**The Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood Newsletter #1**

**April 4, 2015**

**Coming to You from the Campbell Kingdom**

**by**

**Patty L. Fletcher**

It’s super awesome springtime on Campbell’s Corner in the Campbell Kingdom!

Moon phases: Full moon: 4/4/15 New moon: 4/18/15

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**1) Introduction**

Hello, friends and neighbors! Campbell and Patty here, dropping by to let you know about the goings-on here on Campbell’s Corner.

Before we begin, I want to announce that my newsletter is being launched on April 4 because today marks four years that my Seeing Eye dog Campbell and I have been together. Thus this is a very special day for me in more ways than one.

We hope you’ll enjoy this first issue of our monthly newsletter and that you’ll choose to sign up for it and possibly contribute to it. That way, we can learn of and make room for your events in our own busy schedule.

We strive to send you Love, Light, and Peace, as well as all the info about what we’re up to.

Take a look at what we’ve come up with, and then let us know what you think. All comments are welcome.

Please note: If you don’t want us to send you any more issues of this newsletter, just say so, and we will remove you from our newsletter mailing list and not have one hard feeling about it.

Send all submissions, comments, and questions to me at patty.volunteer1@gmail.com

When you write me to sign up for the newsletter, please be sure to include your first and last names and your email address in your message.

I will reply personally to all email.

**2) Advertising and Contributing / Editing Assistance**

Perhaps you have an ad for a business or an upcoming event, or for something that you’d like to sell, trade, or give away. Perhaps you have a poem or a very short story or narration that you’d like to submit. For an example, see #8 below, my short piece called “A Tribute to Campbell.”

The costs for inclusion in the newsletter are:

$5 for an ad up to 150 words in length / $10 for an ad of 151 to 250 words

$5 for submitting a poem or short story or narrative

That is, you pay me to have your work published. Granted, that may be rather unusual, but in return for your $5, you will have your work published, gain some exposure, and also be able to advertise your website or your blog. I can also put in any other contact information that you wish to have included.

Your literary work will be protected by a Common Copyright.

Word limits: 250 words for an ad / 2,000 words for a poem or story

So that the newsletter won’t become overly long, I’m pondering the following publication limitations per issue: Ten or fewer ads. / Two or three poems. / One or possibly two short stories or narratives, depending on their length.

If I start getting a great many literary submissions, I will consider starting a separate literary newsletter.

If you would like an editor for your submissions, I can recommend my own editor, Leonore H. Dvorkin, of Denver, Colorado. To inquire about her services, email her at leonore@leonoredvorkin.com Her website: [www.leonoredvorkin.com](http://www.leonoredvorkin.com)

Her normal charge for her work is $25 per hour, but if you are disabled and/or low income, the charge is only $20 per hour. She can accept checks, money orders, or PayPal, but not credit cards.

My nonfiction book that Leonore edited is *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*. See my website for full details: <www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/>

Leonore and her husband, David Dvorkin, are both much-published authors. For more about them, see #9 below.

**3) How to Encourage Renewal and New Growth versus Negativity and Strife**

by Patty L. Fletcher

To do this day…

Find one thing that you truly love to do and do it. Use that thing to represent all renewal and new growth.

Also to do today…

Find one thing that honestly needs to be thrown away, and then rid yourself of it. Allow that unwanted, unneeded item to represent all the negativity and strife in your life.

Will negativity and strife come again? Of course. But we do not have to allow them to rule our lives.

My wishes for you:

May Harmony find you.

May Peace, Love, Freedom, Prosperity, Protection, and Forgiveness surround you.

Blessid Be!

**4) Introduction to Some Upcoming Events in the Campbell Kingdom / About My Book**

Now, everyone, get ready for news about three events that King Campbell Lee the Seeing Eye Dog and I will be taking part in over the next few weeks.

We know how busy everyone gets, and we know that the weekends can get jam packed. If you’re like most people, before you know what’s happened, you’ve said yes to three weekend events and a firm maybe to a fourth at the beginning of the week. So I’ve tried not to schedule too many events at one time.

Speaking of events: Should your group, club, or civic organization need a speaker, please don’t hesitate to check out my website for more about me, my book, my background, and my interests: <www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/>

Also, if your book club reads works of nonfiction, I hope you will consider my book as one of your selections. It’s just 230 pages long, and it costs only $3.99 in e-book format and a maximum of $11.95 in paperback. Full details are below.

***Campbell's Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life***

**Nonfiction by Patty L. Fletcher**

The book is now for sale in print and e-book format from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, the Apple bookstore, Smashwords, and other online sellers.

For details, see: <www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/>

A portion of proceeds from book sales goes to the national nonprofit Seeing Eye, Inc. guide dog school in Morristown, New Jersey

**About the Book**

This is the story of how the author obtained her first guide dog from The Seeing Eye**®** in Morristown, New Jersey: what motivated her, the extensive training she had, the special relationship she developed with her trainer, and the good friends she made. Once she returned home to Tennessee, there were many new challenges to be met and overcome, including domestic abuse. All that was in addition to her chronic conditions of bipolar disorder and fibromyalgia.

