believe Richard is an excellent person to contribute to the work of the Board of Publications, and it is my honor to welcome him to leadership and service in the American Council of the Blind.

Secondly, last February CCLVI saw our second vice president, Donna Pomerantz, and Board member, Leslie Spooone, represent our

interests at ACB's Legislative Seminar. Given the importance of H.R.3749, Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2013, I deemed it necessary to appoint these ladies to meet with law-makers and/or their aids to stress the bill's benefits and importance. While I myself did not attend, I have it on good authority that Donna and Leslie did a

fantastic job outlining our concerns.

To briefly summarize, this bill would provide for a Medicare project to evaluate the fiscal impact of covering low vision devices as durable medical equipment under part B of the Medicare program. Coverage of this nature not only makes sense, but is also good sound policy. I would urge everyone reading this column to contact their legislative

representative and urge co-sponsorship and passage of this piece of legislation. {Editors note: To read this bill, go to beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/3749.} Before concluding, a man goes to see his Priest. "Father, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Priest asks, "What's wrong?" The man replies, "My wife is poisoning me." The

Priest, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?" The Priest then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Priest calls the man and says, "I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" The man said yes and the Priest

replies, "Take the poison."

Until the summer edition, get out and enjoy the fresh air and the beauty of the season.

[Editor's note: To round out the legislative imperatives from the ACB Legislative Seminar, I think it's prudent to mention the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act, H.R.4040, which needs the co-sponsorship of

your representatives to be considered and passed. This bill would make improvements to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to guarantee that blind

and low vision children get a comprehensive education. Access the bill at beta.congress.gov/bill/113th/house-bill/4040.]

Remembering Coletta Whitcomb Davis, by Bernice Kandarian

On January 13, 2014, CCLVI lost one of its pioneer leaders with the death of Coletta Davis of Anaheim, California. At age 81,

she succumbed to complications of a fall last June which fractured her back. Her first ACB/CCLVI convention was in

1981 in St Louis. At that time she was president of the Aloha council of the Blind, the ACB Hawaii affiliate. Over the years, she served as president, first and second vice-president, treasurer and director of CCLVI and helped to found the California Council of Citizens with Low Vision.

In the early 1980s when Coletta became active in ACB, the Hawaii quarantine of guide dogs arriving in

Hawaii was a hot issue. Coletta led her affiliate in helping to resolve the problem. ACB second vice-president, Marlaina Lieberg, remembers:

"I, too was sad to hear of Coletta's passing. I remember her first convention; I was GDUI President back then, and we were just starting to work on the guide dog admittance to Hawaii issue. I always found Coletta to be gracious, very accommodating, and

willing to work hard and do what was necessary to remediate that situation.

"Though I have not seen her in many years, I will never forget her. She brought me a gift of some Hawaiian jewelry and some macadamia nuts, and while the nuts are long gone, the jewelry is a treasure."

Having lost her first husband, Coletta

moved from Hawaii to California. At the ACB 1985 convention in Las Vegas, she met Gilbert Davis, who became her husband soon thereafter.

Gilbert attended conventions with her as long as he lived, where he was her constant companion and helper.

In 1986, Coletta, along with Etta Berge and Joan Black, secured the help of Durward McDaniel to form the California Council of

Citizens with Low Vision as an affiliate of CCLVI. From then on, she was always an officer in CCCLV or CCLVI or both. Michael Byington remembers when she was first vice-president after having been president.

"Coletta was a friend, and my right hand person during my short Presidency of CCLVI. She and Pat Beattie went on the ACB cruise that Ann and I were also on in 2002, and we were

assigned at the same dinner table in the formal dining room. Through that experience, I was able to learn what a fun and delightful person Coletta was socially. She will be greatly missed."

