

VOICE MAIL

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Virginia Voice's tagline is *"Connect...by Listening."* Our mission is to provide a means for those who are print-disabled to stay connected – to the community and the world around them. With Virginia Voice, print-disabled individuals of all ages "see" through the medium of the human voice. That **"human voice"** is a **chorus** of many dedicated, generous and devoted Virginia Voice **volunteers**, who generously give of their time and energy day in and day out, week in and week out.

It's because of our outstanding, super volunteers that Virginia Voice is able to serve our listeners with the provision of news and information vital to their day-to-day living. Virginia Voice does that around-the-clock, 365 days a year. These print-disabled individuals, some of whom are blind or vision impaired, and some of whom have other conditions like MS and Parkinson's disease, live throughout the Greater Richmond area and Hampton Roads and, by way of online listening, throughout Virginia and beyond. Our wonderful, dedicated volunteers read from well over 100 print publications and a number of online publications, giving the listeners access to a **world** of information that otherwise is unavailable to them.

We are deeply grateful for the selfless service of all of our volunteers – those who do the reading; those who deliver our radios to new applicants; those who help with mailings, listener surveys and other tasks throughout the year. We proudly recognize on the opposite page those who volunteered during the past year. We picture below those reaching significant milestones.

The listeners themselves and their families are the ones, of course, who can say it best. Here are some of the things that they have said recently:

"I don't know what I'd do without the Virginia Voice. The volunteers must all be wonderful people, and I never take them for granted!"

"I truly wish to thank and compliment all your wonderful people at Virginia Voice. It is a true blessing to the visually handicapped. My husband is a blinded veteran and this has brought a ray of light into his life by your wonderful people furnishing their time and effort to Virginia Voice."

"Thank you for the internet radio which you have made available for my husband to use so that he can listen to Virginia Voice in Fredericksburg. He especially enjoys the newspaper articles, editorials, and letters to the editor. You are providing a wonderful service!"

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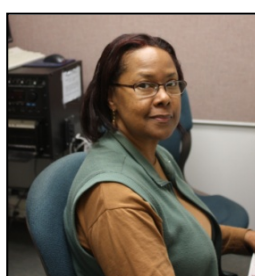


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The Virginia Voice family continues to be very supportive of this service financially. To all of you we convey our heartfelt gratitude. On the following pages we list individuals, clubs, organizations, agencies, churches, companies and corporations that contributed financially to assist with meeting the expenses of providing this audio reading and information service during our fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013 (**contributors during the period July 2012 through June 2013**).

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EYES for Those Who Cannot See...HANDS for Those Who Cannot Turn Pages

Virginia Voice provides an audio reading and information service for those who are blind or vision impaired and those who have other disabilities that prevent them from reading on their own. Each day Virginia Voice broadcasts the reading of several newspapers and a number of magazines. We connect individuals with their community and the world around them. The broadcasts are heard over special radios, which we issue at no charge. We also provide our broadcasts by way of the internet.

Virginia Voice is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization that depends on contributions to provide our unique and valuable service. Contributions are tax-deductible. **Thank you for your support!**

CONTRIBUTING TO VIRGINIA VOICE THROUGH THE UNITED WAY

If your workplace participates in one of the following giving campaigns, please consider designating a contribution to Virginia Voice. Your contribution will help to provide radios and around-the-clock programming to individuals with blindness and various other types of disabilities that prevent them from having ready and easy access to news, information and entertainment that the rest of us have the luxury of taking for granted. To contribute to Virginia Voice, please use the code that pertains to your campaign.

United Way Campaign – **Code 2384**

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign – **Code 3525**

Local Governments & Schools Campaign – **Code 7360**

Combined Federal Campaign – **Code 94112**

Thank you for your support!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AMAZING RAISE!



