



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • JUNE 2001

New Book for Parents of Children with Disabilities

A new inspiring and helpful book for all parents of children with disabilities has been published. It is titled "You Will Dream New Dreams," and is written by clinical psychologist Stanley Klein and Kim Schive, former editor of Exceptional Parent magazine. The book is a compilation of stories by parents who have dealt with the challenges of raising special needs children and is published by Kensington Books.

MOSI Outfits IMAX Theatre for Persons with Disabilities

The Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) has installed the MoPix System in their IMAX Dome Theatre. The MoPix System employs rear window captioning allowing hearing impaired viewers to read dialogue and sound effects with subtitles created at their seat. The system also utilizes DVS Theatrical, which delivers descriptive narration through a single headset. This system allows the person to hear the movie dialog as well as the narration thus creating a theatre of the mind for vision-impaired moviegoers. MOSI is the first Tampa Bay venue to adopt the program and can accommodate up to 15 sight impaired and 15 hearing impaired customers per screening.

State-Wide ADA Conference

This August the Governor's Working Group on the ADA in conjunction with the Florida ADA Network will hold a statewide ADA conference. Continuing education credits will be offered for rehabilitation counselors, lawyers, social workers and building officials. For more information on the conference or to be added to the mailing list call the Governor's Working Group at 850-487-3423.

World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities to be Held in Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia will be the location of the 2001 World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities (WCD). The Conference is scheduled from September 28th through the 30th. This is an educational event with over 65 conference sessions that are CME and CEU accredited. The WCD is intended to educate, inform and provide a useful exchange of ideas for persons with disabilities and for those involved in their care and development. For more information regarding the congress call toll free (877) 923-3976 ext 847 or visit their website at <www.wcdexpo.com>.

Able Trust to Host 4th Annual Symposium on Disabilities

The Able Trust's fourth Symposium on Disabilities will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton, September 11 - 14. The event will feature educational workshops, a keynote lunch, general sessions and the 2001 Ability Awards Banquet. For more information regarding the symposium call Kristen Knapp at (888) 838-2253 or email her at <kristen@abletrust.org>.

Self Help Seminar for Students with Disabilities

Self-Reliance will hold a self-help seminar for students with disabilities at Hillsborough Community College on Friday, July 27th. The seminar will deal

Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month (New Day)
at 1:30 p.m.

Sandy Freedman TennisClub
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands
Everybody Welcome!

with information and services that are available for those students with disabilities who have just or will be graduating from high school. Included in the seminar will be information regarding grants that are available for continuing education. For more information contact Self-Reliance at 975-6560.

Accessible Hot Air Balloon

Serena's Song is the first hot air balloon constructed to take persons with disabilities aloft. The balloon has a 48-inch door that allows wheelchairs to enter the basket. Before Serena's Song anyone with a disability who used a chair would have to be lifted over the basket and strapped against the gas tanks. This balloon basket gives the individual the ability to move around and see the sights. For more information regarding hot air ballooning visit <www.serenassong.com>.

Dial 211 for Agencies and Services

Hillsborough County now has a new phone service in place for citizens to find agencies and services available to improve the quality of life for those needing help. The new service can be reached by dialing 211. This number does not replace 911, which should be used for emergencies only.

NYC Hotel Opens Suite Specifically for Visually Impaired

The Hotel Delmonico on Park Avenue in New York City has set aside The Lighthouse Suite especially designed for people who are visually impaired. The suite also functions as an educational tool for people with full vision. This is the first hotel that has taken up the torch to increase public awareness of vision impairment. For more information call 1-800-821-3842.

Dates to Remember

2nd Monday every month - 7pm

The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Program repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

Employment & Job Fair

Committee Meeting

Corporate Square, 7402 N. 56th Street, Building #800, Suite #850. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Island.

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

Florida Council for the Blind,

Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B. 3RD TUES. EVERY MONTH, 6:30pm, Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group, Jefferson High School.

1st Thursday every month

Therapeutic Focus Group

All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information.

4th Wednesday every month - 2pm

County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 558-5557.

3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm

(next meeting 4/19)

HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group	975-6560
VA Spinal Cord	972-2000 ext. 6388 Heather Mahoney
Brain and Head Injury Support	908-1375 Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group	287-2939 or 800-922-0170
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)	
Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities	258-5700 Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	
Learn about assistive technology	251-7591
Amputees Together	870-3323
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)	935-6540 Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.)	
Fully accessible recreation center	903-2248 Al Orr
Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center	253-4286 Bill Renje, Jr.

Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory	988-4985
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Secretary: Kelly Hickman	974-8927
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