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President's Message

by Tom Lealos

I, for one, am looking forward to our upcoming state convention to be held at the Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper this year. I understand it's a very nice facility. This year's convention will be held jointly with the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Wyoming. We've chosen to do this because both of our organizations are small in number and by working together we may be able to do a better job of serving the low vision/blind community of our state.

Our convention theme, "Opening Doors," will focus on the opportunities made available by either people or

circumstances we encounter in life. Therefore, this year's program will include a Friday evening social, presentations from the presidents and national delegates of both organizations, an overview of the "Blind Campus" being planned in Rock Springs, a panel featuring popular devices from the "I" Technology world, as well as annual business meetings. We will be giving away door prizes and end the convention with a live auction. The enclosed program shows the times of all of the activities. Please register and reserve your rooms early. I look forward to meeting you in Casper on July 26th and 27th.

New Website!

Just to let you know that we have overhauled our WyCB website. It is up and running now and has a new look. We've made it more user-friendly with easy to follow links, current information, and check out the colors. We still have a few minor changes to make and it will be updated regularly, as new information is available. Please check it out at: www.wycb.info. We would be interested in hearing any constructive comments you might have.

Meet Your Board Members

LOIS BOYD - Lois is a native of Denver, Colorado. She attended Denver University and later moved to Casper and got married. The Boyds have three children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson.

She has worked most of her life in an assortment of educational and business endeavors. Lois has always been active in community activities, including: Service League, President of the League of Women Voters, a Police Dept. records volunteer, many different church activities, and a member of the City of Casper Metropolitan Planning Board. Her leadership in the Casper Area Low Vision Group has proven to be successful in getting audible traffic signals and large print menus in Casper.

Lois's vision has been declining for the past dozen years, which explains her interest in and passion for low vision issues. She has served as a WyCB officer over the years and is currently serving as one of our Directors.

PAT LITTON – Pat and her family operate a ranch in the Thunder Basin National Grassland, just South of Wright. She has had a love affair with agriculture, teaching, rodeo, and working with young people for many, many years. Pat served as a Director on the Thunder Basin Grazing Association Board for nineteen years and was the first woman president of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association; which were just two chapters in her decades of volunteer service on many local, state and national boards and foundations. To name a few others; she was a charter member of the Homemaker Extension Club, Thunder Basin Belles, Camp County Fair Board, county and state 4-H councils, a Wyoming High School Rodeo Association (National Director), and the Wyoming Economic Development Board. To punctuate her long service career she was honored by being inducted into the Wyoming Ag Hall of fame and the Wyoming High School Rodeo Association Hall of Fame.

The Littons have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren and one on the way. She and her husband now spend some of the winter months in Arizona which has slowed down some of her many volunteer activities at home. Pat also serves as one of our WyCB Directors.

New Low Vision Book

One of ACB's other affiliates, Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI) has published a new book entitled "Insights Into Low Vision." It is in the first printing now and will be available for purchase by our convention. Having articles by twenty six authors, all nationally known specialists in their fields, this book is intended for use by those who are new to the struggles with low vision, their loved ones, as well as those who have been visually impaired for years and just need a few pointers.

Articles in this book sport titles such as: "How to Find a Low Vision Specialist," "Tips to Reduce Glare," "Driving with Low Vision," "Tips to Help You Use Your Computer," and a variety of others. This book has been a long time in coming and should prove to be very useful to those in the low vision community.

The large print hard copy and the CD version of this book will be on sale at the convention for the price of \$14.95 ea. The downloadable version will be available on the CCLVI website, www.CCLVI.org, at a price of \$8.95 ea. Please inquire at the registration table.

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