



Lighthouse for the Blind  
of the Palm Beaches

**Celebrate White Cane Awareness!**

# Illuminations Newsletter

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## Summer Camp 2012

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches celebrated successful Summer Camp 2012 for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Campers had loads of fun and learned skills to enhance their independence in many areas. They learned kitchen skills, social and communication skills, computer skills, and how to become safe travelers. They conducted computer searches for recipes that they later cooked, bus routes that they later took. They researched movie times, made arts-n-crafts, decorated t-shirts with stencils, and brailled their names on the back with tactual paint. They made bird feeders and decorated terra cotta pots, planted flowers and seeds,

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**LITE Club Summer Camp 2012 group photo at Lion Country Safari - Safari Splash!**

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helping them learn gardening skills. In group activity, the campers also made an 8 foot, three-dimensional decorative keyboard for the wall.

As entertainment, the children engaged in playing accessible video games, cards games, and watching narrated movies. There were guest speakers, including a dog guide user and raisers of puppies to become trained guide dogs.

### Field Trips included:

A bus & trolley ride to **City Place** for lunch and a 3-D movie.

**Alla Prima Creations** – Campers participated in a painting class. The campers produced a painting and then visited **Loggerhead Park** to picnic and visit the rescued turtles.

**Lion Country Safari** - The campers enjoyed the animals, splash safari, and a customized show conducted by staff at Lion Country Safari.

**Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center** - Horseback riding and picnic for the campers.

Deep appreciation goes to our 2012 camp sponsors and support from the community; special thanks to Retina Care Specialists, Cano and Manning Eye Center, Retinal Eye Care

Associates, proceeds from the Kretzer Piano Concert Series “Music for the Mind” featuring David Crohan, the Lions Clubs of Belle Glade, Lake Worth, Sebastian, West Palm Beach and Boca Raton, and the friends and family of David Schapiro in honor of his 80th birthday.

## Upcoming for LITE Club SAVE THE DATES!

**October 20, 2012**  
**LITE Club Fall Harvest Event**

**December 15, 2012**  
**LITE Club Annual Holiday Party**

### Sponsorship Opportunities!

The LITE Club is reliant on our sponsors and we will continue activities throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the Lighthouse. Sponsors will receive recognition in our Annual Report, Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Sponsors will also receive a photo of participants and a certificate sent to you or your business. We have four levels of sponsorships for the LITE Club:

Bronze	-	\$500.00
Silver	-	\$1000.00
Gold	-	\$2,000.00
Platinum	-	\$2,500.00+

## Summer Camp 2012 Highlights



Collage of Summer Camp 2012 pictured above: participants learning to use the Mountbatten Brailer, Southeastern puppies and their puppy raisers visit with our campers and paintings made at Alla Prima Creations.

Collage of Summer Camp 2012 pictured above: campers at Vinceremos learning to ride horses, campers behind the giant keyboard that they made (which is now displayed at the Lighthouse), and campers at City Place Pizza.

## White Cane Awareness

It takes more than a white cane to travel safely if someone is blind or visually impaired. It requires training by a qualified orientation and mobility instructor who teaches the individual how to use the cane properly. If you or someone you know needs orientation and mobility training, please contact the Lighthouse. For a copy of the White Cane Law (316.1301) please contact the Lighthouse.

### Community Events

**October 2, 2012 Time TBA:** Proclamation for White Cane Awareness Month to be presented to FCB Chapter 67 and the Palm Beach NFB Chapter at the Palm Beach County Commissioner's Chambers.

**Toastmasters Promote Blindness Awareness:** During the month of October, Toastmaster Clubs in Palm Beach County will have special meetings to promote Blindness Awareness Month. These meetings will be in the dark, all speeches, evaluations, table topics, voting, etc. will be in darkness.

## White Cane Awareness Events

**October 13, 2012**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
The Braille Club will have an open house and fundraiser for White Cane Awareness.

**October 15, 2012**

The Palm Beach County chapter of NFB and FCB Chapter 67 are partnering to plan a White Cane Awareness Event and Walk. Location To Be Announced.

For information, please contact [drevans@bellsouth.net](mailto:drevans@bellsouth.net) or [cakoyanagi@gmail.com](mailto:cakoyanagi@gmail.com).

