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1. Greetings for all at Campbell's Kingdom!

Hello and Happy 2016 to all! Campbell, Bob Cat, and I are back, and hoping you had an awesome beginning to your New Year. We had our very own New Year's Eve party, and have posted about it on our blog. I did some real self-discovery on New Year's Eve and have been truly amazed by the results I've gotten so far with the new goals I made for this year.

What about you? What goals did you set for this awesome New Year? If you like, please write to us, and share one or two. We can talk about them throughout the year, and see how many of us get at least one thing we wish to accomplish done.

In the meantime, here is an affirmation to think about for the month.

"The world is not perfect, and so I need not be perfect"

On that note I'd like to share with you my thoughts on what I think the mission statement for The Neighborhood News should be. Remember this isn't the statement, just thoughts and ideas. I'd really like your feedback.

Mission Statement

The mission of The Neighborhood News? Simple!

I want to create a safe place for people to learn and grow together. A 'Neighborhood' if you will, of people who are connected but unique in their own way as well.

A place where I can not only share what I learn and know, but where you, the people living in 'Neighborhoods' all over the world can write in and talk about what you know! What you're learning! And doing as well.

There are some slight changes to this month's issue so please? Read the entire newsletter this time. I know from my own Newsletter reading experience that we skip things like Products and Services, Administrative Details, etc after we've been through them a time or two. Those things don't always change month to month, this month however there are a few new items I'd like you to note. Changes in price, and a few comments I'd like to have feedback on if you please?

I want to make this a community of love, acceptance education and fun.

Come along and go with me, and let us see what we can see, and what we can be! We are one, yet we are we!"

I guess this won't get me a bestseller, but it sure is a lot of fun.

I hope it is for you as well. If it is not, help me make it so.

Blessid Be.

2. Treat of the Month

This month's Treat of the Month comes from an Email list I'm on called Soulful Eating. If you follow the link at the bottom of this offering you will find a link to all the Email lists. This fine lady offers. GrannyMoon is a dear friend and teacher to me.

I hope you enjoy this as much as did I. It seems rather appropriate for this time of year.

Finding Your Next Step in Life

The Most Fulfilling Road

by Madisyn Taylor

It is when you are willing to listen to yourself and be fearless that figuring out your next step becomes easy.

Our lives are made up of a complex network of pathways that we can use to move from one phase of life to the next. For some of us, our paths are wide, smooth, and clearly marked. Many people, however, find that they have a difficult time figuring out where they need to go next. Determining which “next step” will land you on the most direct route to fulfillment and the realization of your life purpose may not seem easy.

There are many ways to discover what the next step on your life path should be. If you are someone who seeks to satisfy your soul, it is vital that you make this inquiry. Often, your inner voice will counsel you that it’s time for a change, and it is very important to trust yourself because only you know what is best for you. Personal growth always results when you let yourself expand beyond the farthest borders of what your life has been so far. When figuring out what your next step will be, you may want to review your life experiences. The choices you’ve made and the dreams you’ve held onto can give you an idea of what you don’t want to do anymore and what you might like to do next. It is also a good idea to think about creative ways you can use your skills and satisfy your passions. Visualizing your perfect future and making a list of ways to manifest that future can help you choose a logical next step that’s in harmony with your desires. Meditation, journal writing, Taking! a class, and other creative activities may inspire you and provide insight regarding the next step in life that will bring you the most satisfaction.

It is when you are willing to listen to yourself and be fearless that figuring out your next step becomes easy. Beneath the fear and hesitation and uncertainty lies your inner knowing that always knows which step you need to take next. If you can allow the taking of your next step to be as easy as putting one foot in front of the next, you’ll notice that your next step is always the one that is right in front of you. All you have to do is put one foot forward and on the ground.

Goddess Blessings!

GrannyMoon

<http://GoddessSchool.com>

***** Comments Welcome*****

3. Neighborhood News

Recap:

As Campbell and I have already reported, we have had our book Campbell’s Rambles for sale out at *I Love Books* in the Kingsport Town Center. We told you last month that the books had begun to sell. Well, folks, they all sold out, and the manager of the store has bought more, and so first I’d really like to thank all of you who have either bought books from there or who have helped to spread the word about them being there. I encourage you to please visit this awesome book store soon, and if you’ve not already done so, buy a book. If you’ve already got a copy of our book, then by all means, stop by and buy one for a friend, or loved one. The very awesome manager of the store will be more than glad to take care of you.

He will even give credit to me for an online sale if you request my book from his website. Check out: <http://www.kingsportbookstore.com/> today!

Campbell and I recently stopped by and signed copies of the books that were bought to replace those that sold out. So there are signed copies just waiting to be bought and read once again. We're always happy to sign a book if you have one and it hasn't been signed and you'd like to have it done, drop me a line, we'll find a convenient spot to meet and sign it for you.

We also still have books with another local business. **That's Dilly's Curiosity Shop**, at 1121 N. Eastman Road in Kingsport, Tennessee, in the Greenacres Shopping Center. Should you ever find yourself in their neck of the woods, stop in and say hi. Tell 'em Patty and Campbell sent you! Their attractive website: <http://www.dillyshop.com/>

By the way, if you enjoy The Neighborhood News, you're bound to enjoy Dilly's Curiosity Shop's newsletter as well. Make sure to take a look at their website, and sign up today!

Speaking of Dilly's, Campbell and I were there selling and signing books on December 15th.. We began around 2-PM that afternoon. If for some reason you'd hoped to join us that day but something stopped you, you can still get in on the action. All you have to do is either go by their North Eastman RD location and pick one up, or, go to the website shown here, and request a book. They will be happy to sell one to you.

See their website for more info, and if you wish to donate directly to The Seeing Eye see: <http://www.TheSeeingEye.org>

Another thing going on here in The Neighborhood:

Campbell and I have a new Facebook page called Campbell's Rambles. It's for the promotion of books, ezines, blogs, Facebook pages, and groups. We are always putting up new things, so make sure to stop by and take a look, and invite your friends to like it as well. We are happy to promote folks other than ourselves, so be sure to stop by. Share a link, a blog post, or anything you think will help get the word out about whatever it is that you love to do. If it's your passion, we want to help let everyone know!

Speaking of blogs! Campbell's World continues growing by leaps and bounds. If you take a chance, and click the link below, you will discover an awesome world like no other you've visited before.