And a social person she was! How can we forget her at banquets in her long gowns and her jewels! And as chair of the CCB Scholarship Committee, she acted as hostess for all the

**scholarship winners.
She very much
enjoyed mentoring the
young people.**

**In closing, a couple of
farewells:**

**From David Keith, on
Coletta as a local
chapter leader: Coletta
and I planned many
meetings together.
Between San Diego
and Orange County,
we made sure that
business and play time
were taken care of.
Rest in peace sweet**

**lady. May our Lord be
at your side always.**

**And from ACB
President, Kim
Charlson: I was truly
sad to hear of the
passing of Coletta
Whitcomb Davis. I had
the pleasure of
working with her over
the years on several
initiatives, both in
Hawaii and California
and with CCLVI. She
was a true advocate
always and such a
pleasure and
thoughtful person to**

work with. She will

truly be missed!

**Gamble on CCLVI and Be a Winner in Las Vegas,
by Charles Glaser**

The CCLVI convention will be the place to be this July for people with low vision. We are planning informative and interactive sessions. We want you to know how to get the most from your apple and android devices. You will hear about cutting edge research that is being conducted on

both the front and back of the eye. These along with other sessions are dedicated to living with and learning about low vision in the future. But wait, there is more! Learn more than you should know about some of ACB's most popular couples when they play the Newlywed or may get

wed game at CCLVI's

Game Night.

Working with Youth, Watching the Waves, and Words of Wisdom: The Lindsey Tilden Story, by Sarah Peterson

"My vision is a part of who I am, but it does not determine who I am," Lindsey Tilden expresses in a heartfelt description of her own attitude towards her vision. Although succinct, her wise words completely grasp the voice of all

individuals within the low vision community. Lindsey's story beautifully illustrates for us how, with a little faith, our own optimistic perspectives about our disabilities can also encourage more of a

positive attitude from others.

A California resident ever since her birth in San Mateo, Lindsey lived in Burlingame until age five and from then on has resided in San Diego. "I absolutely love San Diego and don't think I could picture myself living anywhere else," she admits. Lindsey grew up in San Diego with her parents and two brothers, both of whom are only thirty minutes away from

where she and her husband Tad (a video game tester for Sony) of two and a half years now reside.

Lindsey energetically communicates a strong passion for her now three-year career as a speech pathologist in the Vista Unified School District. She primarily works in elementary school but spends one day a week at a middle school. "I absolutely love my job!" she gushes. She obtained

her undergraduate degree at Biola University in La Mirada, majoring in communication disorders and minoring in Biblical studies and Spanish. During her four years there, she also was heavily involved in the music department and played clarinet in the Symphonic Winds. She continued to San Diego State University to obtain a master's degree in speech language pathology, as well as receiving a

bilingual certificate in Spanish. "After a Career Day in eighth grade, I decided I wanted to be a school speech pathologist. Teaching is such a rewarding job. The kids are by far my favorite part of my job. It's incredible getting to watch them grow and make progress. I am also blessed in my district and at my schools to have wonderful coworkers. Working on a school calendar is also a nice benefit!"

Undoubtedly, Lindsey's previous high school job of working with a kids' day program during the summers further prepared her for her current career with youth. She also did her fair share of babysitting and volunteer work at church through the nursery, vacation Bible school, teaching Sunday school, etc. "God put speech pathology on my heart early in life and opened a lot of doors

to bring me to where I am now. I can't say enough how blessed I am with my career."

When not interacting with the kids at school, Lindsey enjoys immersing herself in a variety of hobbies such as playing the piano and clarinet.

"Music has always been a part of my life. I love the expression that is made possible through music." Her love for San Diego is largely explained by the warm weather and

fondness for being by the ocean, watching the waves. "I think it is fun to preserve memories," she says of scrapbooking, a newer hobby. She also has a hunger for travel, "seeing new places and experiencing different cultures." She is currently planning a trip to Japan with Tad.

Each of these interesting tidbits contributes to the lovely, faith-filled, compassionate, and

unique young woman that is Lindsey Tilden. But her life story is also partially shaped by her experiences of possessing a visual impairment, a genetic condition called Rod Cone Dystrophy. "I have a full visual field--though my peripheral vision is stronger than my central--with impaired acuity," she explains. Her acuity depends on a variety of factors that include lighting, time of day, fatigue, or nystagmus. "I have difficulty with

depth perception, am very light sensitive and have almost no vision at night.

