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## Presidents Message

As I'm writing this, I'm attempting to get ready to go to the ACB National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

I would like to report on our business meeting that took place on May 15. We passed a resolution opposing Utah Transit Authorities proposed changes to paratransit services for members in the Wasatch Front area, as the proposed increase of fare and the discontinuation of service beyond  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile would seriously impact the lives of many of our members!

We also passed a resolution that would allow UCB to send a group of individuals to learn how to script, screen reading software. We would then hire these individuals to go to job sites and script Jaws and/or Window Eyes to become more compatible with programs that companies have, therefore, making it possible for blind and visually impaired individuals to become employed!

As President of UCB, I would like to express my deepest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Poulson Family Scholarship Foundation and the John Freebairn Scholarship fund for making it possible for UCB to provide a \$1,500 scholarship for each recipient. Receiving a scholarship is a great honor! It takes great skill, time, and commitment to work towards such an achievement. I humbly congratulate the following recipients: Aimee Tubbs, who is working on a master's degree in psychology; Brandon Stubbs, who is working towards completing a graduate degree in electrical engineering; Michelle Martin, who is currently working on completing a degree in music therapy; Mohammed Dirshe, who is interested in working to complete a degree in international law; Monica Borg, who is working on an undergraduate degree in psychology; and Phuong Nguyen, who is seeking a degree in counseling and teaching math.

I sincerely hope that all recipients know how much we as UCB care about you and your success! We are very proud of you and cheer you on! Going to college can have many ups and downs along with other life challenges, so, please feel free to let us know what's happening. We can laugh with you, or even provide a shoulder to cry on. We're here for you, and want you to stay in touch with us!

I would like to also express my appreciation to Tammie Hansen and Michael Smith for their years of service on the Board. I would like to thank those members who voted for giving me another chance as President. I would like to express a warm welcome and congratulations to Aunilie Hathaway, who will now fill the position as secretary; as well as Tara Briggs, who will serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. I would like to thank our existing Board, our executive Director,

our Vista workers, and other committees who unselfishly continue to put forth their precious time and unending efforts to meet the goals of this organization. I would also like to thank all those who ran for positions on the Board. I hope you will stay involved with the UCB and participate on committees.

We have many more issues out there that should concern all of us, such as quiet cars, the level of education blind children are receiving from the School for the Blind; and the constant need of advocating for programs to better the lives of blind and visually impaired children and adults, as well as other people with disabilities in the state of Utah.

It will soon be time to assign people to work on committees. We are a grass-roots organization. To me, that's people helping other people, and everyone contributing a little time, skills, and experiences they have gained through life. I know all of you have talent, you all have a niche at doing something; why not consider sharing a little bit of your time and skills with UCB by serving on a committee? Each and every one of you is of value and has something to contribute! If every member does a little something, that will make UCB a much better organization for everyone! Please feel free to contact us.

## **Calling All Members**

In order to have a strong state organization, it is important that all members be involved and contributing something toward that strength. If each member contributes a little, then the burden of supporting the organization does not fall too heavily on just a few individuals. In that spirit, we are asking that in the next month each member come up with at least one item (more if you are able) that can be used for a door prize for a convention/activity or as a fund raiser to support the organization. If the item has an expiration date, it should not be before the end of the year. Although it is preferred that items be donated by businesses or individuals other than members in order to educate the public about the UCB and what it does, items donated by members are also very much appreciated.

Please package your items appropriately and send them to:

Utah Council of the Blind

1301 W 500 S

Woods Cross, UT 84087-2224

Enclosed is a letter of introduction that you can use when you make your contacts. Thanks to each of you for your support and help in making the UCB a strong and influential organization.

## ACB Online Auction

The online portion of ACB's Auction is now open. The auction will run until July 7, 2009, with the live event taking place on July 8, 2009. Auction items range from exotic vacation getaways to donated items guaranteed to delight and surprise. So, tell your friends, family, and community. Let the bidding begin by going to the website, [www.acb.cmarket.com](http://www.acb.cmarket.com).

The following are the two ways that you can register and bid on an item:

**Register,** This can be done by clicking on or going to the register button located under the banner at the top of the homepage on the ACB's cMarket site. The screen that will appear will be a registration screen where you have to complete a form with your personal information such as name, address. You must create a user name and password. The user name must be between 4-32 characters and the password must be 7-32 letters and numbers. The box I agree to cMarket's terms must be checked and the submit button must be clicked. You will get another screen confirming that you have been registered and you will be automatically in the system. You can then logout and log back in with your username and password that you created when you registered.

