

EZ2C FOUNDATION

Embracing Life Beyond Vision Loss

Welcome to EZ2C Foundation's Spring Newsletter!

Coming Events:

EZ2C Foundation to Give Technology Workshop

Jule Ann Lieberman, Executive Director of **EZ2C Foundation** will be presenting at the Penn Del AER Conference scheduled for April 27-28 in Harrisburg. The topic includes a comparison of the popular I-Pad with I-Book application verses the popular Kindle 3 book Reader for reading by persons with low vision or blindness.

This is her third year giving a workshop in eBook or audio reading technology for persons working in the field of educating and rehabilitation of persons with vision loss. The Penn Del Chapter of AER (Association of Educators and Rehabilitation of Persons who are blind or Vision Impaired) is a recent award winner for excellence in professional support.

Jule Ann has a deep personal interest in all forms of reading technology; "if the words are in print I am determined to find how I can read it as a blind person." She has covered such topics in previous years such as scan and read technology, digital audio books and its portable devices and now has added these mainstream product lines for evaluation.

Spring /Summer Health Fairs

EZ2C Foundation will be participating in health fairs at adult living communities this spring into summer. The first visit was at Rosemont Presbyterian Village on March 29 and one in June at White Horse Village.

Jule Ann and Johann (her guide dog) will have on hand literature about EZ2C's services and some examples of tools and technology that make living a full life beyond vision loss a reality.

EZ2C Foundation welcomes the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with the community. Please contact Jule Ann if you would like a presentation, health fair exhibit or more information.

Technology Grant Awarded: Entering Mac World

EZ2C Foundation was awarded a technology grant by The McLean Contributionship, established in 1951 for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, to purchase a Mac Computer System for demonstration, comparison and training for low vision and blind clients. This is a unique grant to receive for any service agency whose mission it is to serve the vision impaired in this region. "Apple has come a long way in providing access for persons with vision loss over the past five years" explains

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Featured Board Member

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Granite and Johann

Jule Ann. She adds, "This will give our clients an opportunity to compare both Mac and PC computer systems to determine which works best for them prior to making a costly investment". Demonstrations and training will begin this spring.

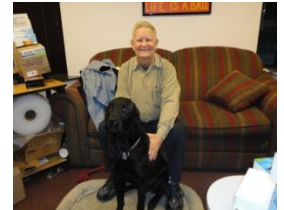
Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Conference

Jule Ann Lieberman was awarded a scholarship as a Delta Gamma Fellow to attend the Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Conference by the American Foundation for the Blind which was held in Seattle from March 10-12. She was given this opportunity as a graduate student at Salus University studying Low Vision Rehabilitation Therapy. She is one of only seventeen students nationwide and the single awardee from Salus University to be given the honor of this scholarship.

Hearing about the award, Jule Ann stated "I am looking forward to meeting many well-respected professionals in the field of services for persons with vision loss and blindness" states Jule Ann. She returned with many new innovations, research findings and valuable networking contacts worldwide.

Featured Board Member: Tim Beach

Tim Beach joined our Board of Directors over a year ago and has provided us with great insight and unique volunteer support. Tim has worked for many years as a web designer and instructor. He has recently experienced vision loss due to age related macular degeneration which adds to his sensitivity to the needs of vision impaired visitors to our website.



Board Member Tim Beach
visiting with his friend Johann

He has taken the reigns of webmaster and is making changes and updating our site to provide a quality and enjoyable experience. Tim has creative solutions and suggestions to make visiting our website worth the click! EZ2C Foundation expresses their deepest thanks to Tim for sharing his talents and expertise.

So What Are They Seeing Anyway? An Illustrated Poster Coming Soon

EZ2C Foundation has a mission to educate the public on how low vision effects what a person can see. We are soon to make available a poster illustrating a popular local scene altered to appear through the eyes of someone with glaucoma, macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and retinitis pigmentosa. In addition, the poster will list the prevalence of each eye condition in the US today. It is our hope that illustrating vision loss through this simulation will broaden understanding of how these eye conditions may affect the view for many in our community.

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Our mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with blindness and vision loss. Working in conjunction with medical, social service and educational communities our goal is to achieve independent living for all persons with blindness and vision loss. Our focus is in providing service to promote positive attitude in life despite vision loss.