Probably the biggest challenge I have had is independent travel, thanks to the limited public transit."

Lindsey describes how she took the buses and trolley regularly in grad school, but now she enjoys living in North County where she walks to work and rides with her sighted husband anywhere else. Although Southern California

has challenges in terms of public transportation, "the weather and atmosphere completely make up for that," she claims cheerfully.

But Lindsey certainly doesn't view her vision as a setback; for her it's anything but! Having low vision meant she was blessed to grow up knowing great low vision teachers who introduced her to a variety of useful tools

such as braille and assistive technology. They also taught her about self-advocacy. She uses ZoomText and a CCTV. For the last five years, Lindsey has enjoyed the companionship/assistance of her black lab dog, Valencia from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

"Children are in our (mine and Tad's) future plans, but for now we have Valencia. She is spunky, a little

goofy, and an amazing guide."

Lindsey's first experiences with the low vision community were in the youth programs at Braille Institute in San Diego, as well as through Camp Bloomfield in Malibu. Introduced to CCLVI and ACB through CCLVI's scholarship program, Lindsey received the CCLVI scholarship as a freshman in college and was asked to serve on the board

later that year.
Lindsey praises her parents, claiming they are largely to thank for her present attitude toward her vision. "They expected me to meet my full potential. My teachers had the same expectations. Because of them, I learned the self-confidence to know that, with a little help as needed, I could accomplish whatever God called me to. I think this belief in myself is key in laying the

foundation for others' attitudes about my vision. I think those would be my words of wisdom: know yourself and what you are capable of, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise."

And it's because of people like you why we certainly won't, Lindsey--thank you for setting such a beautiful example! Whether it's working with youth, watching the Pacific Ocean waves or sharing

**words of wisdom, this
amazing woman
reminds everyone,
whether sighted or**

**not, that there is more
than just meets the
eye--literally!**

Conferences

Candle 2014, submitted by Donna Pomerantz

**Candle in the Window
presents its 2014
retreat, August 6
through 10, 2014.**

**Our topic this year is
"Blindness and Your
Culture: How Has It**

**Affected You and How
Do You Affect It."**

**We'll be meeting once
again at the lovely and
gracious Wooded Glen
Retreat Center in
Henryville, Indiana**

located minutes away from Louisville, Kentucky. Visit www.woodedglen.com. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends to enjoy conversations and great food, too!

The cost of the conference per person is \$525 double or triple occupancy. It includes room, all meals and ground transportation between Louisville and Wooded Glen.

We limit attendance to 20 participants, so it would be advisable to make your reservations early. A non-refundable \$40 deposit will reserve your spot. If payment is received before July 1, a \$15 discount is offered. Registration closes August 1.

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**We hope to see you at
this year's Candle in
the Window!**

Quality of Life

HumanWare's New Prodigy - Profile of an Early Adopter, by Ed Wikdall, Product Marketing Manager, HumanWare

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HumanWare recently announced the Prodigy, the world's most advanced, all-

digital personal vision assistant for people having low vision conditions such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and other eye diseases. Best known for their products to help the blind, HumanWare designed Prodigy to be

a much more affordable and intuitive visual aid than the traditional CCTV-based electronic magnifier.

But don't take our word for it. Here's a profile of one of Prodigy's first users in the world on what it has done for him:

Don Gaunt earned his commercial flying license in his twenties after serving in the military. Later, he flew all around New

England anywhere east of Ohio in both airplanes and helicopters. For 30 years he flew for a gas and pipeline company, seeing America's beautiful northeast countryside with its changing seasons and myriad of colors.

He has been retired for 3 decades now, and at 93 years of age, he still drives, but his vision for close activity, like reading, has become quite a challenge. He used to

get his mail where he lived near Springfield, Massachusetts, and send it off to his daughter in Pennsylvania to sort out because he had difficulty reading it, even with a magnifying glass. She would have to send his mail back to him after looking at it so he could take care of bills and notices.

