

## **The League Connection Online Newsletter**

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**Quote:** Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are. Bernice Johnson Reagon (born October 4, 1942) is a singer, composer, scholar, and social activist.

### **Agrability Program**

Through a partnership with Breaking New Ground at Purdue University in West Lafayette, the League provides case coordination services, conducts outreach, and provides public education services for people with disabilities in agriculture and communities in rural areas.

This program is not only for those who live on farms and have become disabled but for anyone, with a disability, who lives in the rural communities that the League serves. The following are services that Breaking New Grounds and the League can offer to people with disabilities in agriculture and rural life.

- work site modifications
- adaptive tools
- improving access to Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs
- rural business accessibility
- rural assistive technology
- alternative enterprises

To obtain these services or receive information on Breaking New Grounds and the League, contact Mike Hines, at the League's number or email Mike at [fccsentinel@yahoo.com](mailto:fccsentinel@yahoo.com) . We look forward to serving more people in the rural communities.

Nancy Gasparini  
Director of Independent Living Services

### **Saving Lives**

Smoke alarms save lives. A working smoke alarm can make the difference between life and death. But what if you couldn't hear the alarm because you are Deaf or Hard of Hearing? The answer is simple but expensive - smoke alarm units for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing designed to activate a strobe light and vibrations in the event of a fire.

The **Fort Wayne Fire Department (FWFD)** received a grant from **Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** through the **Community Development Projects Division** of

**the City of Fort Wayne** to provide these special smoke alarm systems. The **Delta Gamma Chapter of Psi Iota Xi** stepped forward and offered a donation to pay for the interpreter's time to assist with the installation at the homes. The League's DeafLink division worked with these groups and Deaf consumers to coordinate the installation of the alarms.

The cost for each of these units - \$400. Saving lives with these units - priceless. Through this grant, 16 smoke alarms were installed in homes, benefitting 23 people. There are many other homes on a waiting list as the grant was depleted. Thanks to all the partners who made this possible.

## **Giving Back**

Has the League helped you or a family member enjoy greater independence? The feeling of being able to do what you want to do and go where you want to go is priceless. Most of the services received at the League have no fees, though there is a cost to provide these programs and services.

We depend on donations to continue to serve people in Northeast Indiana. Don't have any money? Donations don't have to be large to make a difference. Most of us can manage \$10 a month to help others. In a year, you would have donated \$120. Not much you may say. But now how about if 100 people gave \$10 a month for a year? The answer - \$12,000! Wow - those \$10 donations given faithfully by many people do add up. Please look into your heart to reflect on what the League has done for you or for a family member, and then look in your wallet to see what you can give.

In the words of Edmund Burke, "No one made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." Together, we can make a difference!

Cheryl Gillespie  
Development Director

## **Easy as Pie?**

Often the cliché 'Easy as Pie' is heard, but what does it really mean? This is an old adage, to announce to everyone it is not hard to perform. First of all anyone who has ever baked a pie knows if you do not use just the right amount of ingredients, it can be a disaster. People would assume a pie has to be easy to make then, but is it? Sometimes you are asked to perform a task, and behind it will be it is as 'easy as pie'.

Here are some examples of what consumers are confronted with everyday, which should never be followed by the words 'easy as pie':

Medicaid or Medicare; Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance; SHIP or HIP; Food Stamps or TANF, Short Term or Long Term Insurance; Utility or Rent; Vision or Hearing Impaired; Above Poverty Level or Below Poverty Level; Level of Care or Not Level of Care; Disability or Non Disability; Advocate or no Advocate; Young or Old; Approved or Denied; Interpreter or No Interpreter; Appointment or No Show; Information or Referral; Eligible or Non Eligible, Appeals or Reconsideration; Earned Income or Non Earned income; Employed or Non-Employed; Subsidized or Non-Subsidized; Orientation or Mobility; Able or Disabled; Skilled or Non-skilled; Attendant or Homemaker; Walker or Cane; Easy as Pie? s great Just like a pie, these all require a process with just the right amount of ingredients to make sure it will come out right, and even when you have measured the correct amount, sifted, strained, and stirred enough, it still may not turn out 'easy as pie'.