Another way to register, simply click on the sign in to bid button which takes you to the registration form to complete. This registration form has personal information and credit card information that is to be completed. After that you can start bidding. Remember to sign out after bidding.

**Note:** Whenever you return to the site your username will appear. Once you find the username and click in the box, just tab to get to the password box and type in your password and tab to sign in box and hit your enter key.

**How to place a Bid.** Bids can be made by clicking on view all items. Next, you click or tab to the item in which you wish to place a bid. The screen that will appear is the screen with the item in which you wish to bid. Click on or tab to the sign in to bid button and press enter. The screen that will appear is the screen where you enter your username and password if you have not entered prior to signing in to bid. If you have signed in with your username and password, you just need to click or tab to the item in which you wish to bid and place the amount in which you wish to bid and click or tab to the place a bid button and press enter. If you have not added your credit card information, you will need to do so at this time. Your credit card information can be done at this time by clicking on or tabbing to the Add New Credit Card link that will take you to the credit card form to complete. All fields must be filled out on the credit card form. When complete click save or tab to save

and press enter.

Thank you, Dena Wilson, Director of Development, 2200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 650, Arlington, VA. 22201, Main: (202)467-5081, Direct: (202) 559-2045, [dwilson@acb.org](mailto:dwilson@acb.org).

## **Disability Law Center Survey**

Each year, the Disability Law Center (DLC), seeks input from the community on a variety of issues impacting the more than 400,000 people with disabilities in Utah. One way that we do this is through an anonymous on-line survey. The information we receive helps us identify and address the issues that you feel are most important. In order for us to hear from as many people as possible, we ask that you send the link to this survey to your friends, family, colleagues -- or anyone who may be interested in the issues impacting the lives of Utahns with disabilities.

Again, this survey is anonymous and should take you less than 5 minutes to complete. If you need help with this survey, please call Eric Mitchell at 1-800-662-9080 (Voice) or 1-800-550-4182 (TTY). To make sure your survey counts, please complete it by July 24, 2009. We will post the results from the survey on our website in September. Thanks! To take the survey, go to link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=knXnvay2mZ8kLTFAaNOUUA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=knXnvay2mZ8kLTFAaNOUUA_3d_3d)

## **The Buddy Program**

### Veterans On The Move, The Buddy Program

Troy Roper introduces Veterans On The Move / The Buddy Program, to the VA. on June 25, 2009. Troy Roper introduced the concept of the Buddy Program to the Veterans Administration Medical Facility in Salt Lake City.

The Buddy Program is attempting a lifestyle change encouraging independence through the use public transportation fixed routes.

The Buddy Program is a series of exercise sessions made up of 6, four hour sessions. The first session is an introductory session. The remaining four sessions will be based upon desired destinations. The last session is a customized session specific to the Veteran's needs/wants.

Each session is designed to take the mystery out of riding fixed routes ( Buses, Trax and Frontrunner). The Buddy Program is not a mobility class, it is a class in public transportation useage. For additional information email Troy Roper at [troyroper@xmission.com](mailto:troyroper@xmission.com)

## **Power Wheelchair Repairs**

Do you or someone you love use a power wheelchair? If so, you may have had need of an experienced repair person. You may wish to make note of the following information:

Lyle Wilkinson is available for work on power wheelchairs. His father is a user of a power wheelchair, and Lyle is eager to help others using these types of chairs. He has spent 20 years working on forklifts, and has said the controls used for forklifts are pretty much the same as those used in power wheelchairs. Give Lyle a call and check out his prices. He may even be up for some negotiation! Contact for Lyle is: Cell phone 801-604-6876, Home phone: 801-266-1504.

## **Happenings Books**

The UCB will once again be selling Happenings Books beginning in August. They are \$20. You'll need to include an extra \$3.50 for shipping, if you want it sent to you. The books, as you know, have coupons in them for reduced or buy-one-get-one free, services and meals. There's fine dining and fast foods, as well as many other eating establishments located in the middle. The hotels and travel savings are excellent and extend to some out of state attractions.

