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A BOTTLE A DAY... And Reading Between the Lines

More than thirty EYE-DAS Club members from West Covina and Glendora spent a wonderful day on October 10 in Los Angeles touring the Braille Institute and visiting the San Antonio Winery.

Several of our members already take advantage of services offered by Braille Institute. For many, this was their first visit. Our group visited instrumental music, choral, and art classes and observed first-hand the huge recorded book program at the Institute. The highlight, however, seemed to be the gift shop which offers all manner of adaptive devices, games, and novelties.

San Antonio Winery, the last remaining winery in the city, is smack in the middle of an industrial zone by county hospital. They served a hearty spaghetti lunch in our own room. Following lunch, we toured the cask rooms and bottling line and, finally, the tasting room. Many members boarded the bus with bottles so they could continue to enjoy their visit at home! 




Mary Ann Jones of West Covina, and friend, celebrate her 96th birthday at the winery.

GAMBLING ON ANOTHER GOOD TIME

Morongo, Here We Come!

The next day trip will be on Tuesday, March 3, to Morongo Casino. A weekday was selected so that the casino could serve us better because we would avoid the weekend rush.

More information, and sign-ups, will be forthcoming in January and February. Contact Rayanne Myers at (626) 335-3937 or by E-mail: fuzzycyclops@charter.net 

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I want to thank all of our club members, our volunteers, and board members for a successful Eye-Das year. I am happy with the new things we've done this year and am excited about the coming spring and fall during which we will have more fun and interesting day trips.

Have a Great and Happy Holiday Season.

Steve Slakey
Chair, EYE-DAS Foundation 

Glendora Club Elects New Officers

At its November meeting, the Glendora EYE-DAS Club elected new officers for 2008. They are:

Loren Brock, President;

Pattie Aldrich, First Vice President;

Ona Mae Ruggio, Second Vice President;

Myrna Spiers, Secretary; and
Jayne Gratten, Treasurer.

We welcome them and look forward to a great new year. Many thanks are due to Debbie Obregon and her officers for doing such a great job this past year.

Congratulations to all! 




Spaghetti and meatballs at the Winery

STAYING SAFE AND SECURE


Pocket This Information

For those looking for security company information, Nigel Smithers from Watch Dog Security offers a home security system with the added component of a portable medical emergency alarm. Designed so that it can be carried around the house in a pocket, on a belt, or around the neck, this alarm must be within 200 feet of the installed system.

Before rushing out to sign up for this system, those interested must own the home in which they want the system and must have a traditional land-line telephone. It costs \$99 to install and less than \$35 a month to maintain. Ask Debbie and Phil Oberon for their opinions about this system.

Monitronics Security Alarm System is the alarm monitoring company. Call Nigel at Watch Dog Security at 1 (800) 722-5240. 

Keep EYE-DAS Vital

To help defray the costs of running the clubs, we have established annual dues of \$5 per member. If cost is a problem, please contact Rayanne Myers to work out an alternative. Everyone is welcome. 

*****STATEWIDE*****

BLIND MAY HAVE GREATER WEB ACCESS

On Thursday, October 4, 2007 in the *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Molly Selvin wrote about a law suit brought by the National Federation of the Blind against Target Corporation.

“A ruling by a judge in San Francisco could mean that businesses would have to make their websites accessible to the blind, something disability rights advocates say is vital as the routine transaction of everyday life takes place more and more on the Internet.

“U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel granted class-action status Tuesday to a lawsuit alleging that Target Corp. is in violation of California law and the Americans With Disabilities Act because screen-reading software doesn’t work on parts of its website, essentially making it unusable for blind people.”

Many retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Amazon.com, Inc have upgraded their websites, implementing “technologically simple and not economically prohibitive” code that allows software to vocalize the entire site’s content.



LowVision.com Tip of the Month

Before leaving home, fold money in different ways to help with identification when shopping:

- Keep one dollar bills unfolded.
- Fold five dollar bills in half with short sides together.
- Fold ten dollar bills in half with long sides together.
- Fold twenty dollar bills in half and then fold in half again.
- Coins can be identified by their size and the feel of their edges.



*****NATIONALLY SPEAKING*****

Vision Advocacy News

Senator Sherrod Brown Joins the Congressional Vision Caucus

The Senate/House Vision Caucus has added another senator to its roster: Senator Sherrod Brown from Ohio! The Vision Caucus is now one of the largest and most active caucuses in the Senate and House.

[Prevent Blindness in America is] thrilled with this news and thank[s] Senator Brown and the other Senate and House Caucus members for their ongoing

commitment to vision health.



Glendora Club

La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd.
Debbie Dozal (626) 914-8235

Meetings begin at 7pm, programs at
7:30pm

December 10, 2007

Christmas Dinner / Citrus Singers

January 14, 2008

CTAP (Calif. Telephone Access
Program) – Theresa Tong

February 11, 2008

Glendora High School Jazz Band –
Scott Schwarz

March 10, 2008

Foundation Dinner / Potluck – St.
Patrick's Day. Entertainment: Debbie
Obregon and accompanist

April 14, 2008

Barbara Johnson, Azusa Pacific Univ.,
Medicare and MediCAL benefits

May 12, 2008

Shirley Evans – Foothill Center for the
Partially Sighted

June 9, 2008

Potluck Dinner / BINGO!!

West Covina Club

2501 E. Cortez St.
Marion Landesman (626) 331-5366

Meetings begin at 12 noon

December 3, 2007

Christmas Lunch / Entertainment

January 7, 2008

Carmen Apelgren / Mindy Levanthal –
Braille Institute

February 4, 2008

Valentine's Party

March 3, 2008

CTAP (Calif. Telephone Access
Program), Theresa Tong

April 7, 2008

Michael Sampiano – Recording for the
Blind and Dyslexic, demo & training

May 5, 2008

Barbara Johnson, Azusa Pacific Univ.,
Medicare and MediCAL

June 2, 2008

Luncheon


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it to: fuzzycyclops@charter.net

The Vision Learning Center at **preventblindness.org** offers a list of organizations and resources. They include: Low Vision Aids and Devices, National Associations and Foundations, and Large Print/Braille/Audio Sources. Anyone can receive a free copy of Prevent Blindness America's Low Vision Assistance Resource List and Tips for Living with Low Vision fact sheets by filling in the on-line information form.

PREVENT BLINDNESS AMERICA

Vision News

In its *2007 Report on Medicines in Development for Women*, PhRMA, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, lists 19 medicines in development for eye diseases of major concern to American women.

The medicines in the pipeline for women (either in clinical trials or awaiting approval at the Food and Drug Administration) include those developed for glaucoma (Combigan, DuoTrav, Ganfort), dry eyes (Duramycin, Alty-0501, Evoxac), and cataracts(OT-551). 

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