



Radio Eye

"Your Eye on the Written World"

SUMMER 2007

For listeners and friends of Central Kentucky Radio Eye

AND NOW, FOR THE MAIN EVENTS ...

This spring, Central Kentucky Radio Eye had great success with several big events, thanks to careful planning and dedicated work from volunteers and staff. These events, which happen once a year, may not be central to our daily mission, but they have become essential tools to tell the world about what we do and why we do it: We love our listeners and believe all have the right to access the written word.

In February, a bookfair at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore brought in more sales benefiting CKRE than ever before. Volunteers from CKRE and Lexington Lions manned a table at the store, handing out information, and we even greeted a CKRE listener who came in to buy books as gifts to benefit the fund-raiser.

In April, CKRE launched its moving campaign with a reception and the first Celebrity Reader Week. Local celebrities such as Herald-Leader publisher Tim Kelly

and meteorologist Bill Meck of WLEX-TV helped us read the Herald-Leader in the mornings. The week was such a success that we hope to hold it again this year. The moving campaign will help raise money to move CKRE into a studio in the Lexington Public Library's new branch. Read more on these events inside this newsletter.

Later that month, the Bluegrass Festival of Books again allowed CKRE to get the word out to the community about our services.

Volunteers Deb Shoss and Virginia Smith, and studio manager Sarah Nix deserve thanks for organizing and manning CKRE's information table at the book festival. Education about our services is so important to fundraising, recruiting volunteers and improving CKRE's services.

The planning and organization that goes into these events is what makes them successful. With each passing year, we're getting better at finding new ways to tell people what we do.

Dori Hjalmarson

FROM THE CHAIR

Whether you are a listener who calls to share a story; a donor who sends a welcome gift; a publisher who provides a gift subscription; a Bookfair supporter; or one of 100plus volunteers who help us produce CKRE radio programming - you make a difference to many people.

With your support CKRE broadcasts 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week a much needed community service for blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled Kentuckians who are no longer able to read.

Each week volunteers come to CKRE's broadcasting studios to read newspapers, popular magazines, health periodicals, and much more to listeners who tune into CKRE's radio service.

Because age is a leading cause of blindness, many of our listeners are seniors. However, we have younger listeners, and we also provide our service for people with muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, injuries, amputees, and other disabilities that prevent them from reading.

Listeners tune into CKRE various ways. In private households and group homes (on special free radios). In local hospitals (on closed-circuit TV in patients' rooms), and most recently Clark Regional Medical Center. And on Library Channel 20 on Lexington Cable TV (available in 80,000 homes).

Thanks to friends in the Information & Technology Department at UK we have expanded our service still more. We are now streaming our broadcast on the Internet at www.RadioEye.org. CKRE has received an appreciative response

to this additional service, which we introduced as an effort to reach blind and disabled students and others statewide. Through access to information and equal opportunities, we can help people living with disabilities. Through readers' voices, CKRE radio offers a special form of companionship that connects its listeners to their communities. Thanks to our friends and supporters, you make it possible to do so. **Margaret Chase**

MOVING CAMPAIGN

As many of you know, the Lexington Public Library will be providing a new home for CKRE at its new branch library, scheduled to be built in 2008.

Drawings have been finalized for CKRE's new studios, and in April we launched our moving campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to establish and equip CKRE's new studios. With leadership gifts from Lexington Lions, Frances Hollis Brain Foundation, Keeneland Foundation, and other promised support the campaign is off to a good start.

CKRE must vacate its current location of 16 years, but in order to move into its new studios new equipment and technology is needed. Please consider supporting the move. A \$50 gift will purchase two listener radios. A \$250 donation will help purchase audio devices. \$500 will help with installation and wiring costs. A \$1,000 gift will ensure your name on our "Life Time Wall."

For more information call us at 257-2702, or send a donation to CKRE, University Station Box 1030, Lexington, KY 40506. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU TO OUR PUBLISHERS

We draw attention to the newspapers, magazines, health and nutritional periodicals that are donated to CKRE by their publishers. Some like Thoroughbred Times were donated recently and others like the Lexington Herald-Leader and Louisville Courier Journal have provided papers for over 16 years. CKRE thanks and appreciates all the following publishers for their kindness and generosity. We also thank their circulation departments for making prompt and dependable deliveries, enabling us to meet our broadcasting schedule.