Recently, Don's daughter and mail reader, Donna, heard about HumanWare's

new and unique Prodigy Duo. She ordered a 24-inch LCD unit for him, one of the very first ones in the country and in the world, in fact. Now in an independent living home, Don didn't like to use the older CCTV they had at the center because the edges of the text he was trying to read were always fuzzy, making reading difficult and tiring. However, now with Prodigy's unique Diamond Edge Text TM technology, that all

changed and became easier. He offered this feedback:

"I am just so happy with the Prodigy! I've shown it to other people here, and they can't believe how sharp the text is to read with that Diamond Edge. And they are simply amazed when I put it into speech mode and it talks to me. I even put my iPad under it to magnify it, because the iPod's magnification is

limited. I am going to the Veterans Administration soon for an eye exam, and I will be taking my Prodigy Tablet to show them. I love my Prodigy."

Don hasn't piloted a helicopter or plane over New England in 3 decades, but now he avidly reads his 3 aviation magazines with his Prodigy Duo. He can also read and sort his mail on his own, too, thanks once

again to his daughter and Prodigy.

The Prodigy Duo is a desktop high-definition electronic magnifier that incorporates a patented docking station and a powerful portable magnifier. This allows a user with low vision to have both a big-screen desktop device and a go-anywhere magnifier at a far lower cost of ownership than any similar system

available. Both devices use touch and tap TM technology found on all consumer electronic devices. Unlike other magnifiers, Prodigy can capture an entire Letter or A4 sized page and lets the user magnify and read documents without the need for a moving XY table. Through optical character recognition, pages are displayed in HumanWare's Diamond-Edge Text TM format, which can

be magnified up to 80 times with no loss of text quality. Text can be presented to the user in smooth-scrolling column or line modes, and even read aloud, reducing the fatigue that can be caused by moving the document under a CCTV camera. Prodigy can store documents so users can take them to read or reference later while away from their desk. Training time is greatly reduced, owing to the built-in tutorial

and set up wizard that guides the users through the basic functions and sets up the contrast, reading speed, and magnification levels according to their specific vision needs.

The Prodigy Duo 2-in-1 product sells for just \$3,099 for a 24-inch LCD, about the same as other products without the Prodigy Tablet included. It sells for only \$2,899 for a 20-inch LCD. The Prodigy Tablet can be

purchased separately by itself for just \$999. The Duo and Tablet models are available from HumanWare or its authorized Prodigy Dealers. Also, the new Prodigy Desktop, which is shipping soon and has the Tablet features built into the base without the

portability, starts at a ground-breaking price of only \$1,999.

For more information, contact your local Prodigy dealer, call HumanWare at 800-722-3393, or visit us at www.humanware.com/prodigy.

1Touch™

[This is from an edited version of a flyer found on the 1Touch website at [www.1touchproject](http://www.1touchproject.com)

.com.]

Mission Statement

The mission of the 1Touch Project is to provide ongoing self-development and rehabilitation courses specifically for the visually impaired.

What Is the 1Touch™?

The 1Touch™ is the first comprehensive descriptive self-defense program designed specifically for the visually impaired. The program is a hands-on self-

defense technique for dealing with assaults, aggressive behavior and bullying. 1Touch explores participant's hidden assumptions regarding their own disability and their personal perception of their impaired sight and insecurities built upon it. The 1Touch Project is primarily a method of personal development.

How Does It Work?

1Touch™ addresses the physical and psychological causes

of insecurity and vulnerability through the empowering practice of hands-on, active, self-defense methods, self-defense theory, and discussions examining what makes one insecure and why. The 1Touch Project's core values are minimizing risk, maximizing independence and increasing life chances.

Who Will Benefit From 1Touch™?

The self-defense systems are fully accessible and designed for practicality. There is no age limit, no physical strength needed or prior martial arts background necessary. Class curriculum is adapted to the appropriate audiences.