Beverly Harding  
Advocate Coordinator

## **Bits and pieces...**

### **Medicare Part D:**

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D begins November 15, 2009. Each year plans change what they cover and their costs. Here are some web sites to learn more:

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/openenrollment.asp>

Medicare: <http://www.medicare.gov/>

Confused about the different options or just need help? Contact the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for their free and unbiased counseling provided by the Indiana Department of Insurance for Medicare beneficiaries in Indiana. For more information, visit <http://www.in.gov/idoi/2393.htm> . For SHIP locations in Indiana, visit <http://www.in.gov/idoi/2543.htm> . Do not live in Indiana? Here is where you need to go to locate a counselor: <https://www.shiptalk.org/> .

And while on the topic, open enrollment can also be a time to make changes or enroll in benefit packages available through your employment. Contact your Human Resources department for a review.

### **Medicare's Extra Help Program:**

Beginning January 1, 2010, changes in the law will make it easier for some people to qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. Please visit this website for more information: <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10040.html> .

**Public Health Message from the Fort Wayne-Allen County Health Department**  
September 8, 2009

Good information for all of us...

Dear Parent,

Both influenza (flu) and the common cold cause respiratory symptoms, but they are caused by very different viruses. Because the symptoms can appear to be similar, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense with the flu. The most common symptom people experience with a cold is a runny or stuffy nose. Finally, the flu can lead to more serious complications such as pneumonia, dehydration or hospitalizations. However, these complications are more likely to occur in children or the elderly.

It can also be difficult to know when your child should stay at home. Below you will find a list of symptoms that indicate that your child should stay home to facilitate their own recovery and also protect their classmates as they are very likely contagious:

- Fever over 100° F
- Cough that produces yellow or green phlegm
- Sore throat *and* fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Other symptoms that indicate a child should seek medical care and stay home with supervision include persistent, frequent dry cough or shortness of breath, needing to use an inhaler frequently for asthma, lightheadness when standing, confusion, severe headache (especially with fever), or in general if he or she is too ill to participate in classroom activities.

For H1N1 Influenza A (aka swine flu), and a good rule of thumb for all infections, is the child should remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]), or of signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

As always, our best “treatment” is prevention! Please make sure you review with your children the importance of simple practices such as:

1. Cleaning their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often, especially after coughing and/or sneezing;
2. Covering their cough and throwing used tissues in the trash receptacle.

Finally, keep yourself informed about vaccine availability and priority groups. Children, especially those with chronic health conditions, are a top priority. We will continue to

keep you informed about the H1N1 vaccine and you can always visit our website:  
[www.fighttheflu.org](http://www.fighttheflu.org) .

Thank you for your cooperation with this important health issue,

Deborah A. McMahan, MD  
Health Commissioner

Patricia Howard  
Information and Referral Coordinator

### **Recreational Opportunities**

I am on the board of directors at Northeast Indiana Deaf Awareness Council in Fort Wayne with membership currently at around 45 or so. NIDAC sponsors different deaf events like Deaf Halloween, Deaf Santa, summer picnics, occasionally Deaf New Year's Eve parties, Bird Show for deaf children and children of deaf parents, etc. It has been noted by deaf persons outside of our group, including from Indianapolis and other areas of the state of Indiana, that NIDAC is the best deaf social organization in the state.

Part of the reason for this is due to our different events that we sponsor. Very few other deaf social groups ever have Deaf Halloween parties, and we're about to celebrate our 19th Halloween party. Another reason is we are always open to different ideas, and currently we are looking into having an entry in the Three Rivers Festival parade next summer. This entry is an attempt to combine all of the deaf organizations in northeast Indiana together for a Deaf Days and parade entry.

