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### April 2012

With Spring sprouting there is much to do. **Upcoming Events:** 

MagnifEyed Living Seminar, "Social and Emotional Aspects of Vision Loss," April 19, 2012! 9:00 am to noon, this free event is a good time to learn, meet folks, and discover new resources. Naomi Tuttle, instructor for Hadley School for the Blind and co-author of Self-Esteem and Adjusting with Blindness, will talk about her family's experience with vision loss. Where: Connections for Independent Living 1331 8th Ave., Greeley, CO \*Space is limited, so make your reservation today by calling (970) 407-9999.

"Your Vision Matters" Vision After 55 Low Vision and Blindness Fair Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins Keynote Speaker Dr. Deanna Alexander, O.D., F.A.A.O. Guest Speaker Chef Theresa Sherwood, Culinary Arts Graduate \$5.00 Registration Fee Includes All Presentations, Speakers, Demonstrations, & Culinary Creations RSVP by April 30<sup>th</sup> 970-988-8363.

"Co-Pilots" is a non-profit program that gives blind and low-vision individuals bicycling experience in a fun and safe environment. Free rides for low vision/blind individuals and other disabled individuals, volunteers and tandems needed. Rides take place on Friday evenings. All ability levels are welcome to participate. Please RSVP 970.224.5857.

All rides will meet at New World Sports: The Gearage 244 N. College Ave

 April 27 (F) 4:30pm "Spring Creek West"

#### **Upcoming Support Groups**

The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet April 26th. The topic for both Fort Collins and Denver will be "Computer technology for low vision" and will feature guest speaker Joseph Wheaton of Techy Joe's Computer Solutions. Come learn about screen magnification and screen reading software programs that make the computer easier to see and use. The E-Squared group meets from 10-11:30am on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Ensight Skills Center.

The Denver E-Squared and Support Group will meet next on Wednesday April 18 from 10-11:30. The group will meet the 3rd Wed of every month at our Denver office located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. Building 3 Suite 012 in Denver. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.

The Loveland group will meet again May 3rd from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. Our topic will be, "Transportation Options". This group is open to the community and not just for Sugar Valley residents. Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.

Greeley Group is still on a small hiatus but will continue meeting soon. This group meets at Curtis Strong in Greeley, located at 918 13th Street, Suite 4.

 If you would like to receive an e-mail or telephone reminder about the next support group meeting just let us know and

we'll put you on the reminder list.

 For more information about our new look "E-Squared" support group meetings give us a call at 970-407-9999. Ensight Skills Center:970-407-9999
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# Acknowledgement

Did you know that we have some fantastic supporters?! If it wasn't for all of you it would be extremely difficult to provide much needed services and resources for the underserved low vision population of Colorado. You are all "Champions of the Blind". We would like to extend a special thank you to Lions Clubs of District 6C for their donation to Ensight a few months ago. Your support is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Also, this month Ensight was fortunate to receive contributions from the South Weld County Lions Club as well as a grant from the Delta Gamma Foundation. This money will do BIG things. If you are interested in a speaker send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody.

## Serving the Low-Vision Community Since 2001!

## **Ensight's Consignment Program**

Ensight is looking for any used assistive technology components that are in need of a home. If you are in possession of a CCTV or low vision aides and would like to get rid of them we have a great program. Bring the equipment into Ensight and we will put it on consignment. Once we sell it you will get a percentage back. This is a great way for us to find affordable equipment that we can pass along to our clients. If you have questions about dropping off, picking up, or the consignment process call Ensight:970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

#### **Ensight's E-Newsletter**

Did you know that we can send our Ensight newsletter right to your email? If interested in switching to our e-newsletter please send a request to Melody@ensightskills.org and we will switch you right away.