



**TUCSON SOCIETY OF THE BLIND (TSB)**

**P.O. Box 57655. Tucson, AZ 85732**

**October/November/December 2022 NEWSY NOTES**

**TSB meets every Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 1:00 7PM**

**Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway**

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**October – December 2022 TSB Calendar**

**October**

- 4 Stan Kane, Republican candidate, will talk about safety, respect, education, environmental, and water issues.**
- 7 Friday Pizza Party at John McCann's house, 8761 E. Placita Bolivar, from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM, The patio has shade and is cool and inviting. Wear your bathing suit if you want to go into the hot tub. There is no cost as TSB will provide the pizza. If you are coming, please let Barb know by October 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- 11 Dana Almond, Democratic candidate for House District 17, will talk about safety, respect, education, environmental and water issues. We will have a meatball potluck after the meeting, so plan to get a 12:30 to 1:00 PM ride home. Please let Barb know by October 4<sup>th</sup> what side dish you are bringing.**
- 14 TSB Board Meeting, Biscuit Country Café, 7026 E. Broadway Blvd. 10:15 AM**
- 18 Annie Schlesinger and Barbara Macpherson will lead a discussion on "Dealing with Emotional Loss of Vision." We will listen to the podcast, "There's a Monster in the Closet," by Dan Roberts.**
- 18 Lesson with Manny on the iPhone on Zoom 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
- 21 Field trip to Tohono Chul Park, 7366 N Paseo Del Nort. Be there at 10:00 AM for a hands-on garden tour. There are lots of benches to sit on and we will take our time. The cost is \$5.00 plus lunch. We will have lunch at 12:00 PM at the Denny's restaurant located at 5000 N Oracle Road.**
- 25 Jean Parker - "My life story and being a Blind College Instructor"**

**November**

- 1 Annie and Barbara will lead a discussion on "Overcoming Fear and Positive Self Talk" after listening to the podcast by Eric Weinmayer titled "Achieving your Dreams."**
- 8 TSB Annual Meeting to include election of the Board of Directors, approval of 2022-23 budget, annual President and Financial Reports, members feedback.**

After the Annual Meeting we will enjoy a submarine sandwich lunch and pumpkin pie. Plan to get a 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM ride out.

11 TSB Board Meeting, Biscuit Country Café, 7026 E. Broadway Blvd. 10:15 AM

15 John McCann, a TSB Board Member, will perform the oldies on his guitar

15 Lesson with Manny on the iPhone on Zoom 6:30 - 8:30 PM

18 Field trip to Old Tucson. Details will be announced later.

22 No meeting, Thanksgiving Vacation

29 Craig Plotner will play his guitar and perform Christmas music to get us into the holiday spirit.

## December

3 “Disability Pride Day” at Udall Park, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. We will have a resource table there. Activities include entertainment, health screenings, resource fair, and food trucks selling food.

6 Christine Vivona will perform glorious Christmas music on the harp.

13 Christmas party to include gift exchange, games, and potluck. Let Barb know what side dish you are bringing by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## January

3 Back to the church

### President’s Message by Barbara Macpherson

Welcome to Fall and the cooler mornings! Our annual meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. TSB members will vote on the Board of Directors Election, approve the 2022-2023 budget, hear the president’s and TSB’s financial reports, and give member feedback to the TSB Board. According to our bylaws, all members have to pay their dues before the annual meeting in order to vote. Individuals who wish to run for the Board of Directors will have to let the President know by the October 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting so the TSB Board can approve their nomination. The TSB Board asks that all candidates need to be able to use email as many reports are delivered by that method.

After the Annual Meeting, members will enjoy a submarine sandwich lunch with pumpkin and apple pie for dessert. The Board encourages all members to attend the Annual Meeting.

We are going on field trips. Recently we had a fantastic time at the Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Museum. Coming up are a field trip to John McCann’s house on

Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, another trip to Tohono Chul Park on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> and a possible field trip to Old Tucson on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let President Barb know ahead of time if you would like to go on these field trips so she can arrange food and transportation. These field trips are lots of fun!

We are still selling Jim Click raffle tickets. All funds received from the raffle ticket sales go directly to the TSB treasury. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. You may win a double cab 2022 Ford Lariat pickup truck or take the money. Second prize is two world class tickets to anywhere, and the third prize is \$5000 In cash.

If you wish to purchase Jim Click raffle tickets contact Barbara at 520-298-2427 or email her at [bjmacpherso@aol.com](mailto:bjmacpherso@aol.com). You can also make a tax-deductible donation by a check to TSB. For those of you who have already purchased Jim Click Raffle tickets, thank you very much! TSB members appreciate all the ticket sales and this is our major fundraiser. All donations are really appreciated and help us to support TSB programs

### Eye Talk by Annie Schlesinger - Talking Books - Part one

When I was first diagnosed with my eye disease, I was already legally blind! Eventually I started receiving NLS Talking Books. I read books about blind folks as I wanted to learn how they did it.

“The First Year” by Daniel Roberts. DB 063206, 2006. When Dan was diagnosed with macular degeneration, he retired from his teaching position. As he discovered his life wasn’t over, he wrote his book and founded MD Support, a monthly phone support group. Barbara and I belong to it. For information call 1-866-588-7747.