The thought going around is to start with half of the Silent Wheels which is a deaf group that ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles. After that, there would be different organizations such as Deaf Senior Citizens, NIDAC, and DeafLink, Interpreters Associates, IAD, Sorenson, and "What's Up?" newsletter. The entry in the parade would be culminated with the last half of the group from Silent Wheels.

On that day, there is consideration and talk about setting up a Deaf Days festival of some kind. All this is still under consideration, and likely there will be a special committee for this event as we plan each stage of the entire day for the Three River's Festival parade.

Jaye "JJ" Johnston  
DeafLink Case Coordinator

### **Looking Ahead**

Mark your calendar now, to attend an important event that will increase your awareness of resources available to people in Northeast Indiana who live with some form of vision loss. The Insightful Expo will feature services, adapted equipment, recreational opportunities, and much more for people who live every day with a vision impairment.

Who: Anyone of any age with any kind of vision impairment.  
What: Insightful Expo  
When: Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.  
Where: Allen County Public Library, Meeting Rooms A, B, C, 900 Library Plaza.  
Hosted By: Lakota Chapter, American Council of the Blind; Senior Blind Services, League for the Blind and Disabled; Lions Clubs of Northeast Indiana; Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service, NEIRRS; Workers for the Blind

All of your questions about living independently with a vision loss can be answered at this one stop informational and educational event. More details will follow in January 2010.

### **Zoo-perdooper, Zoo-perific, Fun!**

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo has always been an icon in our community, and this year is no exception! Ranked in the top 10 zoos across the country by Parents Magazine, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo continues to amaze, educate, and delight people of all ages. This season, with the opening of the new African Journey, a record number of tourists passed through its gates to learn about the wonders of the animal world. My husband, Tom, two and a half year old grandson, Braden, and I were among these multitudes, and what a great adventure we had!

Weather wise, we had a perfect day; sunny, breezy, and 75 degrees. The zoo was crowded but not packed and lines were nonexistent or moved very quickly.

As young parents, Tom and I have fond memories of visiting the zoo with our boys. Now as grandparents, we are revisiting those old memories and making new ones. Being blind, has not detoured me from thoroughly enjoying the attractions the zoo has to offer.

Since any zoo trip usually involves several hours of walking, standing, and carrying all kinds of paraphernalia such as a camera, snacks, water bottles, and tote bags, I opted to leave my long white cane in the car. Using sighted guide with Tom or holding onto the stroller handle served my mobility needs very well. We were able to navigate the African Journey, Australian Adventure, Rain Forest, sea lions, birds, reptiles, and all manner of creatures without incident. We even relaxed on a log canoe ride and ventured into a gift shop, where we helped to stimulate the economy!

Since Braden is recently out of diapers and wearing big boy underwear, we made

frequent visits to the restrooms. They seemed to pop up whenever he or we needed them. A nice feature available to people with young children or people with a disability is the family restroom, located near the front of the zoo. We also took advantage of it!

Braden is just starting to understand that grandma Linda's eyes do not see like other people's eyes. He was concerned that I was unable to see the animals. He would bring me close to an exhibit and point something out to me. I would ask Braden to tell me about what he was seeing. Since he is very young, the lions were big, the giraffes were tall and the penguins were funny. Tom filled in the rest! Asking Braden to explain something visually to me serves two purposes. It allows me to see through my visual memory and it helps him to express himself through descriptive language. Tom explained exhibits to Braden and he would read more detailed information to me. It was absolutely delightful to listen to Braden's peels of laughter or his excited questions and comments as we traveled from exhibit to exhibit.

Interactive displays are scattered throughout the zoo. The huge puzzle in the Australian Adventure or the drums in the African Journey are just two examples. Riding the pony was a great treat. Braden appeared to be a natural and possibly he was a cowboy in another life. Whether we were listening to exotic talking birds, feeding the giraffes, watching the playful sea lions, exclaiming over the orangutans, or resting during lunch, there was never a dull moment. The camera was working over time and already we have the pictures in a photo album. Even though I am unable to see the pictures, I still page through it with Tom and Braden so we can share our memories of our trip to the zoo.