There you will read about the treasures Campbell, Bob Cat and I find as we live our lives together each day in The Campbell Kingdom. There will be episodes of Campbell's Calamities, writings from our adventures as we go through our daily activities and we will also talk about the struggles that those with disabilities of all kinds face each day. Again, there will be something for everyone.

So take a breath, gather your nerve, and click today <https://campbellsworld.wordpress.com/>

We Dare You!

If you have something you've written that you'd like to post as a guest writer on my blog, shoot me an Email to the address given in Administrative Details.

Also, with Bob Cat's help, we have created a Facebook group called Bob Cat and Friends. This is similar to the group Campbell's Corner: the Comfort Zone. The purpose of these groups is to give people a place to go and write, to talk about things that are important to them. It's a place where cat and dog lovers alike can go to discuss their similarities and unique differences, to let their hair down, put their feet up, and relax and be themselves. It's a place where they can bring their furry friends along if they like. No furry friends? You're still welcome. So look us up today!

One last thing to share is that an episode of Campbell's Calamities, called "**Rescued**" (which is also slated to be Chapter Two in my second book, *The Raw Truth: Campbell's Rambles, Book Two*), has been included in an anthology. The name of the anthology is - *Awethology Dark*. There is a second volume with lots of great stories as well called *Awethology Light* – suitable for those under 18 yrs of age.

See Products and Services for the full advert I am very excited about having my work published with the work of other authors, some of whom have been published before. Included in the book will be my book, bio, and website information.

*****FYI*****

The Anthology is now out and ready for purchase. We apologize for the oversight of leaving out the buying links in last month's issue, and can assure you they're in this month's.

I'm still a bit amazed to be the recipient of such wonderful blessings in my life at the present time. Even with the struggles that Campbell and I have faced, we are still experiencing each month the most awesome things that we have ever known in our world before. We are truly happy to be able to share them with you in *The Neighborhood News*.

We are also on the hunt for new and interesting things to write about. All topics are welcome. One of the things we'd like would be to be able to interview both staff and students from different guide dog schools. While I am a strong supporter of '*The Seeing Eye*,' I have come to realize the benefit of having different schools around the country. More and more, I am learning that one school doesn't always fit all. If you'd be interested in participating in this project, email me at the email address given in Administrative Details.

We would seriously like to hear from all of you. If you're not comfortable with an outright interview how about writing a literary submission and tell your own tale? Either way would be fabulous!

We're also on the hunt for persons who get around with other forms of mobility equipment, Canes, Wheel-Chairs, etc. We want to know what types of challenges you face, and how you think things can be made better in your neighborhood.

If you have anything going on in your world that you'd like to be interviewed about, or if you know of a neat organization, group, person, or event you'd like to see profiled in an interview, or literary submission such as the one Sam sent us last month give me a shout out. My contact information is below, in the Administrative Details.

*****FYI***!**

I have had a request. I have a reader who has requested that I locate a person from the Perkins School For the Blind and interview them about their time there, what it was like etc. If anyone

reading would like to participate, or knows of someone they think might be a good choice for such, please let me know.

What's New?

This month I have something special to share. A Sunday or two just before the New Year a couple of articles came out in the Kingsport Times News. You have read here about I love books, and of the Northeast Tennessee disABILITY Resource Center here many times. In the Sunday Supplement a few weeks back there were articles about both, and I am honored to share them with you. I do have one disclaimer to print. In the article about I Love Books, the information they have about me is incorrect. I am no longer Volunteer Coordinator for Contact Concern, and I was never fully sighted. I only had limited sight before losing it all in 1991. Otherwise this is very good. I hope you enjoy, and will provide feedback both to me and the reporters who did the articles.

Kingsport Times News; Sunday December 20, 2014: Sunday Stories Supplement.

Make “Be Loyal, Buy Local” More Than Just a Slogan!

By Katherine Scoggins

For months, Dr. T. Glen Moody has been using the “**Be Loyal Buy Local**” slogan to promote his bookstore, **I Love Books**, located on the upper level (near JCPenney) of the Kingsport Town Center (formerly the Fort Henry Mall). Well, dear readers, the holiday season is upon us and Dr. Moody is pulling out all the stops and promoting more local authors and books than ever before!

First up are the books published by the Kingsport Times News: “*Soldier Stories From East Tennessee To Southwest Virginia*,” “*Kingsport and the People of the Holston River Valley-Volume 2*,” “*Game Time! The Spirit of Sports of the Holston River Valley*” and “*Fun Fest-270 Days of Fun*.”

Continuing along the route of regional emphasis are “*Historic Sullivan County: Sullivan County, Tennessee*” by Oliver Taylor, “*A Romance of Industry*” by Howard Long, and “*A History of Scott County Virginia*” by Robert Addington.

These last three books are exhaustive in their knowledge of the subject matter. The Scott County volume covers from the time that Scott Co. was a territory claimed by the French prior to 1763 through 1930. It also contains a fascinating history of “*Old-Time*” schools. Jack Goins of Rogersville has written a most extensive history of the Melungeons, a mysterious ethnic clan of the Northeast Tennessee mountains.

Perhaps the longest list of literary offerings are by well-known local and regional authors. Jan Karon (of “*Mitford*” fame) has a new book called “*Come Rain or Come Shine*,” and her first book, “*At Home In Mitford*,” is now available for the first time in hardback.

Patty Fletcher, volunteer coordinator for 211-Contact Concern of Northeast Tennessee, has released her first book, “*Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*,” a story of incidents and anecdotes of the many changes in life, especially for a previously sighted person.

Lisa Alther has just released a new book about the politics, history, sociology and artistic facets of women, entitled “*About Women*,” co-authored with well-known French author Francoise

Gilot.

Books by regional authors Leigh Anne Hoover, Rita Sims Quillen and J.S. Moore, as well as books by national authors from the area like Carol Bradley, Cindy Sproles and Adriana Trigiani continue to sell well. As a result of a recent book signing by local author Cindy Ketron, Dr. Moody is offering a full money back plus \$5 guarantee if you read Ketron's book within 90 days and it doesn't have an impact on you.

For the racing fans on your gift list, Dave McGee offers "*A History of East Tennessee Auto Racing.*" David Oaks' fictional second novel, "*Force In the Mountains,*" is now available, and Joe Tennis is doing his part to encourage "*Hitting the Roads,*" with "*Virginia Rail Trails,*" "*Sullivan County in the Images of America Series,*" and "*Highway 58.*"

If you are getting a little hungry driving around in all that fresh air, be sure to check out Fred Sauceman's popular "*Buttermilk and Bible Burgers: More Stories from the Kitchens of Appalachia,*" part cookbook, part collection of stories, this book will remind you why you love the South.