During this time of escalating costs and less money to go around, these books are great to use for the occasional night out. The Utah State Fair is usually included in the book, as well as, movies, dry cleaning, ski resorts, swimming and water slide activities to name a few. Call 801-292-1156 to reserve your copy or leave your order on the Utah Connection. The funds raised from the sale of these books are used to help provide the UCB programs available to you.

## **Simply Fun Games**

Friday, July 17, 2009, come join us for food and Simply fun games at the Division of Services for the Blind, 1950 West 250 North in Salt Lake. We'll eat at 5:30 PM and games will follow. Not only will there be the fun of the games but you might discover birthday or Christmas gifts for your family and friends.

## **August Activity**

On August 1, the UCB will be offering a very unusual experience for anyone wanting to be a part of our group. At 9:00 a.m., a bus will pick up people at the north/west corner (this is an easier access area for the bus) of the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, it will continue on to pick up another group at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1950 West 250 North in Salt Lake. Parking is available here, for anyone wishing to park and ride the bus. At 9:30 a.m., the bus will take off for Thanksgiving Point where everyone will take a carriage ride around the grounds. At approximately 11:30 a.m., everyone will again board the bus and be taken to American Fork for chicken at KFC. We'll eat on the bus as we travel to the Bean Museum.

The Bean Museum is at BYU and displays every kind of animal. There is no entrance fee. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a show about reptiles. Arrangements are being made for some hands on experience. There are many displays at this museum contained on several floors of the building. We'll remain here until 3:30 p.m. to allow the group enough time to experience all they can. 3:30 p.m. is the time we will load the bus for our return trip to Salt Lake City. We will follow a reverse course of delivery locations. People may want to arrange for cabs to take them home in case of time differences in travel. With the traffic, one never knows about travel times.

Everyone is expected to send \$8 per person for the bus ride and the carriage ride by July 29th. An additional \$5 must be included if you wish to order a two piece chicken dinner at KFC. In the interest of time, we will order the food in advance. If you wish something other than a two piece white chicken meal you must indicate and send the appropriate money with your reservation.

If interest is too limited, this event may be cancelled. Listen to the connection for further information. Send your money and reservations to 1301 W. 500 S. Woods Cross, UT 84087.

## **Media Swap and Sale**

On August 29, 2009, at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1950 West 250 North in Salt Lake, from 10:AM to 2:PM, a media swap and sale will take place. Tables will be available for UCB members at \$10 each and for general public vendors at \$20 each to set up all sources of media items, CD's,

DVD's, VHS movies, Braille books, Talking books, Large print books and anything else you might have in this form to sell or swap. Individuals are welcome to sell for their own benefit and the UCB will sell as a fund raiser.

If you have items of the above mentioned you're not interested in selling yourself and would like to donate for our fund raising efforts, we encourage your donations and will sell them at our table. Please contact Sandy England at 801-282-1905 at home or on her cell phone at 801-634-8002. The public is encouraged to come and share. We welcome their involvement and encourage their participation always.

Lunch will be available at a reasonable price and a bake sale will be a part of the fund raiser. If you have items you would be willing to donate for the bake sale, again, please contact Sandy England.

Please, items donated to this fund raising effort should be in good condition, ie; all pages in books or tapes in working condition. Thank you, and we hope to see everyone there.

## **Let's Go Four-Wheeling**

Have you ever been four wheeling? Do you want to go four wheeling? Would you like to drive a vehicle? Circle the 12<sup>th</sup> of September as the date to join us for lots of excitement and adventure! That's Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. For more information, check the Utah Connection, or call 801-299-8522.

## **White Cane Safety Day**

On our Nation's designated White Cane Safety Day, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, join us to help educate the public about the needs of pedestrians. For more information, check upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions or suggestions, leave them on the Utah Connection.

## **Holiday Gift Creating**

November 7, 2009 will be a day you'll want to mark on your calendar and set aside. We'll be creating gifts for family and friends, even yourselves. Cathy Stevens, owner of Jewlz, a gem and jewelry shop in Clearfield will visit us and teach those interested how to create their own personal designs in jewelry. Bracelets, earrings, and other jewelry creations will be offered in an all-day class on

wire wrapping. Wire-wrapped pendants are amazingly beautiful and learning how to make them should be great fun. Other projects will be available this day, one of which will be the Hershey Kiss Roses. The day is sure to be filled with fun and excitement of all the treasures you can make for your holiday surprises. Join us!!