It is almost impossible to see and do everything in just one zoo visit. Already, Braden is planning whether to choose a train ride or a carousel ride, since he experienced the canoe ride this time. He has been assured that a pony ride is a given. Next summer, we will definitely be purchasing a family membership since Braden has a new baby sister and our three granddaughters from North Carolina will be visiting us. I can hardly wait!

No matter what your ability, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is an incredible experience filled with color, sound, texture, information, charm and fun. The zoo is accessible, animal packed, activity laden, and truly awesome. So plan to grab your friends, family, out of town relatives, wheel chair, walker, stroller, or cane and head out to the zoo between April and October of 2010. It is an event worth planning and waiting for that you will not want to miss!

Linda Scribner  
Senior Blind Services Coordinator

## **It's okay to ask for help!**

For some people, asking for help can be very difficult. This is not a sign of weakness. At some point in your lifetime, your children, friends or loved ones probably relied on you for help. So when you need help, don't be afraid to ask for assistance by talking to your family or doctor. Or call the League for the Blind & Disabled and ask about the different services or options available to you.

It's the goal of the League to assist others in becoming and/or maintaining independence. We do this by advocating and educating our consumers. The League for the Blind & Disabled believe that consumers should feel valued and treated with integrity.

We at the League know what it is like to have disabilities, so we understand the obstacles our consumers go through. Our In-Home Care program provides services for the disabled, elderly, blind, or deaf who meet eligibility criteria.

The League's reputation precedes itself; and it continues to do so. The League is proud to be involved in the community. Relationships are formed and new resources are learned.

Call and schedule an appointment to meet us (260) 441-0551 or (800) 889-3443 or just stop by. Take a tour and learn how we can help your loved one.

**I'm proud to say: "I am part of one of the BEST AGENCIES IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA."**

Juanita DeLeon  
In-Home Care Director

## **The Value of Volunteers**

**Why volunteers?** Maybe you're not sold on the merits of volunteers, at least for your organization. "Volunteers are too much trouble," you might think; "they're not reliable; it takes too long to train them, and once you do, they just leave. Also, we're liable for their actions--that's a problem that we just don't need right now. It's easier to do our work with paid staff."

Despite these challenges, however, consider some of the different advantages of using volunteers as part of a thoughtfully developed plan.

Volunteers save money. This obvious advantage of volunteers can be a lifesaver for some organizations. The "dollar value" of volunteer time in 1997 was \$13.74 per hour.



Many organizations, such as the Red Cross, function almost entirely on volunteer labor--and by doing so, they can do a lot of very good work without a lot of money.

Volunteers bring needed skills. Many volunteers have specialized knowledge such as computer programming, advertising, or conflict mediation that your organization occasionally needs, but not often enough to hire someone to do the work full-time. A volunteer who donates his or her skills on an "as-needed" basis can be the perfect complement to your office staff.

Volunteers bring renewed energy and excitement. Even the most dedicated people can get burnt out working on the same thing when they are doing it 40 (or more) hours a week. Volunteers can bring a fresh perspective and enthusiasm for the work. This can help revitalize staff, and may help move projects in exciting new directions.

Volunteers increase community ownership. The more community members are involved in your project, the easier it will be to gain support for your work. Also, by using volunteers from throughout the community, you can be sure that your goals are "in tune" with what the community wants, and not just what organization members think they want.

Simply put--involving volunteers helps you do (and do well) what you set out to do!

Mark A. Williams  
Volunteer Coordinator

### **Volunteer training opportunity**

Terra Ward, Volunteer Coordinator/Paralegal, asked that I share this volunteer opportunity with you. There are many organizations, including the League, in need of the time and talent so many of you have. I can hear some of you saying that you have no "skills"! One of my first volunteer opportunities was sharing my love of books and reading by working in the library at the parochial school my children were attending. I remember thinking then that I didn't have any talents anyone would need. Look at how wrong I was!

And if you truly do not have any abilities, volunteerism is a great way to gain skills that are resume-worthy.