Yes, there are a lot of exciting things happening at **I Love Books** Bookstore in Kingsport. If you're trying to find just the perfect gift for Aunt Sue and Uncle Clyde, check out all that I Love Books has to offer: 250 choices of teas, local honey and jams, essential oils, organic herbs and spices, bookbinding, and rare and collectible antiquarian books.

Also, the bookstore has a new "**Sibling Company**" in **Bays Mountain Press**. The current calendar, "*Bays Mountain: The Mountain, The River, The City,*" is available at I Love Books, Wallace News, the Downtown Kingsport Association, and Berry's Pharmacy for \$9.95. There are plans to expand the offerings substantially for 2017, with calendars featuring Historic Kingsport; Scott County, Va.; Hawkins County; regional horse breeds; Clinchfield Railroad; Old Time Music and Bluegrass Bands; and they are open to other suggestions.

For more information, call 423-378-5859, visit www.ILoveBooksBookstore.com email them at bookstore@charter.net , or like them on Facebook.

disAbility Research Center launches CareWorks

New program reaches out to community members with disabilities who are striving to live independently **By Chelsey Bishop**

For a person with disabilities, living independently presents special challenges that may require assistance before achieving that goal. **The disAbility Research Center** provides support, services and advocacy to enable those in our community who have disabilities to live independent and meaningful lives.

The resource center recently launched a new program called **CareWorks**, which is a non-medical, home- and community based service that helps people with disabilities and seniors stay in their homes with the support and services they need. The program, according to community coordinator Tyler Venable, will meet a demand in our area for personal care attendants. The service includes appointment and medication time reminders; assistance with bathing, dress and grooming; errand running; laundry; light housekeeping; meal planning and preparation; and phone calls for support.

The agency recently held its first holiday event for clients at its office, located at 112 East

Myrtle Avenue in Johnson City. Guests enjoyed holiday activities, refreshments and door prizes generously donated by local businesses for the event.

“It’s a great social gathering for our clients to get together to celebrate the holidays,” said Venable. “We’re grateful for the businesses who donated their time and money to do this for us.” said Venable.

The resource center provides a broad range of services for people with disabilities. When the scope of the person’s goals is outside of the center’s abilities or resources, they will help the person network with another organization in the community to meet that goal. They offer independent living skills trainings that teach everything from budgeting, house hunting and social skills to learning how to relate to one another and work as a team. They offer advocacy for people with disabilities by educating the community and the people with the disabilities themselves about their rights, and encourage them to stand up for themselves. They have a peer support program that meets in the warmer months that gives people with disabilities a chance to socialize and gain strategies from peers. They offer job placement services for all ages of clients and supported employment services for youth clients. They also offer transition services for those who move from institutional settings, such as nursing homes or high school, to their own homes and into their lives as independent adults.

“Independent living is about individuals setting goals for themselves based upon their own desires and aspirations. The resource center is here to provide those individuals with the necessary guidance and resources to achieve those goals,” said Venable.

“Persons with disabilities are often told what they should do and what they’re capable of doing, and we try to remove that barrier by asking them what they would like to achieve and how we can assist them in achieving those goals. We want to ensure that persons with disabilities have the same voice as their nondisabled peers.”





The disAbility Resource Center is available for walk-ins. For more information, call 423-631-0399 or email them at nedrc@drctn.org .

*** Patty Here, wasn't that awesome information? The work that the Northeast Tennessee **disABILITY Resource Center** is doing is awesome, and soon I will be doing some volunteering for them.

Do you all have any type of similar organizations in your area? If so what services do they provide? If you only have Vocational Rehabilitation Services, what do they provide, and how has it changed over the years? This is not just a question for blind persons. Many people use VR and for many varying reasons. I for one would love to hear from those using VR no matter why, and if you're using organizations such as the **disAbility Resource Center**, tell us about them too. What about all these local authors? I bet you all have similar book stores in your area. I either did not know or had forgotten, that Jan Karon (of "Mitford" was in our area. Shows how small the world is. I just never made the connection. If any of you have read or happen to read in the future any of the books listed, please review them here.

I'm certain these are on Amazon and Smashwords as EBooks, TTS Enabled, and as I am learning, many books are available in PDF and Word Document format on www.Smashwords.com

I'm betting a few might even be found at <http://www.BARD.LOC.GOV>
Let us know where you find them, and where you don't. I might be able to get information forwarded to some of the authors. I don't know, but it is worth a shot. I know I for one want as many books available to me as is possible.

Speaking of reviewing, I am happy for you to send reviews of books you've read to us. We will publish them in the Twilight Bark. It is just another neighborly sharing we would like to offer.

Please make sure to include book source and information.

Adding Email List Info should only be done after obtaining permission from list Mods.
In the meantime, here is our continuing Murder Mystery in our Literary Submission.

4. Literary Submission

Murder in Grafton Center, Part Three

As Gypsy and I left I saw Juice at the side of the driveway in an animated conversation with Officer Bopp.

We started back. Gypsy smiled as I related the Patience Worthington incident and how someone I couldn't see had breezed past me and out of Bob's office.

"Don't forget the house was jammed with people." She sounded tired. "Almost anyone could have been wandering around looking for the john."

"Why was Patience in there?"

"Probably sleeping it off until you stumbled over her. You said there was a thick carpet and that she was quite intoxicated."

"True."

"Just so you know, she's Juno's best buddy in Grafton. Juno said she met her at a fall festival on Grafton Common shortly after she and Bob arrived. Patience is a well-respected interior decorator with a very high-end clientele. She redid the house while they were away on one of Bob's lecture tours. When they returned they loved how it looked and they've been good friends ever since. She also organized Bob's gourmet cooking classes."

"I can't imagine him standing over a hot stove lecturing on how to make hard boiled eggs."

Gypsy smiled. "He didn't. Juno said his classes were very hands on. His students did everything from peeling garlic to infusing a homemade brandy marinate into squab. Before we left I walked through the kitchen. It looks like a TV set for Julia Child."

She opened the car window. "Bob specialized in guiding his students in such a way that they created their own spicy sauces as well as experimented with making alcoholic based cordials" She looked at her watch. "His license for his own private label had been recently approved."

We got onto the Pike. "How did Juno manage to stay so thin?"

