Message from the President

By: Dan Sippl, RSVA President

Meeting and Exceeding our Members' Greatest Expectations

It is with great pride that we in RSVA can thank our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, families, and volunteers for such a great start to the year with an outstanding Sagebrush Training Conference. This was followed with a wonderfully executed ACB Affiliates President's Meeting and Legislative Seminar. Please join me in thanking all of our Committee Chairs, Board of Directors, their families, and volunteers for all of their valuable time and effort in making RSVA such a wonderful organization which accomplishes our mission with the greatest of pride.

However, great successes cannot hinder us from our mission of improving the lives, economically and otherwise, of blind vendors across the country. We have renewed our rebate contract with PepsiCo for their Frito-Lay products to enhance our member's bottom lines to better fulfill their family's financial needs. All of the rebates go directly into your pockets.

We have kicked off our Monthly Monetary Support program (MMS) in conjunction with the American Council of the Blind (ACB) in hopes of expanding our services to our members. (Please see related article from Ways and Means Chair, Ken Jessup.) Our Lifetime Memberships are growing with the recent additions to your constitution which broadens the eligibility to the Lifetime Members Roster. We will continue to recognize those that support your RSVA by the MMS and

Lifetime Membership. There is no time like now to join in on the satisfaction of supporting such a great organization that can stand up and help make your voice resonate throughout society, in particular, Legislative Venues across the country.

Our Legislative Committee under the guidance of our 1st Vice-President, Ron Eller, will continue to expand its presence in Washington, D.C. and State Houses across the country. The RSVA Executive Committee and Board of Directors will continue to make every effort to make ourselves available for your annual Upward Mobility Training Conferences, Affiliate meetings, or any other meeting or consultation you desire.

Remember there are many friends out there that you just simply have not met yet; so please join me in meeting all of our friends by getting involved, if not for your sake, that of your families. Please keep the summer RSVA conference in conjunction with ACB in your calendar.

PS. If there is anything that you would like us to have available at your Sagebrush Training Conference or Annual Convention, please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with me at any time.

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SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US AT THE RSVA / ACB
SUMMER CONVENTION IN
COLUMBUS, OHIO
JULY 5-12, 2013