The Lexington Herald-Leader

The Louisville Courier-Journal

The Danville Advocate-Messenger
The Mt Sterling Advocate
The Richmond Register

The Jessamine Journal
The Winchester Sun
The Woodford Sun

Appalachian Heritage
Archaeology
Back Home in Kentucky
The Chevy Chaser
Cincinnati Magazine
Diabetes Self Management
Discover Magazine
The Hamburg Journal
Harvard Men's Health Watch
Harvard Women's Health Watch
Harvard Health Letter
Health and Wellness
Johns Hopkins: Health After 50
Keeneland Magazine
Kentucky Explorer
Kentucky Alumni

Kentucky Horse Park
Kentucky Humanities
Kentucky Living
Kentucky Monthly
The Lane Report
Lexington Family Magazine
Louisville Magazine
Mayo Clinic Health Letter
Nutrition Action
Odyssey: UK Research
Paint Lick Reflections
The Southsider
Remedy Magazine
Scientific America
Thoroughbred Times
The Wellness Newsletter

We would also like to thank those who donate subscriptions to CKRE

Anne Withington – National Geographic

Ruth Poley – Prevention Magazine

Opal Spencer – Smithsonian

Margaret Chase – AARP Magazine & Bulletin

Jewell and Louise Casey – The Anderson News

CKRE RECEPTION AT TUSKA STUDIO

CKRE's Moving Campaign Launch Reception was a fanfare event! Held at Tuska Studio in Lexington, the fifty guests in attendance had the added attraction of viewing artist John Tuska's work in the old family home that Seth, his son, has converted into a showcase of his father's talent. Seth and his assistant Amy Maggard, were most gracious in their hospitality.

Guests included CKRE radio listeners Charles Sydney, and Joyce Maguire and her dog Glider. Kathleen Imhoff, CEO from the Downtown Library was part of the gathering and had plans and drawings on display that showed off our anticipated new studio space at the Northside Branch Library scheduled to be built and completed in 2008.

Mayor Newberry stopped by and in his speech commended the work of CKRE. Our board member Linda Gorton, a city council member, also found time in her hectic schedule to attend as did Tim Kelly, publisher of the Lexington-Herald Leader.

Margaret Chase, as always gave one of her modest speeches, but deserves accolades for all her hard work, as does Sarah Nix. They are a complimentary team of two! Their dedication and enthusiasm are the fuel that pumps through the machine. Thanks also to Highbridge Springs who donated their water and to board member Barb McGroarty who helped to underwrite the cost of the food and drinks. Congratulations CKRE on a great start to the moving campaign.

Kate Savage, CKRE Board Member

TUSKA STUDIO AND CENTRAL KENTUCKY RADIO EYE

A portion of John Tuska's artist's statement reads: The things of the visual world are not made by material or technique alone, the human element must be present.

How appropriate that the Tuska Studio, developed as a tribute to John Tuska, was where CKRE kicked off fundraising activities for its Northside Lexington Public Library studio move, expected to take place in 2008. The Tuska Studio, located near downtown Lexington, provided a vibrant and inspirational setting for the mid-April reception, attended by CKRE board members and supporters.

Seth Tuska, the son of the late John Tuska Lexington sculptor and UK art professor said the event introduced him to CKRE for the first time.

Kate Savage, CKRE volunteer and board member, suggested the space and helped facilitate the arrangements with Seth and CKRE.

Seth, providing the leadership and vision behind Tuska Studio felt honored to support CKRE by hosting the reception. Part of the Tuska studio mission is healing and wellness. We feel rewarded to be a part of this worthy cause and believe in the mission of CKRE, he said.

The Tuska collection can be viewed at Tuska Studio, 147 Old Park Avenue in Lexington.

With a nod to the Tuska Studio's "mantra" -- non basta una vita (one life is not enough), the staff and volunteers of CKRE are inclined to say, One thank you is not enough. We hope we have an opportunity to collaborate with Tuska again!

Karri Sandino, CKRE Volunteer

CELEBRITY READER WEEK AT CKRE

"They came, they sat, they read"...and CKRE's first ever Celebrity Reader Week was an unparalleled success!

Each reader was assured that "everything will be okay" and "you'll do fine — just breathe, speak up and speak clearly." With those simple words of encouragement, CKRE's first-ever Celebrity Reader Week was launched.

During the week of April 16-20, CKRE hosted its first Moving Campaign project. Local celebrities joined CKRE's regular staff and volunteers for a live reading of the Lexington *Herald-Leader*. Each guest was first given a tour of the studio and shown the "magic" behind CKRE's inner workings. The *Herald-Leader* broadcast, delivered live daily, is one of the many publications shared by CKRE with Central Kentucky's citizens with visual and physical disabilities. "We are Central Kentucky's only radio reading service," says Margaret Chase, CKRE's

chair and executive director. "Our goal, our hope, is to increase our outreach to include all of Kentucky."

Each guest was then invited to join our volunteer readers in the live studio. The list included: Merlene Davis, Joel Pett, Cheryl Truman and Tim Kelly of the *Herald-Leader*, Bill Meck and Lee Cruse from WLEX-TV 18, Vice-Mayor Jim Gray, Poet and UK English Professor Nikky Finney, Barbara Bailey from WKYT-TV 27, Beth Kirchner of the Woodford County Theatrical Arts Association, Michael Johnathon of Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour, Senator Ernesto Scorsone and CKRE Board Members Carl Nathe and Councilwoman Linda Gorton.

"Everyone loved it!" says Sarah Nix, CKRE Studio Manager. "Hopefully each of them will agree to return in November for our next Celebrity Reader Week."