With honesty, courage, and humor, Patty Fletcher tells a remarkable story of personal development that is sure to inform, entertain, and inspire others, both blind and sighted.

Note: In the cover photo, Campbell and I are shown standing on the edge of the Holston River. I’m tossing flowers into the water in remembrance of victims of domestic violence, of which I am a survivor.

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See: [www.SeeingEye.org](http://www.SeeingEye.org)

**About the author of *Campbell’s Rambles***

Patty L. Fletcher lives in Kingsport, Tennessee, where she writes and now devotes her life to raising awareness of the topics listed above. She is currently working on her second book.

If you’d like to purchase a book directly from her or make a donation, please call Patty at 423-963-9476 or email her at patty.volunteer1@gmail.com

**5) The Kingsport Public Library Event on April 11, 2015**

Do you love to read? Do you think you’d like to read a book that’s true, down to earth, and educational, but also humorous and suspenseful?

Do you like dogs? Would you like to actually get to pet and learn about a real live Seeing Eye dog?

How about getting to meet the author who wrote the book you’re buying and getting to really see where your money will go?

Then the announcement below is for you!

Author and motivational speaker **Patty L. Fletcher** will be at the **Kingsport Public Library, 400 Broad St., on Saturday, April 11, 2015, 3:00-4:30 PM**, to talk and to sign and sell copies of her newly released book: *Campbell's Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*

On the day of the event, you can get the paperback edition of the book from the author herself: tax free and with no need for shipping.

For book details, please see: [www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/](http://www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/)

The Seeing Eye®, a national nonprofit that breeds, raises, and trains guide dogs for people who are blind and visually impaired, will benefit from the book sale.

**6) The Branco Broadcast Event on Monday, April 13, 2015**

Author Robert T. Branco, who lives in New Bedford, Massachusetts, hosts a weekly, hour-long telephone conference event called Branco Broadcast. Before each guest’s appearance on his show, Bob sends out a notification of the guest’s upcoming appearance and some details about that person and his or her work. During the conference call, the guest tells about himself or herself for about 15 or 20 minutes, and then the discussion is opened up to the listeners, who may ask questions, make comments, etc. Anyone may participate.

On the evening of Monday, April 13, 2015, Patty will be Bob’s guest. She will talk mainly about her book, *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*, and also about networking, self-promotion, and book marketing.

The broadcast will start at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, 6:00 PM Central Time, 5:00 PM Mountain Time, and 4:00 PM Pacific Time.

To access the conference call, do the following. A couple of minutes before the start of the event, phone 712-432-3645. Then press 1 for the main menu, 1 for the rooms menu, and 6 for Bob’s conference room. You will be asked to give your name (just your first name is fine) and where you are calling from. A tip: It helps the other listeners if you mute your phone when you are not speaking, and you’ll be able to put your phone on speaker.

Robert T. Branco is the author of four books. One of those is *My Home Away from Home: Life at Perkins School for the Blind*, and another is *As I See It: From a Blind Man’s Perspective*. Bob is also the editor of a newsletter called *The Consumer Vision Magazine*. For details, including a link to his newsletter, see his website: <http://www.dvorkin.com/robertbranco/>

**7) The Fatz Café Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale on May 2, 2015**

Although it doesn’t seem possible, we will be thinking about those May dress-up days and mid-spring events before you know it.

Campbell and I hope you’ll add the May event detailed below to your calendar of fun things to do.

For only $7 per ticket, you can come by Fatz Café on May 2, have pancakes, sausage, and a beverage, meet and learn about a great Seeing Eye dog, and meet the lady who owns, handles, and has written about him. Then you can enjoy the rest of your day, with a good breakfast to energize you and a new book under your arm to educate and entertain you as you ramble to your next awesome event!

So save the date! Here are the full details.

Patty L. Fletcher, author of *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*, will be holding a pancake breakfast and book sale/signing at

**Fatz Café**

**2610 West Stone Drive**

**Kingsport, Tennessee 37660**

**Ph. (423) 392-9885**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

Part of the proceeds from this event will go to The Seeing Eye, a national non-profit located in Morristown, New Jersey that breeds, raises, and trains guide dogs for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Please visit [www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/](http://www.dvorkin.com/pattyfletcher/) to learn more about Patty Fletcher and her book, her Seeing Eye dog, Campbell, and the school he comes from.

Or call Patty directly at 423-963-9476.

Note: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Pancake Breakfast. If you’d like to learn more about what that entails, please phone the number listed above.

**8) A Tribute to Campbell**

March 31, 2015

Four years ago this week, I experienced an event that would forever change my life. I had spent months readying myself for that day, but nothing could have prepared me for what happened on April 2, 2011. As many of you know from reading my book, *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life*, I arrived at The Seeing Eye ® in Morristown, New Jersey nearly four hours late. I was frightened half to death and ready to turn and run. Now I have to say that even though I have faced many trials since that long-ago day, I am ever so glad that I did not do that. Without a doubt, it would have been the worst mistake of my life—possibly even a deadly mistake.