Patricia Howard  
Information and Referral Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunity: The Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP) and Volunteer Advocates of Seniors & Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) is an organization that becomes guardian for people when there is no family or friends who can assist an individual who is no longer able to make good judgments or decisions for themselves.

VASIA is currently looking for Volunteers to assist with Guardianships for People living with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, mental illness and/or dementia.

The next class will begin October 13, 2009 and be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings through November 19, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

If interested in becoming a volunteer or if you would like further information please contact Terra Ward, Volunteer Coordinator with VLP/VASIA at 260/409-0917 or visit our website at <http://volunteerlawyerneindiana.com/> , click on VASIA, click on VASIA Volunteer Form at the bottom of the page and fill out the form.

### **South Side Block Party was a fun time!**

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South Side Block Party: Ya shoulda been there!

The motto: “It’s a party for the neighborhood. It’s for everybody!” The League for the Blind and Disabled hosted a community party on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> and it was a tremendous success.

Events included bingo, kids games, dozens of raffle prizes, chili dogs, chips, drinks, cake, an all-ages talent show, a hi-rise unicyclist, bags of school supplies for the kids, clowns with balloons, the Mad Ants and Fire Department mascots, a fire truck for all to explore, a police K-9 unit, and face painting—and the Turnstone Flyers playing some dynamite wheelchair basketball against the Mad Ants mascot and his team.

The really incredible part of it all was that it was totally free of charge!

Since the current state of the economy was a concern, the Board decided to move forward with the free event. “This is the time when people need to come together,” business manager Diana Roach said. “Even if we didn’t get the sponsors, it’s about the neighborhood and the businesses. The sponsors are an added bonus.” As it turned out, many area sponsors contributed to the success of this party. (See the partial list below.)

Another nice result was that people attending were encouraged to donate non-perishable food items for Community Harvest Food Bank, and many of the participants came looking for the barrels to drop their items off as soon as they arrived.

Here’s a “tip-of-the-hat” to the League for the Blind and Disabled on South Anthony. We are hoping that their willingness to reach out to the community is as much a blessing to them as it is for the South Side.

Many thanks to Lutheran Home and all the rest of the sponsors of this event: Walmart, Kiwanis, Mad Ants, Subway, Taco Bell, Star 88.3, McDonalds, Aldi, WBCL, Komets, Kroger, VFW, Turnstone, Pizza Hut, South Side Business Group, Renaissance Restaurant, Little Turtle Go Karts, Crown Colony Comm. Assn., Greater McMillen Park Neigh. Assn., Ladies of Socie Tea, Wulliman Upholstery, Brock Cakery, Metro Realty, Voice Link, Crazy Pinz, State Farm Ins., National City, Thunderbowl, China Garden, and more!

Submitted by Diana Roach  
Business Manager

### **New Assistive Technology: It only gets Better!**

On September the 18<sup>th</sup>, there was a "Lunch and Learn" held at the League for the Blind and Disabled. I had one of my Vendors, Jim Fortman, show new assistive devices. One of the devices that he demonstrated was the "Eye Pal Solo". It was especially designed for blind users, but those who are legally blind, dyslexic or cannot read or have reading problems would also benefit from this assistive device.

The Eye Pal Solo is lightweight and weighs about three pounds. It is a self contained reading device that has a digital camera. When printed reading material is placed under the camera, within seconds it takes a picture of the printed material and then it will read the printed material. It's so easy to use that just about anyone can maneuver this device. Those who came to the Lunch and Learn were very impressed with the Eye Pal Solo.

Another device that was shown was the Solo-Lv. It is also lightweight like the Eye Pal Solo, but can also be connected to your C.C.T.V. What's great about the Solo-Lv is it can help to eliminate stress for your eyes by using the combination of the right magnification of your C.C.T.V. Using your printed material along with the voice will allow you to follow along and see and hear the printed reading material. If you want to know more about the Eye Pal Solo and the Solo-Lv, please call 260-441-0551 or 800-866-3443, ext. 133 and ask for Sylvia.