"Hardly ever ate at home," Gypsy said. "She's a real live wire, always on the go: Organizing charitable events, symposiums on AIDS and Gay Rights, a patron of the arts, the list goes on."

"So Bob came up with a neat solution for not having to eat alone. I wonder if one of his students might have fallen in love with him and after a while began feeling possessive?"

"Of what, his spatula?" She smiled. "If I were you I'd let it go, Sherlock. The man was kind and generous and loved for his cooking. Why would anyone want to kill him? They'd lose too much."

"True."

She turned and studied my profile and gently put her hand on my shoulder. "I need to tell you this." Her voice took on the soft well-controlled tone of a therapist. "You sit around your office too much and need to get more exercise. Seriously! At the Conference it was agreed that sitting at one's desk with insufficient hourly exercise was a major cause of premature demise."

"I work out." I said. "Juice and I do the gym once, twice a week."

She shook her head. "Not enough! It's not about working out. It's about getting up from your desk ever hour stretching and moving around for five minutes."

"The fifty five minute hour."

She smiled. "I want you to last Dancer. After all you're my exquisite boy toy."

"And you're my fire breathing cougar."

She grinned. "Something like that."

I dropped her at her apartment on Brattle Street, drove into Boston, parked and walked over to

my office. Inside a reception committee I wasn't expecting greeted me.

Vince and Ty, two of Tony Staccato's hired guns sat across from my desk. Vince was leafing through *Sports Illustrated*. Ty stared blankly at the reflections of lights playing on the windowpane.

"Why aren't you guys fighting for us in Afghanistan?"

Vince grinned. "Tony wouldn't go for that. 'Sides, working for him we don't have to wear no uniforms." He ran his thick fingers through his graying crew cut.

Vince took a manila envelope from his inside jacket pocket and tossed it onto my desk. "Tony wants you to find out if Bob's death was on the up and up."

"What makes him think it wasn't?"

You know how Tony is, Dancer. He likes being sure that the way things are is the way they're supposed to be."

Ty looked off into the distance; his lean fingers toyed with the collar of his frayed blue flannel shirt. As a kid he got his head bashed in during a gang war and was never the same since.

"People fall down dead every day," Vince said. "Doesn't mean every time someone falls down it's on the up and up. Tony wants you to make sure nobody decided to give Bob a little head start over the finish line. They was pals you know."

I dumped the contents of the envelope onto my desk. A thick wad of cash fell into my hand. The rest were sheets of computer printouts that showed Bob's financial investments and bank statements for the last five years.

"Tony always says follow the money," Vince said. "He found out Bob paid out over a hundred grand to someone with a Grafton bank account."

I waved the bank statements at him. "Where'd Tony get these?"

But Vince ignored me. He and Ty got up to leave. "Keep in touch," he grinned.

To Be Continued

Email Steven at StevenHalpert@gmail.com

*** You know? I'm stumped. Anyone got a clue who killed this guy? Or, did he just drop from too much fun?

Speaking of fun, I think it is great fun to drop surprises on people. My good friend Leonore Dvorkin sent me this sweet little piece of writing written by a friend of hers. The friend gave permission for us to use this, but asked their name be kept private, so Leonore edited it so it would have all the awesome lesson it was meant to have, without providing any personal info. Here is an extra short but powerful literary submission.

Take it away Leonore!

Extra

“I Call It Family”

Submitted by Leonore Dvorkin on December 21, 2015

Introduction: This beautiful tribute to his uncle was sent to me today by a good friend. I found it tremendously poignant and wise. My friend has given me permission to share it with others, but he prefers to keep his name and the name of his uncle private. Please feel free to share it as you wish.

I'm writing this update from Kansas. My uncle died last week. Many of my siblings and cousins have joined together to mourn his passing.

I didn't know him well, but there are things I remember about my uncle that I really loved. He was a humble man and not at all pretentious. He was a hard-working farmer/rancher who lived his whole life in northwestern Kansas. I admired him.

I remember him being easygoing, with a gentle-spirited way of teasing. He was a man who loved; you could see it in his smile, in his eyes, and in the lines on his face. Funny how such an unassuming man can have such an influence on another. I will miss him.

As I was driving toward Kansas today, I thought about trees. Two leaves on the same tree may never come in contact with each other, and yet they are joined to a common stem. That's the way it is with families, especially large ones like ours. So many lives going in so many directions, growing, changing, and branching out further from the stem—the same as it ever was.

I'm 62 years old, now, and feel so privileged to still have family living from my parents' generation. We live miles and miles apart from each other. We live separate lives, and yet somehow an indefinable connection survives that keeps bringing us back together. I call it family.

Leonore H Dvorkin

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*** Patty, Campbell and Bob Cat back to say...

We know about that connection, and hope that everyone has a connection that is similar. If there are shorted out places within those connections of family, do all you can to fix them. A little electric tape in the form of “Love” will usually do the trick.

5. Link of the Month and in the Hood

Link of the month

First up our Link of the Month. This link is provided by one of our new readers, and is much appreciated by me.

Take it away Adrijana Prokopenko

Hello Everyone, I wanted to share with you a terrific source of information that is absolutely free, and can help you to develop the skills you need to become more independent and self-sufficient.

This is a series of videos that clearly and specifically explains the non-visual alternative skills that can allow you to function effectively, efficiently, and safely without relying on vision. This means that if you do not have vision you can count on, or simply do not have eyesight at all, you can begin to develop the sort of skills that will improve the quality of your life.

Although this series was developed for older individuals experiencing vision loss, these techniques work for adults of any age.

This video series was developed , produced, and is provided here for use by any blind adult seeking to improve personal skills, by the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Please watch the introduction, and then select the links provided on the website to watch the other audio described videos which are divided into specific skill areas. Please use the provided link below.

ncbvi.nebraska.gov/media/video/pathways-to-independence/index.html

*** This article was first seen by me on my Facebook Group, Campbell's Corner: the Comfort Zone, and I am grateful to this DELIGHTFUL LADY for posting it, and then allowing me to share.

Everyone is encouraged to post articles of interest there any time!

FFYI!! SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Dear GDUI Members and Friends,

Time to Join or Renew Your Membership in GDUI Many of you may have already received the information posted below in your e-mail in boxes or your U.S. Mail postal boxes. However, since ours is a shared server, utilized collectively by thousands of other not-for-profit organizations across the country and the world, we have noticed that many of the reminder messages we sent out on New Year's Day have either bounced back to us, or possibly are still roaming around in cyberspace. So, we are sharing our invitation for you to join GDUI or renew your membership in our organization, via this announcement. If you have already joined or renewed, thank you. If you have already seen our encouraging message, please indulge us. And, if you're thinking about joining or renewing, now is the time!