Once there, I was introduced to my Seeing Eye instructor, Mr. Drew Gibbon, Sr. He began the life-changing process with that very first handshake, and for me, there has been no going back from that moment. Again, I am ever so glad.

However, the true new beginning and forever change did not take place until what I have dubbed “the most wonderful day ever.” (In fact, that’s the title of Chapter Three in my book.) The day was April 4, 2011. What happened, you ask? On that day, I met Campbell, a big black Labrador. As Drew Gibbon placed that leash in my hand and I began the process of getting to know this magnificent beast, my life began to turn in a new direction. For me, nothing has been the same since.

Since those long-ago days, which often don’t feel so long ago at all, my partner Campbell (or Campbell Lee, as I have renamed him) have been through both triumph and trial. We have been on top of the mountain and down in the very darkest valleys. Right now, we’re somewhere in between, but we are still together and standing strong.

Just this day, March 31, 2015, I sat with him in my arms, and I cried. I cried tears of sorrow for those who are no longer in our lives for mistakes made, and for loves lost. I cried tears of sorrow, because when I came home with my boy, I had the most awesome hopes and dreams that a young lady like me could possibly have. (“Young lady” was what Drew often called me.) I believed that my future was bright and beautiful, that it would be filled with love from a man I thought would love me forever and from my family, who I thought would remain forever by my side. But many parts of that dream have not come to be.

Campbell and I have been through many, many changes within our four years together. But the one thing that has never changed, the one thing that never will change, is the love that the two of us have for one another.

As I sat with tears running down my face earlier today, I said to Campbell, “Bubba, I’m sorry. Had I known of all the horrible things that would befall me, I would not have brought you here and exposed you to them.” As if he knew the meaning of every word I spoke, he raised his head from my lap and took my hand in his mouth. He’s been doing that as a way to reassure me since day one.

It was as if he were saying, “Really, Mom? Do you seriously think you could’ve gotten through any of this without me? And do you really think I’d have missed any of it? Wow! How much awesome love you give to me each and every day! How many awesome and fun adventures we go on! And wow! Oh, wow! The neat people we do meet!”

He loved on me, nuzzled me, and then got up and ran around the room, barking and wagging his tail, asking to play ball. So play ball we did. Once again, my tears were gone, and once again, I found the strength to stand up from yet another puddle. Once again, I found myself able to go forward.

So thanks to you, The Seeing Eye. Thanks to you, Mr. Drew Gibbon. But most of all, thanks to you, my awesome, beautiful, loving, and ever patient King Campbell Lee. You are my friend, my partner, my keeper of secrets, and my protector. For you I am ever grateful, and I will love you forever more.

**9) About Leonore and David Dvorkin (my editor and her tech-savvy husband)**

*Campbell’s Rambles* was edited by Leonore H. Dvorkin: [www.leonoredvorkin.com](http://www.leonoredvorkin.com)

The cover was designed by her husband, David Dvorkin: [www.dvorkin.com](http://www.dvorkin.com)

David, who is a former computer programmer and technical writer, also did all the technical formatting required for the publication of the book in e-book and print.

David and Leonore Dvorkin are the authors of a total of 30 books, both fiction and nonfiction.

Leonore’s moving and informative memoir about her breast cancer experience is *Another Chance at Life: A Breast Cancer Survivor’s Journey* (2012 edition). The book is available in e-book, print, audio, and a Spanish edition. Full details: <http://www.leonoredvorkin.com/brcan/index.php>

David Dvorkin writes science fiction, horror, mystery, and nonfiction. He is the author of three *Star Trek* novels, one of which he wrote with his son, Daniel Dvorkin. Full details are on David’s website: [www.dvorkin.com](http://www.dvorkin.com)

The Dvorkins also edit and produce books by other authors. Since 2009, they have edited and produced 21 books, both fiction and nonfiction, by other authors. Most of their clients are blind. Bob Branco, mentioned above in #9, is one of them. The books are all published in e-book and print.

Details of their services, including two photos of all the books that they have thus far edited and produced, can be found at: <http://www.dvorkin.com/epubhelp/>

**10) Ad for *The Blind Post***

Post an ad on *The Blind Post*, a great place to share and sell! *The Blind Post* classified news features ads and announcements from and for the blind. Excellent monthly columns on a variety of topics, and much, much more! Subscribe free: foodlady@theblindpost.com or read the latest news at [www.theblindpost.com](http://www.theblindpost.com)

**11) Conclusion and Thanks**

Campbell and I would like to thank you for reading this first issue of our newsletter, and we hope that you’ll allow us back to visit again in May.

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May Peace, Love, Freedom, Prosperity, Protection, and Forgiveness surround you.

Blessid Be!

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This newsletter was edited by Leonore H. Dvorkin, of Denver, Colorado. For more about her, her four books and many articles, and the comprehensive editing and self-publishing services offered by her and her husband, David Dvorkin, see #9 above and her website: <www.leonoredvorkin.com>