Benefits of 1Touch™

Learning these techniques has proven highly effective in the development of

independence, self-Confidence, spatial orientation, mobility and dexterity, tactile sensitivity, social interaction, communication skills, enthusiasm/self-worth, and greater physical and psychological health.

Training Options

The program is designed to expand through self-generation by community members for community

members. Individuals have the opportunity to request a workshop, participate in a seminar, or to become a certified Intouch self-defense coach.

We are training visually impaired and fully sighted coaches who, through certification, can go on to present demos, hold introductory sessions and workshops in their communities. Through empowering participants and offering them the

opportunity to teach others, we hope to extend the healing, life-expanding benefits of 1Touch™ to the world.

Introductory

Workshops

During an introductory workshop we engage in a dialog about the many common misconceptions about self-defense. We explain the root of these misconceptions and describe why they are either not effective or

not reliable for our purposes. Then we build upon a systematic understanding of effective tactics and strategies. We proceed to hands-on exercises designed to overcome the initial shock of common attacks and then build up to practical techniques. Principles relating to maintaining physical contact and conservation of movement are emphasized. Students are then introduced to

methods of effective striking. They learn when to strike, how to strike and why a purely percussive system is not well suited for our purposes. All methods follow a set of principle actions that are explained and demonstrated over the course of the training session. Classes are formed around the students, exploring their abilities and using them as a catalyst for teaching effective self-defense.

Endorsements

1Touch Project is Endorsed by Blind Veterans United Kingdom, Royal National Institute of the Blind, Action For Blind People, British Blind Sport, European Conference of Adapted Physical Activity (2012), International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (2013), Western Blind

Center for Rehabilitation (USA), Carroll Center for the Blind, National Federation of the Blind, American Council of the Blind, some Lighthouses for the Blind,; and Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael CA.

For further information: Email: info@1touchproject.com.

Science and Health

Bits from NEI: Floaters

[Editor's note: A few details for Healthy Vision Month in June from the National Eye Institute's FAQs: Ask the Doctor, July, 2009]

Why am I seeing flashes and floating objects in my vision?

Floaters are visual perceptions such as webs, threads or spots that can appear when the jelly-like fluid inside the eyeball,

known as the vitreous gel, changes as a part of aging, says Dr. Henry Wiley, a retinal surgeon at the NEI.

"The occasional fleeting floater that occurs as a spot or strand and disappears after a few seconds is not something to worry about," Dr. Wiley says. Because of this, floaters occur most often in adults older than 60, but

people who are very nearsighted often experience them at a younger age, he explains. There are also other types of floaters, usually seen in the eyes of people who have certain medical conditions. For example, floaters in a person who has diabetes can indicate bleeding inside the eye. However, the sudden onset of persistent floaters, sometimes accompanied by lightning-like flashes

of light, can signal something serious. Such symptoms can indicate that the vitreous gel is tugging on the light-sensitive tissue inside the eye, known as the retina, which can cause the retina to tear or detach--both vision-threatening situations. For this reason, sudden and persistent floaters should be checked by an eye care specialist.

If you have a retinal tear, your doctor may

be able to treat it in the office using a laser, but a retinal detachment may require sight-preserving surgery. Prompt treatment is

important for both conditions. "If you catch a retinal tear or detachment early, you're more likely to save vision," Dr. Wiley says.

Tidbits, compiled by Mike Keithley

LowVisionRants.com posts blogs, podcasts, and videos that will center on the problems of people who have limited vision providing helpful hints and tricks to overcome them.

Access
lowvisionrants.com.
Read about good CCTV usage techniques from The Cast Blog at **blindpodcaster.com/between-two-worlds-good-cctv-usage-techniques.**

You can get the latest tech book from National Braille Press, "Get the Picture! Viewing the World with the iPhone Camera" for \$15 in electronic and paper braille, Word, DAISY and CD formats by accessing www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/GETPIC.html.

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