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of GDUI during this or past years. Your gifts of time and finances are greatly appreciated.

Because of your support, GDUI was able to achieve many of our goals in 2015, including:

- Restoring the traditional values that have guided GDUI since its beginning (i.e., concentrating on the issues that bring us together as an organization)

- Developing a policy to address the problems associated with people passing their pets off as service animals;

- Assisting members to develop self-advocacy skills via interactions with our Advocacy Committee and GDUI empathizers.

With 2016 already here, it is once again time to renew your membership in Guide Dog Users, Inc. Your 2016 membership will help us accomplish even more goals on behalf of guide dog users, including

- Improving our member outreach by updating brochures and other publications;

- Developing a new and more accessible website;

- Presenting educational seminars, and holding a spectacular convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota;

- Strengthening relationships with GDUI affiliates in ways that will be mutually beneficial to our individual affiliates and to the national organization as well.

A membership in GDUI costs \$15.00 per person per year, and includes an annual subscription to PawTracks, our quarterly magazine. The magazine is available in the following formats: RTF file e-mailed as an attachment, NLS-format 4-track cassette, or a downloadable zipped file containing MP3 files of each issue.

A stand-alone Pawtracks subscription (without GDUI membership) costs

\$25.00 per person per year and is available to you for that price should you elect not to join us. All subscriptions and memberships begin on January 1 and extend through December 31, 2016.

Please take a few moments to complete the GDUI application form (attached to this message and also available online) and return it to Sarah Calhoun, GDUI's secretary, along with your check made payable to GDUI. If you prefer, dues/subscriptions may be paid online by going to <http://guidedogusersinc.org/join/>, or by credit card by calling 866.799.8436.

If you plan to join GDUI in 2016 through one of our affiliates, you need not send us any money directly, since part of your payment to that affiliate will be sent to GDUI on your behalf. However, we will appreciate your completing the membership application, so that we will have all of your information. If you'd like a current list of GDUI's state affiliates, please contact Sarah.

We must supply the national office of the American Council of the Blind with a list of current GDUI members by March 15, 2016.

Therefore, in order for your name to be included on that list, as well as for you to be eligible to vote

in GDUI's next election scheduled for May, please return your membership application along with the appropriate payment, before March 1, 2016.

GDUI is a rapidly growing and vital organization dedicated to serving the needs of guide dog users. We thank you for your continued support.

Renewing Online? Here Are the Steps to Follow!

1. Visit <http://guidedogusersinc.org/join>
2. Click on Membership options after reading the Join page
3. You will then come to the various membership options. Each option has a text description and a sign-up button
4. Click on the membership option of your choice.
5. Read through the page and click on the Subscribe button
6. Arrive at a page where you can choose to pay with PayPal or use a credit card. Using PayPal will be the easiest option. To use a credit card, PayPal requires you to input a captia code (available in print or audio).
7. You will then come to a page with your transaction details and a prompt for you to log into PayPal.
8. Review your transaction information and click on Agree and Pay.
9. You will arrive at a confirmation page. Click on the link to take you to your GDUI account page and enter the information needed by us and ACB.

Now you are a member of GDUI and you can view past issues of Paw Tracks when you are signed into the website. Paw Tracks is only viewable for paid and logged in members.

GDUI Public Relations Committee Recruiting Volunteers to Help with our Web Site Will is actively seeking volunteers to assist us with various web site-related tasks. We have a great web master, but members'

involvement is also helpful. So, if you have some experience with html, accessibility, posting, or other online-related tasks, please share your knowledge and your skills with GDUI. Write to Will, using a subject line that indicates your desire to help with our web work,

here: VP1@GuideDogUsersInc.org. Thanks!

Finally, all of us in GDUI want to wish you and yours a very happy new year! 2016 has arrived with an interesting mixture of soaring then plummeting temperatures, as well as quaking ground in California, and devastating flooding up and down the mighty Mississippi. If disaster has unfortunately befallen you or your guide, please do remember GDUI's Disaster Assistance and Preparedness Program, which can assist you with related expenses for your guide dog. Call Sarah Calhoun, our Office Manager and Secretary, at the toll-free number, 866.799.8436, or write to our DAPP Committee Chair, Ken Metz, at <mailto:kenmetz1946@gmail.com>

As always, Will and I and all of our GDUI Board and Committee Members want to thank you for your continuing support and friendship.

Sincerely,

Penny Reeder, President

Guide Dog Users, Inc.

<mailto:President@GuideDogUsersInc.org>

Will Burley, First Vice President

Guide Dog Users, Inc.

<mailto:vp1@GuideDogUsersInc.org>

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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1871119>.

To join the GDUI-Announce List, visit this link:

<http://www.acblists.org/mailman/listinfo/gdui-announce>

For our members and friends who do not have access to e-mail (or prefer to listen to the pleasant sound of a human voice reading aloud), we also offer telephonic announcements every week. If you are aware of guide dog users who do not have computer access, please share this telephone number with them: 646.653.1900. Recorded announcements available at this number are updated whenever there is a new announcement to share. We look forward to sharing announcements concerning our organization with all who are interested in GDUI.

Tips and Tricks

Patty back with a tip for you! One of the biggest complaints I get from friends of mine who are blind, visually impaired, or have trouble with their hands shaking is that they ruin their counters when pouring or measuring. Even something as simple as making a pot of coffee; can be difficult for some and they end up with coffee grounds all over. Well, I finally found a great solution to this. I still spill, but I have found a way to contain the spill.

On your counter where you do your most work, place a large tray. Make sure it has a lip around the edge that will keep liquid from running off the sides. Something as simple as a cookie sheet will work for this need. Then when you spill, you only have to take the tray to the sink, rinse, and

POOF! Clean counters. This won't stop you from having to remove everything from your counters to clean regularly but it will sure cut down on the mess.

If anyone has a tip or trick for easier living that they'd like to share, please submit it to me. These are free to publish, and just another way for us to be neighborly to one another.

