



## Prevention of Blindness



Beacon, our guide dog, was a key part of the award presentation for our winners, **Jack Paone, Jaxson Angerson, Sierra Gager, Bhoomika, Aly Boccella and Lily McGee**, of the Magic World of Vision poster contest. Their posters above were chosen from numerous entries from third graders across Lackawanna County who participated in our *Prevention of Blindness* eye health and safety educational program presented by our Coordinator, Kelly Mariani, pictured right.



## CELEBRATING OUR 94TH ANNUAL HELEN KELLER DAY AND THANKING OUR COMMUNITY FOR ITS GENEROUS SUPPORT!



Pictured top and left are our models in their finest attire. Pictured right are Emcees, Jon Meyer and Renie Workman from WNEP.

Thank you to all our volunteers!!!



## THE 36TH ANNUAL WILLIAM J. JORDAN, M.D. MEMORIAL SWING FOR SIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



*Thanks to our donors, volunteers & golfers. Pictured: Gary Carroll, Bob Gebert and Dave Papadlo*



The 36th Annual William J. Jordan, M.D. Memorial Swing for Sight Golf Tournament was held on June 12 at the Glen Oak Country Club in Clarks Summit. Special thanks go to our major sponsors, Northeastern Eye Institute and FNCB Bank . Corporate sponsors: Northeastern Security Systems, North Penn Charitable Foundation, Ayers Supply, Inc., Kriger Construction, Inc./Richard Mellow Electrical Contractors Corp., Wyoming Valley Pallets, Inc./Valley Mulch and Shoprite of Daleville & Mt. Pocono. Thanks also to our event Chairs, Dr. William J. Jordan, Jr., Jerry Champi and Brian Mahlstedt, committee members, volunteers, and all who came out to golf! The tournament raised an estimated \$36,000. The proceeds from this event will help the agency continue our programs for the blind & visually impaired throughout Lackawanna County.



The Annual Meeting of our Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 20 at Coopers Seafood Restaurant in Scranton. Pictured from left, seated: Ellen Rudis, Secretary; Mary Lou Wascavich, Executive Director; Mary Ann Iezzi, new incoming Executive Director. Standing: Atty. Jerry Musheno, Past Chair; Paula DePeters, Chair; Joe Barrasse, Treasurer.

The board presented Mary Lou with gifts and a plaque for nineteen years of service to the Blind Association.

We will miss her and wish her a

*Happy Retirement!!!*

## **FRIENDS OF THE POOR**



Thank you to the Friends of the Poor for an informative program on their services and for supplying our clients with hand sanitizer and celery.

## **A Message from the Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

It's my pleasure to join the Lackawanna Blind Association as its new Executive Director, taking over for Mary Lou Wascavich who retired this past June after 19 years with the organization. For more than 100 years the LBA has served blind and visually impaired individuals throughout Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties. Our value to serve, and our commitment to treating individuals with utmost respect, is evident through the programs we offer including; Client Support Services, Life Enrichment Programs, Prevention of Blindness programs, Educational programs including pre-school and Grade 3, a Visual Support Center and our Radio Reading Service aired daily on 99.5 FM (University of Scranton's radio station).

I am in awe of the rich history of this wonderful organization and look forward to being a part of its continued commitment to helping blind and visually impaired individuals maintain their independence.

*Mary Ann Iezzi*

# *YOUR DONATION GIVES LIGHT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR*



Joanne C.

The day I picked up the phone and called the blind association my life became so much better. These people are angels. They are so kind, understanding and helpful.



Derek R.

LBA has been a blessing! Without them, I don't know what I would do. Kelly & Elaine both have been wonderful.



Arlene K.

The only people who understand how you feel is somebody who has the same problems that you do.

# *thank you*

# FEATURED ASSISTIVE DEVICE

There's no need to use your hands to set the microwave, unless you want to. The new GE Smart Countertop Microwave with Scan-to-Cook Technology microwave is compatible with Amazon Alexa. This means you can speak directly to Alexa to control cook settings from any Alexa-enabled device to achieve the ultimate in kitchen convenience.

Hands covered in flour? Just say,  
"Alexa, add 30 seconds to the  
microwave."

See oatmeal boiling over from  
across the room?  
"Alexa, stop the microwave!"



"We're excited to work with GE Appliances to continue extending the convenience of Alexa to the kitchen," says Christian Taubman, Director, Smart Home Devices at Amazon. "We think customers will love the simplicity of hands-free voice control whether popping popcorn or preparing the perfect meal."

## Keep Your Vision Healthy

- Get a baseline eye exam by 40 or older
- Choose healthy foods
- Quit smoking
- Exercise
- Maintain normal blood pressure and cholesterol
- Wear sunglasses with at least 99% UV protection

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EyeCare America reminds you to shield your eyes from the sun's dangerous rays. Long-term sun exposure may increase your cataract risk.

#UVSafetyMonth: <https://ow.ly/Tcwi50P4e1B>

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- Radio Program
- Events / Fundraising
- Life Skills & Exercise
- ...And more

Consider volunteering this year and becoming a Friend of the Blind! Your gift of time can make a difference in someone's life!

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- Have the newsletter sent via email
- Be removed from the mailing list

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email: [jmay@lackawannablind.org](mailto:jmay@lackawannablind.org).

*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**89th Annual Dream Game**

High School All-Star Football Game  
Valley View Stadium

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

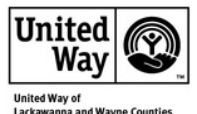
Hosted by the Scranton Lions Club.  
All proceeds benefit the  
Lackawanna Blind Association.

**Coming Soon Fall 2023:**

Purse and Pe\$o\$ Bingo



The mission of the Lackawanna Blind Association is to support and promote the interests of the blind and visually impaired, and the prevention of avoidable blindness.



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