## **UCB Christmas Party**

This is it, the UCB Christmas Party. Can you believe it's already time to be thinking about the CHRISTMAS PARTY? The details are being put together to make it a great time for everyone. Make sure you plan and prepare to be there. December 5, 2009. We need volunteers to participate and help make this the best party of the year. If you are willing to volunteer leave your information on the Connection.

## **Reader Program**

Did you know that the UCB offers a special service to members which provides reimbursement for a personal reader to read to you? The best thing about this service is that you pick the reader, not a family member, to read your mail, special interest items, or whatever you need read. The cost to you is your membership and \$15 a month for ten hours of reading. The UCB will pay your reader for 10 hours of reading at \$5 an hour. This is a slight increase from what was offered in the past. You do not have to use ten hours a month, and if you wish you can request what you'd like at \$1.50 per hour. Ten hours is the maximum per blind or visually impaired member each month.

It is important that you select someone you trust to read and help complete your paper work. The UCB has sponsored this program for more than ten years. The hope is that you can deal with your individual business in an independent manner with this small amount of help.

From time to time the UCB receives requests from individuals wanting to assist, that we can refer, but for the most part, we hope you can locate your own. We don't run background checks and cannot be responsible for those that offer their services. This is important when you are dealing with private personal matters and need someone you can trust.

If you wish to sign up for this service call 801-292-1156 and we will give you more information to get you started. You can also send the appropriate amount of money to 1301 W. 500 S., Woods Cross, UT 84087 and we will send you the

hourly coupons and the form for your reader to fill out and return to request reimbursement of their time.

## **UCB Credit Union**

You may be aware now that with state budget cuts there is no longer money for assistive technology for people who are disabled. However, the UCB Credit Union still has low interest loans for you to be able to purchase the technology you need. The dividends are still better than those paid by banks. The bill paying service is still available to all members. We invite you to call 801 220-0800 and talk to John or Teresa about becoming a member and taking advantage of the financial benefits.

## **Save the Date**

On September 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Tri-county Independent Living Center will be hosting a day of information, games and food for people who have a disability. Adaptations and information will be available for people who are blind. They are looking for anyone who would like to participate in a Dutch Oven Cook Off. Call 801-292-1156 if this interests you. The UCB will organize transportation for those who would like to attend.

## **The Passing of a Past President**

By Leslie Gertsch

Many of you may not be aware that Pat Golden, formerly Pat Golden Gann, passed away on June 12. Pat not only served two terms as president of the UCB, but she also filled just about every other position in the organization serving as secretary, vice-chair and board member. Although it took her away from her family, she served several times as delegate for the UCB at the ACB convention and at Washington D.C. sessions. She also represented the organization on the Advisory Council to the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Community Shares. In addition, she spoke for the blind on UTA's CAT committee and represented the UCB on the Martin Luther King committee. She shared her expertise on behalf of the blind on the Board of directors of Utah Industries for the Blind (UIB) and the Utah State Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. In addition to these responsibilities, she maintained her

connections with her secretaries group, organized and started an organization called "Amputees in Motion" when she lost her legs from complications with diabetes. She served as President of the UCB Credit Union, as a board member and was the chair of the Credit Committee up to the day she died. Because of this, Pat's knowledge was great and her value to the community was unlimited.

Pat told me that she lost her sight in 1987. For a while she was totally blind, but later some of her sight returned. She was so determined to get back to living, she had her mother drop her off at the Center for the Blind to begin training on her way home from the hospital. Later as other medical problems arose she maintained the same attitude of "I will overcome". In the last years of her life she survived heart surgery, eye surgery, two amputations, and numerous infections because of diabetes. Pat believed she was one of the longest living diabetics, having been diagnosed with the disease at age five. She was nearly 63 when she died.

Shortly after Pat completed her training at the Center for the Blind she contacted me and asked if she could use her secretarial skills to help the organization. I was delighted. Pat soon became a scribe for writing grants and composing correspondence. This continued until computers became more accessible and then she branched out in other directions, including starting her own business. Pat was a good friend and a tremendous support whether acting in an official capacity or as a friend. She was a strong advocate for all disabilities as well as for her friends. The really great thing is that she was not afraid to risk her own feelings to protect those of others. Her sympathy was boundless, but she would not tolerate a "give up" attitude. Her motto was kick but in a nice way first and then in a forceful way if that did not work.