Recipe of the Month

How To Make An Amazing Sore Throat Tea



4K+ Image – CatherineBoley.blogspot.uk

This amazing **sore throat tea** recipe is so delicious that I bet you'll be using it as a hot drink even when you don't have a sore throat! I can't think of a reason why you shouldn't! This recipe actually really simple to make – requiring just honey and sliced lemons – but the secret is in leaving it to “work its magic”: Honey is a natural preserving agent and after time the lemons dissolve into the honey to make a fragrant, sweet jelly-like “preserve” that contains the healthy goodness of both. 😊

- 1) Wash the lemons carefully before use. I would suggest soaking them in a bowl of water in which a cup of apple cider vinegar has been added. Just let them sit in there for 20 minutes, the ACV will clean them. Then rinse off.
- 2) Once your lemons are nicely rinsed and sparkle fresh, slice them up and put the slices into a preserving jar.
- 3) Pour on honey until lemons are completely covered. If the honey is too solid, you may wish to warm it (place in a pan of warm water) until it liquefies enough. Close the jar.
- 4) Refrigerate!

5) To make the drink itself, simply use a spoonful in a cup with boiling water.

Note – the quality of your end product, as with all preparations, is only as good as the quality of your ingredients. Therefore we suggest you use only organic lemons and raw, local honey. The choice of honey is really important these days – because a lot of the “big brand” imported honeys have been found to be adulterated with high fructose corn syrups or other “fake” ingredients and some may not even contain any actual honey at all.

Ok, **here is the link** to the original article about the sore throat tea (has some great comments also):
<http://catherineboley.blogspot.co.uk/2009/08/preparing-for-winter.html>

Goddess Blessings! From GrannyMoon*S Morning Feast

<http://GoddessSchool.com>

*** The naughty girl in me says “A shot of Rum or Brandy would be FABULOUS!”

Being-In-The-Now Fashion Ritual

You’ve gained weight and have three sizes of clothes in your closet. While comfortable with yourself, the sight of these smaller versions of you makes you queasy. What to do? Try making a cleansing ritual out of it. First, try on all of your clothes and divide them into three piles: those that don’t fit, those that fit but that you don’t like, and those that fit and you like. When your closet is empty, smudge the space with jasmine incense. Visualize lovely, well-fitting clothes hanging there, then hang up those clothes that fit. Of those that fit but you don’t like, decide what you must keep due to budget. The rest, along with the clothes that don’t fit, you will bundle off to the nearest thrift shop. Now, your closet is ready, clean, and waiting for you to fill it with new clothes.

Administrative Details

First up, a note from one of our subscribers and new sponsors. —

Robert Branco, Bob to his friends, hosts an awesome Telephone Chat Room where folks from all over the U.S. gather to socialize and have fun. He offers things such as weekly trivia games and open chat time.

He also provides an informative show called Branco Broadcast. On this weekly 1-hour program, which is conducted by telephone conference, the guests present their topics to listeners. The moderator is author Bob Branco, of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

After the guest presents his or her topic, there is always time for a Q & A period. To access the program, do the following: Call 712-432-3645. When you hear the man's voice after the computer voice, press 1 for the main menu, 1 for the rooms menu, and 6 for Bob's conference room. You do not have to say your name. Hit pound to be in the conference. Please mute your phone if you are

not speaking. Contact Bob if you are having any trouble with this: 1-508-994-4972.

***Patty and Campbell here to say that we have been privileged to be on the Branco Broadcast twice. Both times, we were treated well, had great attendance, and were fabulously rewarded for our time spent; that was with a business that resulted from our having been guests on his show. When we attended the open chat, we found it to be fun and friendly. It was the kind of atmosphere that made me hate to leave and want to visit again. Even though I knew no one personally, I was still completely comfortable. Give Bob a try as a listener participant or guest today!

Another Awesome Product and Service Bob provides is a fun and informative magazine called, Consumer Vision.

Bob's website, with full information about his four books and more contact information, is: www.dvorkin.com/robertbranco/

6. Products and Services

Just a note from all here in The Campbell Kingdom: The following items seem to me like very good things for birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and any other holiday shopping. I'm sure that some of you have friends or relatives who have birthdays just around the corner. So pay special attention to the products and services below.

Calling all Coffee Lovers

Are you a coffee lover? Do you enjoy delicious food? If so, I have just what you are looking for! I am an Independent Kat's Coffees Representative, and I carry a large variety of coffees, teas, dessert mixes, bread mixes, and so much more. All products are made to order. So, there is no wondering how long a product has been sitting on a shelf before you order. See all the high quality and delicious coffees and other edibles at www.katscoffees.com/ourproducts.html

I can be contacted at inahurrycoffee@gmail.com or 816-977-9434 with any questions or to place an order. All payments are made via PayPal and are sent to inahurrycoffee@gmail.com Please also give a like to my page on Facebook, Independent Kat's Coffee Representative, Jordan Gallacher, to find out any news about products or any specials that are going on!

Thanks,

Jordan Gallacher

Butterfly Knitting

Looking for an awesome birthday or Christmas gift? Maybe you have a new baby coming? Here's the lady to call. Becky and her sidekick Jake can hook you right up. Give her a shout-out today!

Becky Frankeberger

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360-426-8389

becky@butterflyknitting.com

An added comment from Leonore Dvorkin: For those readers who cannot see Becky's website and her products, I can assure you that they are flat-out gorgeous and they appear to be of the highest quality. She is very talented indeed!

The Devil's Lieutenant

by Suzi Albracht

In The Devil's Lieutenant, our hero reluctantly enters a dangerous, unholy world where nothing and nobody can be trusted while attempting to solve a series of gruesome murders. As he investigates, his core beliefs are challenged and still the murderer eludes him.

At the same time, one by one, his loved ones are threatened and struck down. Then his unborn child becomes a target of the Devil's Enforcer. He has a faithful ally by his side, but will they be able to save their wives, their children, the world? Someone's wife and child will suffer a horrendous end. Will it be our hero's, bringing him to his knees? The battle to save humanity has begun, and our hero has no choice except to wage war against the Devil himself and his henchmen.

Come with me and I will tell you the tale of The Devil's Lieutenant.

At <http://www.amazon.com/Devils-Lieutenant-Due-Collection-Book-ebook/dp/B00TGA84YE/>

Video trailer: <https://youtu.be/IPGepsZrm70>

Beautiful Calendars and More for the New Year

www.cafepress.com/deerparkkc

Kansas City photographer Margot Ferguson offers her lovely photos of nature at all seasons (plus many other subjects) via CafePress. Products include 12-page wall calendars (\$16.99), large one-sheet calendar prints (\$5.99), mugs, magnets, tile-topped keepsake boxes, tile coasters, tote

bags, note cards, and framed prints, all top quality. Each year's calendar has a theme. For 2016, it's "Yard Art," featuring interesting and sometimes whimsical objects, many of them in animal shapes, with which people have decorated their yards. Browse and order products at the CafePress website given above.