Freida Vinson, CKRE Volunteer

KUDOS TO CLARK REGIONAL

Thanks to a hard working team of volunteers, hospital staff, and cable company personnel, patients at Clark Regional Medical Center can now enjoy the benefits of Central Kentucky Radio Eye twenty four hours a day.

The initiative began when Margaret Chase, CKRE's Executive Director, brought the idea to CRMC board member Ed Mastreon. Mastreon worked with CRMC CEO Robert Fraraccio to get Time-Warner Cable on board.

The result: hospital Channel 28 now broadcasts CKRE's audio feed, accompanied by a slide acknowledging Time-Warner's contribution.

The service is a great way for patients to pass the time and keep in touch with their community. According to Sarah Mills, CRMC Marketing Director, the hospital's cataract patients and those in the Transitional Care Unit (extended care patients) will likely benefit most from the service.

Others instrumental in the project were long time CKRE volunteers Diane Curtis and Rives Stoll, and CRMC's Greg Moberly and Brian Epperson.

Anytime you are in Clark Regional make sure to tune into Channel 28 to hear CKRE's 24 hour a day broadcast.

Leif Erickson Rigney, CKRE Volunteer

FRIENDS OF CKRE

CKRE thanks the following for their generous support earlier this year

Linda Neville Trust

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In memory of Paul Lewis Slaughter:

Dr and Mrs Thomas J Penn Brad and Christine LaFoe Patsy Shyrock

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George and Lorie Ward in memory of Barbara Kelly

Carl C Talbert in memory of Sarah Vinegar

Roger M Colburn and Kiwanis Golden K in memory of Bill Withington

Scott Sloan in honor of Dori Hjalmarson

BOOK SERIES

A Girl Named Zippy a memoir by Haven Kimmel, will be our Summer 2007 Book Series. Please join CKRE volunteer **Ruth Poley** 1 to 2pm weekday afternoons, as she brings to life Kimmel's tale of "a time when small town America was caught in the amber of the innocent post-war period". Make sure to stay tuned to CKRE for the start date, to be announced soon.

PROGRAM GUIDE

The new CKRE **2007-2008 Program Guides** have gone out in the mail. If you have not received your program guide, call the us at 859-257-2702 and we will send you one.

CKRE thanks **Hammond Design** and **Copy Express** for making this updated guide possible.

PROGRAM NOTES

Check out our new program **Job Talk** at 1:00pm on Tuesdays. Read by Maureen Cropper it provides job ads from the **Lexington Herald-Leader**.

Also please note the **Lexington Herald-Leader**, broadcast at 8am Monday thru Saturday (9am Sundays) is now repeated on weekdays at 2pm.

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COFFEE (AND WATER) BREAK

Another big CKRE thank you goes out to The Highbridge Springs Water Co and Starbucks Coffee. We thank Highbridge Springs for providing cool, refreshing water for our readers — allowing for the smoothest voices in town.

And thanks to the High Street Starbucks for providing coffee with all the "fixins" for Celebrity Reader Week. Your java made our 8am to 10 am broadcast of the Herald-Leader much "perk"-ier that week!!

THANKS LEXMARK...

...for helping CKRE in the preparation of this Summer 2007 edition of **Radio Eye**.

SUMMER WISHLIST

Central Kentucky Radio Eye is asking for the following items. If you would like to help, please call Sarah at 859-257-2702.

- Gateway Laptop Computer NX570X
 - Self-adhesive file folder fasteners No. 2ABF
 - Instant coffee, creamer, sweeteners
 - Kleenex
 - Tape Dispenser
 - AT&T headset model #EH-535
 - Avery White Address Labels: 5160 and 5161
 - Envelopes: large (4 1/8" x 9 1/2") and Small (3 5/8" x 6 1/2")
 - Black "Sharpie" markers
 - Mulituse Paper: white 8 1/2" x 11"
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THANKS UK PARKING

And another CKRE thank you goes out to the UK Parking Department. There is no way we could do what we do without you. We cannot thank you enough.

CKRE VOLUNTEERS

CKRE's 24/7 Broadcast would not be possible without our incredibly talented and dedicated volunteers. Laughter and delightful conversation can always be heard when volunteers are in the studio. It is not unusual for homemade baked goods or other treats to show up in the studio. We here at CKRE offer a big thank you our established volunteers and a warm welcome to our newest volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

NEW LISTENERS

CKRE would also like to welcome our newest listeners. Our listeners are the most important part of CKRE and we extend a warm CKRE welcome to each and every one of you: Eva Hiatt, Stella Blankenship, Melissa Caldwell, Julian Bloomfield, Billy Summers, Ed Christian, Marilyn Garrett, Mary Hawkins, Nancy Louder, Eugene Warner, George Ferguson, Roger Sackett and Gay Washburn.

HEAR CKRE IN LOCAL HOSPITALS

Central Kentucky Radio Eye can now be heard on in-house TV in Cardinal Hill Hospital, Clark Regional Medical Center and Central Baptist Hospital. To listen, simply tune into the following hospital channels: Central Baptist - Channel 28, Cardinal Hill - Channel 15, Clark Regional - Channel 28.



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FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND

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