Pat was extremely proud of her Irish heritage. She had a brother and Sister of whom she was proud even when they were at odds. Her two children who are now grown were always in her thoughts and have been always loved above all things. Her care for them and later her grandsons was always first in her life. Family was of the most importance and then came her larger family of friends and the community of the blind.

For me, Pat will always represent the indomitable spirit of man kind. She was also a perfect example of enduring to the end and doing it well. During the last year Pat was forced to make her residence in an assistive care unit. This was never supposed to happen to her. She loved her independence too well. The really frustrating thing about this center was that it was not easily accessed by transportation. Instead of whining and bemoaning her situation, or even withdrawing into herself, Pat began organizing the other people living there. She helped plan activities and offered her vast knowledge of services to help others. She

continued to act as Loan committee chair by telephone and she offered her skills at networking to everyone right up to the end. Pat will always be a shining example of how to live life in spite of the hard knocks which face us all no matter who we are. Thank you, Pat for sharing your life with us and thank you Pat's family for sharing your mom and sister with us.

## **DVD, "The Miracle Worker"**

This DVD fundraising project is important to the ACB and the Blind and Visually Impaired. We want to emphasize how important it is that we do a great job in getting folks to purchase their copy of "The Miracle Worker" at the [www.adinternational.org](http://www.adinternational.org) website. There are three overarching reasons:

1 - each sale benefits ACB--a significant portion of the selling price goes right back to ACB;

2 - if we can show the DVD distributor that the addition of a described soundtrack, can result in increased sales, we stand an excellent chance of having the opportunity to describe additional DVDs (for which ACB receives a fee) and benefitting from the same profit-sharing arrangement plan on the sales of each subsequent described DVD;

3 - this entire effort is being viewed by other DVD producers as a test case of sorts, the first time a distributor is able to measure sales that can be attributed to the addition of a described soundtrack--if we are successful, if we can show that adding description is profitable to DVD producers, we have an excellent chance to become a description provider for a wide range of DVDs.

So permit us to offer a challenge: by Convention time, can each ACB affiliate have its members do all they can so that the affiliate tallies sales of 100 copies or more? I think we can do it!

**THE MIRACLE WORKER** on DVD with closed captioning and audio description produced by the American Council of the Blind's Audio Description Project. This 30th ANNIVERSARY EDITION, 1ST TIME ON DVD, Honoring Helen Keller's 129th birthday-June 27, 2009, **THE MIRACLE WORKER, STARRING MELISSA GILBERT AND EMMY-WINNING ACTRESS PATTY DUKE** as "Annie Sullivan".

Based on the 1962 classic starring Patty Duke (as "Helen Keller"), this 1979 television remake stars Melissa Gilbert as "Helen Keller" and Patty Duke as her tutor, "Annie Sullivan", Winner of 3 Emmy Awards including Outstanding Drama and Outstanding Lead Actress for Patty Duke.

Helen Keller was the young girl who was blind, deaf, and mute since infancy. She was in danger of being sent to an institution, that is, until a persistent and outspoken teacher named Annie Sullivan came into her life. Together they taught one another the values of patience, tolerance and compassion. Together they made the name Helen Keller synonymous with the education of people who are blind and deaf around the world.

Go to: [www.adinternational.org](http://www.adinternational.org) and click on "The Miracle Worker" links to purchase your copy today-a significant portion of each purchase made via this link benefits the American Council of the Blind!

## **St George Cab Information**

Comments have been received from three or four of our patrons in the St. George area that there is a cab service problem there. It has been thought an over-charging problem may exist, that an assumption of a drop rate of \$6 was being charged in error. Thinking there might be a communication error a call was made to the cab companies in St George to get the current information. The suggestion was then made that it should be printed in our Newsletter.

There are two cab companies in St. George. Both are regulated by the city council. There is a minimum drop rate of \$1.30 or close to that, but they both charge a minimum ride fee. If you want to go across the street the fee would be the minimum ride fee of \$6.00. This is regulated by the fair practices according to the city council. All the taxis are metered so none are charging a flat fee and the rate is the same as Salt Lake about \$2.50 a mile depending on traffic and waiting time. This means a 7-8 mile trip will cost approximately \$20 dollars. Once the six dollar minimum is reached on any trip the meter kicks in and the regular metered fee is charged.