Books by Abbie Johnson Taylor

For detailed descriptions, excerpts, and ordering information, visit <http://www.abbiejohntaylor.com>

We Shall Overcome. Lisa, visually impaired, is afraid of policemen because of an incident that happened to her brother years earlier. When she meets John, a bicycle patrol officer, she must re-evaluate her apprehension.

How to Build a Better Mousetrap: Recollections and Reflections of a Family Caregiver. The poems in this collection were mostly inspired by the author's experiences while caring for her late husband, totally blind and partially paralyzed by two strokes.

That's Life: New and Selected Poems. In this book, the author gives advice to teenagers, shares more memories of her younger years, and touches on other life-changing events, including her wedding and her late husband's death.

All three books are available on Bookshare, and you can download a recording of *That's Life* in mp3 format from the author's site.

Title: The Distant Sound of Violence

By Jason Greensides

Genres: Literary/Contemporary/Coming-of-age/Mystery

Synopsis:

Do we ever escape the decisions we make when we're fifteen?

Nathan Dawes, the loser from school, an outsider, street philosopher, and member of The Grove Runners gang, needs Ryan's help to get Stephanie to fall for him. When Ryan's lawnmower is stolen, Nathan sees this as his chance to enlist Ryan in his plan.

Although Ryan knows that becoming friends with Nathan could lead to trouble, he reluctantly agrees to help.

Stephanie wants nothing to do with either of them. Besides, she's more interested in the one guy in the world she really shouldn't be.

As Nathan continues his pursuit of Stephanie, and Ryan gets mixed up with The Grove Runners, soon events overtake them all, haunting their lives for years to come.

This compelling coming-of-age mystery is a heart-breaking tale of bad decisions and love gone wrong. It's about the choices that lead to violence, loss, and tragedy.

Links:

<http://www.amazon.com/Distant-Sound-Violence-Jason-Greensides-ebook/dp/B00PP1H2F0/>

Website of Jason Greensides: www.jasongreensides.com

**### For those of you who have been waiting and waiting, it's finally here!
Meagan Green's**

First album is out! Many people who have listened to it already have really enjoyed it, so check out the samples at; <http://www.musicspring.net>

The album is called, **The Flow of Your Blood**.

Eight of the songs are originals by Meagan herself, including the title cut which is a favorite of most who have heard the album. There is one well known hymn with a great arrangement by Chris Belle of Affordable

Studio Services, Meagan's producer.

The other song is written by her dear friend Stephanie Belle, Chris's wife and co-owner of the studio. You can either get a CD in the mail or download it on the computer. The cost for a download of the

entire album is \$13. If you'd like to download by the song, they are \$1.50 each. You will be taken to paypal through my shopping cart.

Or you can enter the following email address;

mgreen@wvi.com

For a CD hard copy the cost is \$15 which includes shipping.

Send check or money order to:

Meagan Green

1410 Westfall Place

Stayton, Oregon 97383

Enjoy!MeaganGreen

Excerpt from a book by Brian K. Nash

Talking with Kids: Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about Blindness (C 2011)

In e-book and print from Amazon, Smashwords, and other online sellers.

Full details and buying links: <http://www.dvorkin.com/brianknash/> (the 5th book listed)

I have come to the conclusion that most sighted people consider the loss of vision to be so appalling that they simply can't imagine life without it. They imagine that if they were blind, the smallest and simplest of tasks would become absolutely insurmountable. If you have any reservations about this statement, check out your own level of proficiency next time the power goes out at night and you are without a flashlight or candles.

With this in mind, once I had reached adulthood, I set out on a high-minded crusade. I wanted to do my very best to change people's thinking, to give them a glimpse into the world of blindness through demonstrations of equipment we used to perform certain tasks and by delivering positive lectures.

In the early 1980s, I let the leaders of a number of civic groups in the area know that I was ready and willing to talk candidly about blindness. Over the next few months, I suffered through several rather awkward meetings at these local clubs, but eventually I put together a pretty good informative speech and demonstration. My guide dog, Arrow, always came with me, and soon we were booked by numerous schools and other civic groups in the area.

I really enjoy working with kids. They have vivid imaginations, and unlike most adults, they aren't encumbered by the constraints of proper etiquette or logic. Their questions reflect their love of life and their inborn tenacity, their burning desire to carry on no matter what the circumstances.

**** Hi Brian, Patty here, great excerpt. I'm going to have to read your book soon. I too enjoy doing presentations with children. I have done several, and have written of them in my Campbell's Calamities.*

I especially love it when they make connections with how we live our lives, and how they live theirs. They're like little sponges, soaking up all types of info, so I'm always happy when I can share mine with them.

The Blind Perspective

For a fun-filled, informative online magazine, check out The Blind Perspective:
<http://www.theblindperspective.co>

Unity Church of the Tri-Cities

423 W. Walnut St., Johnson City, TN

423-975-9159 /www.unitytricity.org

Sunday service at 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome at Unity Church of the Tri-Cities, where you will find an atmosphere of love, acceptance, and empowerment. is a Christ-based teaching that emphasizes spirituality over religion as we embrace our own spiritual growth and development. We strive to apply Universal Truth Principles to improve our own life experience as well as to bless our planet and all humankind through selfless service.

Awethology.

Four books of Short Stories written by a group of authors from a Facebook Group called The #Awethors. There are over 50 short stories for you to enjoy and the best part is the eBooks are FREE worldwide.

Title: December Awethology - Dark Volume:

<http://www.amazon.com/DecemberAwethology-Dark-Awethors-ebook/dp/B018XWC5Z4/>

Title: December Awethology – Light Volume:

<http://www.amazon.com/DecemberAwethology-Light-Awethors-ebook/dp/B018XWC4WS/>

###7. Newsletter Submission Information

*FYI!!!** SPECIAL!!!**

Attention All Readers of - The Neighborhood News!

We are continuing our special on advertising. From now until further notice you can purchase one year's advertising for a onetime fee of \$20.00 for 200 word limit or \$25.00 with a photo.

To place your Ad, please send your information including contact info such as email address, phone or website. (One link per Ad)

Font & Size:- Times New Roman, size 12

To: patty.volunteer1@gmail.com and make your payment to me at PayPal.com using the same email address.