The Community Foundation's third annual "Amazing Raise" was another successful fundraising event for Virginia Voice. Through this 36-hour marathon online-giving event in September, Virginia voice received contributions totaling \$2,575 from 46 individuals. In addition, we were awarded a bonus prize of \$500 by The Community Foundation for winning one of the "Afternoon Sprints."

Our thanks to everyone who gave to Virginia Voice in connection with this year's "Amazing Raise."

We welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Kenneth Wene. As Ken has been a volunteer reader for several years, many of you may already know him. If not, the next time you're at the Voice, drop by our main office and say "Hi."



REMEMBER VIRGINIA VOICE IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

When you are planning your charitable giving, please remember Virginia Voice. Please give some thought, as well, to putting Virginia Voice in your will. Adding Virginia Voice to a will that is already written is a simple procedure. Your lawyer can help with this, or give us a call at 804-266-2477, and we can help with the appropriate language. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help with ensuring the continued provision of this important service.

THANKS TO OUR BROADCAST PARTNERS

We are grateful to the good folks at **88.9 FM WCVE, Richmond's public radio station**, for donating to Virginia Voice the use of their subcarrier to enable us to broadcast our programming throughout the Central Virginia area.

We are also grateful to **Norfolk's public radio station, WHRO-FM**, for carrying our daily programming over their subcarrier throughout the Hampton Roads area by way of our sister audio reading and information service, the **WHRO Voice**.

We also thank our friends at **The Metropolitan Washington Ear**, our sister audio reading and information service headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland, for the provision of space on their dial-in system for our daily reading of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for access by print-disabled individuals throughout the state.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – “DISCOVERING VIRGINIA”

With our *Community Connections* program series we seek to *connect* our listeners with interesting and significant people, places and happenings of our community and state.

New on our *Community Connections* program series is “*Discovering Virginia*,” an interview program hosted by veteran radio personality and Virginia Voice volunteer, **Lou Dean**. This program explores the highways and byways of our wonderful Commonwealth of Virginia, from Colonial days to the present. We air these programs over our closed-circuit radio system and over the internet, but we also make them available on our website for listening by anyone.

“*Discovering Virginia*” programs available now include:

“**The First Thanksgiving**” – Lou Dean talks with **Graham Woodlief** and **Malcolm Jamieson** about the very first Thanksgiving by English settlers in The New World – in Virginia, at Berkeley Plantation.



“**Back Roads: People, Places and Pie from Around Virginia**” – **Bill Lohmann**, writer, and **Bob Brown**, photographer, of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* give us a sneak preview of their book that tells about the surprising places they visited and interesting people they met as they travelled historic back roads of Virginia.

“**Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church**” – Historian **Ben Ross** talks about this historic church dating back to 1867, located in the Jackson Ward district in downtown Richmond.

“**Virginia Film Office**” – **Andy Edmunds**, Director of the Virginia Film Office, shares some of the exciting things happening in the film industry right here in Virginia.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE VOICE AND SPREAD THE WORD



Please “like” us on **Facebook**. Facebook is where we showcase our volunteers, post new programs and make announcements. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear the latest edition of Lou Dean’s new *Discovering Virginia* program, or any of our other *Community Connections* series of feature productions.

When you see our posts in your Facebook news feed, please help us “spread the word” and connect with more potential listeners. Simply hit the “share” option under our posts, so that your Facebook “friends” can learn about our audio reading and information service.

We use the medium of the human voice to connect our listeners with our community; please use the medium of Facebook to connect the community to this important service.

GETHSEMANE CHURCH PROGRAM BENEFITS VIRGINIA VOICE

Our thanks to the Gethsemane Baptist Church in King William for sponsoring the annual Virginia Voice Benefit Program in honor of Gethsemane Church member and Virginia Voice listener, Deacon Walter E. (Ed) Jones. The September Sunday afternoon event was supported by several area churches and was, as always, an uplifting program of inspirational music and fellowship that warmed the hearts of all of those in attendance. We are grateful to the wonderful folks of Gethsemane and the sister churches who contributed to the Voice in excess of \$800!





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