Quality Cab has 4 cars working at all times with one dispatcher. They claim their response time to be between 15 and 20 minutes. Taxi USA is a one man business. It can work one and sometimes two cars. The owner is the dispatcher and often the driver as well.

## **Jury Duty Scam**

This has been verified by the FBI (their link is also included below). Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summonses for jury duty

seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator.. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo; your identity was just stolen. The fraud has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado. This (swindle) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. **Check it out here:**[http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury\\_scams060206.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm) **And here:** <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp> **Yep! It's true Please make sure and pass this on!**

## **Utah Connection/Listening Ear**

An exciting change is coming to the Utah Connection. During certain times of the day or week, which specific times are yet to be determined, calling the Utah Connection/Listening Ear numbers will connect you to a live person. This will give you the opportunity to ask questions or learn more about services. We are also hoping that this live line will be of service to persons around the state who have vision questions. At this time, the phone numbers will remain the same: 801-299-0670 for people living from Roy to the southern edge of Salt Lake County, and 1-800-273-4569 for anyone living outside of this local area.

## **Symphony Thanks**

This Symphony season has come to an end and, oh, what a season it's been. I'm sure, for those of you who have been able to take advantage of the tickets donated you agree with me, that the evenings of entertainment have been well worth the time spent. I don't know about you, but as for me, the ability to be able to set the woes of life aside and take the evening off to just relax and absorb myself in the music of the night has been great. The variety of the music offered was vast and the experience of the conductors was a treat to be sure. The method used to insure those wanting the opportunity to experience the Symphony seemed to work well for everyone. I didn't hear any complaints. We sincerely thank the donor of the tickets

and appreciate his willingness to share the Symphony. If this opportunity continues in the future we will certainly let you know. Call Linda Collins at 801-296-1400 or email [symphony2009@live.com](mailto:symphony2009@live.com) if you have any comments or questions.

## **COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

### **FYI**

A-B Taxi is available in the Layton area. Joe is the owner and looking to fill our needs for transportation. Timed appointments, doctor, etc. must be made in advance. If you have an interest in using these services call 801-678-7166. There are cab coupons available through the UCB.

### **Ogden Association of the Blind**

The Ogden Association of the Blind would like everyone to be aware of their calendar for the year 2009. Everyone is invited to attend their activities. Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Deaf/Blind School in Ogden at 1:PM. There are no meetings in July and August. For answers to any questions or for membership information please call Sandy Gibson at 801-732-8900. Social classes are held on a monthly basis and Connie Joy can be contacted for questions you might have about those at 801-621-2849. These are held at 6:30 PM and materials are furnished free of charge.

### **USDB Advisory Council Positions**

Please be advised that we are searching for individuals to fill two openings on the USDB Advisory Council.

1. Parent of a Blind or Visually Impaired Student Being Served at USDB.
2. Parent of a Deaf/blind Student Being Served at USDB or a Deaf/blind Individual.

Contact information is listed to obtain nomination forms to be completed and returned no later than Friday July 17, 2009. Be sure if you are nominating someone that you have their permission to do so. In addition, the candidate must attach background information relating to their individual interest in and knowledge of the needs and education of those in their area of interest.

Please make this information available to anyone you know that might be interested.

*Many thanks, Betty Hall CPS, Executive Assistant, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, 742 Harrison Blvd., Ogden, UT 84404, Phone (801) 629-4712, Fax (801) 649-4896, [bettyh@usdb.org](mailto:bettyh@usdb.org)*

## **Technology Assistance**

Limited funds are available to assist people who would like to purchase adaptive equipment. Members of the UCB can submit a request for assistance in purchasing assistive technology. The committee will conduct a needs analysis to make sure each request qualifies. Each member will agree to pay a portion of the purchase price and the UCB will pay the remaining amount. Members can come up with their portion on their own, or they can request an adaptive equipment loan from the UCB Credit Union at only 3% interest. Once all the requirements are met the equipment can be purchased. For information and to make a request contact Sandy England at 801-282-1905, email [syeangel@comcast.net](mailto:syeangel@comcast.net) or Tammie Hansen at 801-265-3460, (no calls after 9:PM), email [tammiehansen@smartfella.com](mailto:tammiehansen@smartfella.com).

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