Even if you are already placing Ads with us, you may still take advantage of this limited opportunity. Thanks and we look forward to doing business with you in the near future.

Author, Motivational Speaker and Nonprofit Consultant

Another change in The Advertising is that we will no longer charge for Literary Submissions unless they need editing. If your submission is going to need editing you may contact either Claire, or Leonore Dvorkin for editing services.

Treat of the Month submissions are free of charge. Treat of the Month submissions can include Musings, Making It Happen, and similar things, such as the submission this month.

Just keep it to a maximum of 500 words.

However, links may not include advertisements for your own products or services. Those are paid or trade out ads only.

Also, we are now offering advertising such as the write-up provided by Dave Light, host of AM Tricities, and the information about author and talk show host Robert Branco.

To become a sponsor, you can either agree to advertise The Campbell's Corner Neighborhood News on your show, blog, or other publication, or you can send a payment of \$20 via PayPal to me at patty.volunteer1@gmail.com

Please note: Due to many helpful comments both public and private, the layout of what is now an ezine has changed. This ezine can be received via email subscription and also seen on Facebook. Previous issues can be seen on our new blog at <https://campbellsworld.wordpress.com/>

The publication has also lengthened a bit to include certain things that were requested. It is always under construction, and we encourage you to send feedback at any time.

- Patty Fletcher

8. Subscription Information

To receive The Neighborhood News, simply email me to subscribe. Please send your first and last names and your email address with your request to patty.volunteer1@gmail.com

To unsubscribe at any time, please email me with your first and last names, the word unsubscribe, and the email address you're subscribed with. We will remove you from our mailing list without one hard feeling.

###SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION!

Call to readers!

I'm making a 2016 Reader Directory. One for my business use, and one which would be shared with any reader wishing to reach out and network with others.

Please write back with the following information.

indicates Optional * Indicates Required to continue Receiving.

All Optional info will be shared if reader gives permission.

First and last name

Subscription Email

Advertiser (Yes No)

Secondary Email (Share or Private)

Social Media (Share or Private)

Phone (Share or Private)

Thanks so much and have a great day. I'll let you know when the directory becomes available.

If you'd like to have an ad in the directory such as are posted in Products and Services please send \$5.00 to PayPal at

Patty.volunteer1@gmail.com

Follow Newsletter Guidelines when submitting Directory Ad

9. Author's Corner and The Twilight Bark

Well, I asked for comments concerning keeping readers' comments in or out of The Neighborhood News, and the response was huge. Most wanted to keep them in, and they also wanted to give the section a name—hence “The Twilight Bark.”

We get great feedback both private and public from our Neighbors here in The Neighborhood News, and we're proud to say that we are making the changes most requested. We very much wish to have your feedback on all of this, so please make sure to bark back soon. Please as always, let us know whether you wish to remain private, or if you'd like to put your comments out on the Twilight Bark.

Below are just a few comments some readers are barking about.

Recap

Marda wrote to say that while she likes The Neighborhood News sent to her in the body of a message she is glad I offer it so many ways, also when I wrote and asked about whether folks wanted The Neighborhood news Monthly, Bi-Monthly or Quarterly she wrote back and said that she understood if I were busy and needed to send it out less frequently but that she enjoyed the newsletter a lot and for her part she hoped I continued to send it out every month.

I only got three other emails back on that and they all agreed with Marda and so the newsletter will remain a monthly publication. If anyone has any other comment about this by all means let us know.

One reader wishing to remain nameless, said, "I unsubscribed from your newsletter, because it is easier for me to see it and enjoy it from your blog." This gave me renewed hope, because this meant that she was reading and following my blog. When I asked about being able to access info later from ads and such, she said simply, "I can save links to my favorites, and sense the blog posts come in an email if there are multiple articles I like, I just save the entire thing." So see? No need for anyone not to be a part of The Neighborhood.

Sam wrote to say thanks for publishing his story. He said, "It was neat seeing my story published like that."

10. Wrap-Up

From your Editor

Patty keeps asking me to write something in the newsletter to tell you a bit about me. It's not that I am overly shy, it's that I don't really know what to say. Anyway her goes and I do hope you enjoy the read.

My name is Claire Plaisted. I was born in England, lived in North Wales and eventually migrated to New Zealand to marry the man of my dreams. Talk about a long distant courtship. However I will leave that for another time. I have been married for 24 years this year and we have three young adult children who are "way cool," as they say these days.

I live in Rotorua, New Zealand which is set in an active crater lake with hot mud pools and natural hot water – a bit like Yellowstone Park – I love it here. It is a small community and friendly and a popular tourist stop, especially for Maori Culture.

I am a Family History Researcher who researches and produces books for people for those special occasions, mainly Reunions. Due to this and waiting on information I fell into writing a historical, mystery romance story in 2011. I will be releasing it this May. I have published

various books since 2014 and also set up a business called Plaisted Publishing House Ltd. Here I help Independent Authors get their work formatted professionally with assistance to get their work put online for sale at all Online Retailers.

I offered to do Patty's newsletter, mainly because I miss producing them and of course this has to be set out slightly different. On that note, I'll tell you that I am more than half deaf and wear aids, so I also know the issues with disabilities. I actually think I need new aids...

Well that is it from me for now. You can contact me at:-

www.plaistedpublishinghouse.wordpress.com or plaistedpublishinghouse@gmail.com

Thanks x

*** Sam Patty and Campbell here to say that we were real glad to read it, and that when we let Bob Cat hear of it he purred and purred. I think he was glad you were helping his Furkin.

New!

Sam wrote in to say that he would be sending us another story soon. From what I understand it may be a tear jerker, so keep those Tissues handy.

Also, Tasha Halpert wrote to say she found lots of useful info in the newsletter and that she enjoyed it very much.

So how about the rest of you? Is it that which has been said "When I aint saying nothin it means you're doing a good job" or, is it that you think I might not like your ideas, and comments? We are very open minded here in The Campbell Kingdom and welcome all feedback, good bad, or ugly. So let us know.

Folks if you have a story to share, we want to know of it, so follow Sam's lead and send us something soon. We're always glad to hear from you.

Until next time, this is Patty Campbell and Bob Cat too saying, May Harmony Find You! And, Blessid Be!

— Patty L. Fletcher

Author, Motivational Speaker, and Nonprofit Consultant

Book: Campbell's Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life (C 2014), in e-book and print on Amazon and other online selling sites / The e-book is text-to-speech enabled.

Website: www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/