Stories of climbing Mount Everest fascinate me. “Touch The Top of The World” by Erik Weihenmeyer DB051505, 2001. Erik rebelled against becoming blind. He developed a passion for mountaineering. (He was even married on top of Mount Kilimanjaro!) Eric achieved his goal of climbing the Seven Summits, one of only 150 people to do so. You can also read “A Blind Man’s Journey To Kayak the Grand Canyon.” DB087291, 2017.

Rebecca Alexander wrote her story, “Not Fade Away” DB080043, 2015, which is about her gradual loss of hearing and vision. Now she’s a psychotherapist and the sister of NBC White House correspondent Peter Alexander. She lives in New York City.

These books are available on cartridge from NLS Talking Books and on BARD.

The Talking Book Library has a book club! Monthly meetings will resume in November 2022 mornings at 10:00 AM and evenings at 6:00 PM. Join by computer, web-connected devices, or by telephone. They will even call you if you prefer. Call the library for more information or to sign up. I like to discuss books and this group is very convenient. I attended the August meeting; the book was a

historical novel titled *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict. I look forward to the next meeting.

### News you Can Use by Barbara Macpherson

Sun Sound Radio service is still providing a free Echo Dot. Also, you can listen to described movies on Friday nights at 6:00 PM as well as the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 PM

To enable Sun Sounds, ask Alexa to “open Sun Sounds of Arizona” and then pick the Tucson stream. Sun Sounds 520-296-2400. Give them a call to order yourself an Echo Dot.

Roger Early is giving free exercise classes for the visually-impaired at the new SAAVi building at 3350 E. Grant, SAAVI 520-795-1331. Roger Early's cell phone at 520.609 2012.

If you haven't listened to Choice Magazine Listening lately, you may want to visit it again. The Choice Magazine Listening has many interesting articles and is available on BARD or you can ask your reader advisor at the AZ Talking Book Library to send the magazine on a cartridge.

The new Newsline mobile app is available. If you already have it, go to the Apple app store and update it. The app is easy to use and NFB has added tabs along the bottom of the screen.

### How a hungry javelina destroyed a car in its quest for Cheetos in Arizona. Brock Blasdell and KiMi Robinson, Arizona Republic.

A javelina that hunted down a bag of Cheetos accidentally locked itself inside a car in Cornville, Arizona and then put it into neutral. Here's how the incident played out.

A wild javelina's recent hunt in Arizona did not go according to plan. The animal - which, for the uninitiated, looks like a wild boar but is in fact its own species - can be found in central and southern Arizona and parts of Texas. The creature was successful in its pursuit of an open bag of Cheetos inside a car parked on April 6<sup>th</sup>, but its troubles started when it hopped in through the hatchback of a Subaru station wagon and accidentally locked itself inside in the process. The hungry javelina was freed safely, according to the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. How did the javelina get stuck in the car? Deputies said the furry intruder was eyeing a bag of Cheetos that night when it jumped inside the vehicle's hatchback which was left open overnight. The javelina lacked the stealth it showed in sneaking inside the vehicle with its attempt to get out of the car. According to the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, the animal rocked the passenger car upon entry, causing the back entrance to close, locking it inside with its snack. Once locked inside, deputies said the javelina began feasting upon the cheese-dust-covered snack until the bag was clean. Soon after finishing, he tried to escape but had trouble leaving the vehicle.

"His attempt to exit the vehicle proved to be more cumbersome than entering," reads the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office's statement. "The javelina tore off a portion of the dashboard, the passenger door interior and knocked the vehicle into neutral, which caused it to roll out of the driveway and across the street until stopping under some trees. Some neighbors noticed the plight of the trapped javelina and called the authorities. "I don't know that we've had a call like this before," Heidi Howard, the sheriff's office public affairs officer told The Arizona Republic in an email. "It's not typically something folks will call (law enforcement) for. According to the sheriff's office, Deputy Dickinson was called to the scene to investigate and safely opened the hatch, thus allowing the javelina to carefully jump out and run back into the wilderness." All that it left behind was a bag of Cheetos that was licked clean. "Can you blame him? 'Who doesn't love a midnight Cheetos snack?"

### Thanksgiving Jokes

- Why did the turkey cross the road? *It was the chicken's day off.*
  - Why was the turkey not hungry on Thanksgiving? *He was already stuffed.*
  - What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? *Plymouth Rock*
  - What happened when the turkey got into a fight? *He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*
  - What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? *A turkey that can pluck itself!*
  - What did the turkey say to the man who tried to shoot it? *Liberty, Equality and Bad aim for all.*
  - If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? *Their AGE!*
  - Why do pilgrims' pants keep falling down? *Because their belt buckles are on their hats!*
  - Why did they let the turkey join the band? *Because he had the drumsticks*
  - Why did the police arrest the turkey? *They suspected it of fowl play*
  - If you call a large turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one? *Goblet.*
  - Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk? *To hatchet.*
- Have a Happy Thanksgiving!