

JANUARY 2008

Sightless Children Club

Never Bend your head. Hold it high. Look the world straight into the eye.

-Helen Keller

National Braille Literacy Month

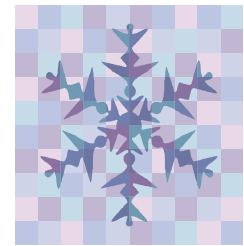
January is National Braille Literacy Month. January was chosen for this celebration because it is the birth month of Louis Braille, the inventor of the system of raised dots that made it possible for people who are blind to read and write for themselves with independence. Louis Braille was born January 4, 1809, in Couovray France. At the age of three he had an injury to his eye resulting in total lost of vision. At the age of ten, he enter the Royal Institute for the Blind youth in Paris. This was the world's first school for blind children.

There he lived, studied and later would teach. At the age of fifteen, Louis, developed an ingenious system of reading and writing by means of raised dots. Two years later he adapted his method to musical notations.

Louis Braille began teaching full time at the Institute when he was nineteen. Not only was he a kind, compassionate teacher but he was also an accomplished musician. He gave his life in selfless service to his pupils, his friends, and to the perfection of his raised dot method, which is today



known as Braille. Louis Braille died at age forty-three and with the confidence that his mission on earth was completed.



Next Meeting:
Monday January 21
at
10 Wilmington Place
Dayton, Ohio 45420
time
7:00 pm

Presidents Corner

Hello, I hope everyone had a good holiday and a Happy New year.

Ken Seary will be visiting at the January meet-

Lisa Buckingham (937) 746-5473

ing and demonstrating the newest equipment.

Just a reminder : please have your quote and requests in 2 weeks be-

fore each meeting so they can be reviewed and presented .





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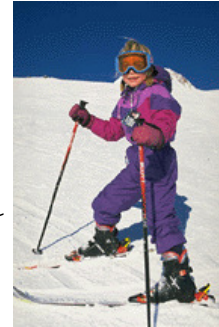
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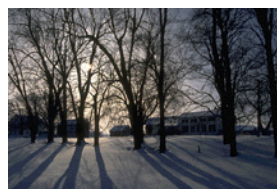
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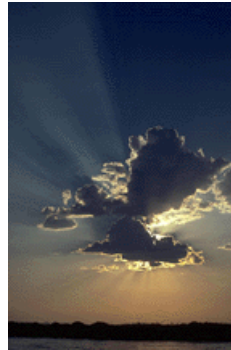
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Organization

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line
here.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.



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If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that

you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for