Sylvia Adams  
Adaptive Equipment Coordinator

**Quote:** It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to. Marilyn Ferguson, April 5, 1938 – October 19, 2008, American author, editor and public speaker.

## **League Sponsored Support Groups: Allen County Area:**

Schedule of Support Groups sponsored by the League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc. Anyone with a disability or anyone interested in disability issues is welcome. The groups' main focus tends to be sight loss, vision impairment, and blindness.

If you need transportation, please contact the League at 441-0551 on the Monday before the scheduled meeting. We will arrange for a volunteer to pick you up and take you home.

**Fort Wayne:**

First Thursday of the month:

Structured Support Group, 1:00-3:00 pm,  
League Office, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne.  
We discuss specific issues related to sight loss.

Second Thursday of the month:

Consumer Education Group, 1:00-3:00 pm,  
League Office, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne.  
We bring in a speaker from the community to keep us informed about current issues and services.

Fourth Thursday of the month:

Social/Recreational Group, 1:00-3:00 pm,  
League Office, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne.  
We have fun, playing adapted board games, making a craft, taking a field trip, going to lunch, having a picnic or a party.

Second Monday of the month:

Structured Support Group, 7:00-9:00 pm,  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave, Fort Wayne  
This group is specifically designed for a person with a sight loss and their spouse, friend, or family member. We do not provide transportation for this meeting.

## **Adams County Area:**

The League for the Blind and Disabled, sponsors a monthly support group meeting in Decatur. This meeting is open to any individual with a vision impairment and any friends or family members who are interested in learning how to live successfully with a vision loss.

This support group meeting is facilitated by Linda Scribner, Senior Blind Services Coordinator for the League. Linda has been legally blind or visually impaired her entire life and she brings a very positive out look to those dealing with a vision impairment.

Please join us for a chance to look beyond your blindness to a world of independence and productivity.

Structured Support Group, 1:30-3:30 pm,  
Third Tuesday of the month,  
Woodcrest Retirement Center, 1300 Mercer Ave., Decatur, 260-724-3311

We discuss issues related to sight loss. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 1-800-889-3443.

**Dekalb County Area:**

The League for the Blind and Disabled, sponsors a monthly support group meeting in Auburn. This meeting is open to any individual with a vision impairment and any friends or family members who are interested in learning how to live successfully with a vision loss.

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Structured Support Group, 1:15-3:00 pm,  
Third Thursday of the month,  
DeKalb County Heimack Center, 1800 E 7th St, Auburn, 260-925-3311.

We discuss issues related to sight loss. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 1-800-889-3443.

**LaGrange County Area:**

The League for the Blind and Disabled sponsors a monthly support group meeting in LaGrange. This meeting is open to any individual with a vision impairment and any friends or family members who are interested in learning how to live successfully with a vision loss.

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Structured Support Group, 1:30-3:30 pm,  
Third Wednesday of the month,  
Miller's Merry Manor, 787 N. Detroit Street, LaGrange, 260-463-2172

We discuss issues related to sight loss. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 1-800-889-3443.

**Noble County Area:**

The League for the Blind and Disabled sponsors a monthly "Focus Points" Forum in Kendallville. This meeting is open to any individual with a vision impairment and any friends or family members who are interested in learning how to live successfully with a vision loss.

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"Focus Points" Forum, 1:30-3:00 pm

Second Tuesday of the month,

Shepherd of the Hill, 351 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, 260-347-2256.

We discuss issues related to sight loss. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 1-800-889-3443.

**Steuben County Area:**

The League for the Blind and Disabled sponsors a monthly Insight Forum in Angola. This meeting is open to any individual with a vision impairment and any friends or family members who are interested in learning how to live successfully with a vision loss.

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Insight Forum, 1:00-3:00 pm

First Wednesday of the month,

Cameron Woods Senior Living, 701 W. Harcourt Rd, Angola, 260-624-2197

We discuss issues related to sight loss. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 1-800-889-3443.

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