### FAMILY WORKSHOP

**November 9, 2012**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Lighthouse will present a workshop for family members of participants. Do you ever wonder what daily life is like for your loved one who is visually impaired? Come join the staff of the Lighthouse as we share information about blindness and how you can help your loved one in their journey towards independence! Please RSVP to: [info@lighthousepalmbeaches.org](mailto:info@lighthousepalmbeaches.org) or call 561-586-5600.

## Focus Group

Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse in West Palm Beach.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### **September 7, 2012**

Scott Greenblatt, martial artist:  
self-defense demonstration.

#### **October 5, 2012**

West Palm Beach Firefighters:  
fire safety and prevention.

#### **November 2, 2012**

Thanksgiving Celebration

### Innovative Vision Systems Demonstration

**Innovative Vision Systems** will provide a demonstration of HIMS and Enhanced Vision products on September 6, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches in the main conference room. If you

would like to join us for this demonstration, please RSVP as space is limited:

[trink@lighthousepalmbeaches.org](mailto:trink@lighthousepalmbeaches.org),  
or call the Lighthouse.

For more information:

[www.innovativevisionsystems.com](http://www.innovativevisionsystems.com)



## Dinner and Wine Pairing at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches will host a dinner and wine pairing at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse on October 5, 2012. The champagne reception will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a delicious four course dinner including award winning wines.

The dinner will feature the finest cuisine Ruth's Chris has to offer. Join us for a decadent evening for \$100 per person plus gratuity, tables of six available. To reserve your seat or inquire about sponsorship, e-mail [info@lighthousepalmbeaches.org](mailto:info@lighthousepalmbeaches.org) or call Iva Grady at 561-586-5600 x3286.



## Book Club Update



The Book Club meets on the third Friday of each month. Digital books are distributed at each meeting. Please come to the meetings, even if you haven't read or finished the book. Our discussions can get quite lively. Bring a friend, the more the merrier! Bring your lunch, we are very informal!

Lighthouse Book Club in June and July met in conjunction with the Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program. For August we cancelled our meeting to attend the Freedom Scientific presentation on August 17.

We will get back to our regularly scheduled meetings at noon on September 21, at the Lighthouse.

Our selection to discuss is 2030 by Albert Brooks. Contact the Talking Book library if you haven't gotten your copy of the book.

**Book Up Club meeting dates:**  
September 21, 2012  
October 19, 2012  
November 16, 2012

## FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC

Freedom Scientific presented a Low Vision Awareness Day at the Lighthouse on August 17, 2012.

Congratulations to Virginia Boyland, who was the winner of the raffle for a RUBY<sup>®</sup> Handheld Video Magnifier.

For information:

[www.freedomscientific.com](http://www.freedomscientific.com)



## Rehab 101



Diane Salina, Amanda Cary and Genie Salzverg

### Rehab 101

Do you have independent living skills questions? Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists; Diane, Genie and Amanda are ready to provide answers. We encourage readers to submit questions by email, phone or mail. We will respond to your questions in our newsletter. [Rehab101@lighthousepalmbeaches.org](mailto:Rehab101@lighthousepalmbeaches.org)

Dear Rehab 101,

Please tell us about one of your favorite craft activities!

Sincerely, Crafty



### Dear Crafty:

A simple craft project that the Focus Group enjoyed this summer was making air fresheners! They are pretty to look at and the aromas were very pleasing. They can be placed strategically around the house to provide sensory information about location of the bathroom, front door, etc. A quick shake of the Mason jar will activate the essential oils to provide a wonderful home fragrance!

To learn how to make these air fresheners, you can visit the following website:

[How to make Air Fresheners](#)

Enjoy, Genie Salzverg

Here are some pictures of participants making the baking soda air fresheners!



## Lions Club Recycling Efforts

In addition to the Lighthouse's electronic recycling efforts, please help us collect recyclables for the Lions Club to assist them in their service to our community! The following items can be dropped off at the Lighthouse.

**Eyeglasses and Cases**

**Soda Can Tabs**

**Hearing Aids and Batteries**

**Used Postage Stamps**



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## Lighthouse Recycling Projects Continue

Please remember to donate your used ink cartridges, cell phones, MP3 Players, iPods, digital cameras and Laptop computers. This program will help us acquire FREE technology and/or money to support our programs and services.

**Thank you!**