

# STUDIO NEWS

Audio Studio  
for the  
Reading Impaired, Inc.  
Telephone 502-245-5422

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A non-profit organization  
serving reading impaired  
people

## Audio Studio Tapes Open New Vistas for Retired Nurse

By Kitty Beggs, Volunteer

One of our newest clients, 78-year-old Virginia Coffey, is a retired nurse from the Louisville-Jefferson County Health Department Tuberculosis Clinic. A widow, she was diagnosed in 1997 with “wet” macular degeneration.

This form of the disease, which can involve bleeding within and beneath the retina, accounts for 90 percent of all cases of legal blindness in macular degeneration patients. Surgery did not help Virginia and she has lost all central vision. She still has some peripheral vision and is able to walk her dog. The last time Virginia drove her car was March 2002. She now uses TARC for some transportation and is fortunate to have many friends who drive her.



*Virginia Coffey with her best friend Honey Cinnamon.*

Virginia says she sat around for the first few months after losing her vision wondering what she could do. She just completed six months as a student at the McDowell Center of the Department for the Blind Work Force Development Cabinet where she learned to use a computer with the JAWS screen reader program. With its internal software speech synthesizer and the computer’s sound card, information from the screen is read aloud. Virginia graduated March 7 and received a certificate in assistive technology. The loan of a computer came with her certificate. She says she receives e-mail every day from family, friends, and a prayer chain.

A fellow student at the McDowell Center told her about Audio Studio. Now Virginia says having us read for her “has opened up a whole new vista.”

One of the books we have taped for her is a devotional. We have narrated two books of the Jan Karon Mitford series and are working on a third. Virginia is very pleased that she can get the unabridged version from us, as this isn’t always offered on the mass-produced audio books when they are first published. She has also enjoyed a biography of missionary Amy Carmichael.

Virginia has generously shown her appreciation of what our volunteers do by bringing Valentine candy to the Studio for us to enjoy. Thank you, Virginia. We look forward to continuing to open new vistas for you.

### Audio Studio For The Reading Impaired, Inc.

**WHO WE ARE:** a non-profit organization reading previously unrecorded material for anyone who is physically unable to read standard print.

**WHAT WE DO:** volunteers and monitors record printed material to audio cassettes for Talking Book Libraries and for individual clients.

**WHERE WE ARE:** in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall behind the Anchorage Presbyterian Church.

Website: [www.audio-studio.org](http://www.audio-studio.org) \* Email: [Director@audio-studio.org](mailto:Director@audio-studio.org)

## Spring Fundraiser Helps With Expenses

Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allen Poe, Franklin Library Edition for \$1, Iacocca: An Autobiography for \$1 and Little Mountain Bean Bible Cookbook for 50¢ were only a few of the hundreds of books waiting for friends and neighbors on Monday morning, March 24 in the Fellowship Hall of Anchorage Presbyterian Church.

The Studio has periodically held a book sale to clean out our shelves, allow our volunteers to do the same in their homes and provide an always appreciated fundraiser for the operating expenses of the Studio. It makes for a wonderful chance to browse and pick up some ‘really good buys’ according to Janis Keefe, Studio board member and volunteer who chaired the event. There were many happy purchasers, much cleaner book shelves at home, and a little more storage space in the Studio.

Many thanks to the volunteers who planned and publicized the event, contributed books, unpacked them, staffed the book sale and participated in the clean up. Your efforts made for a successful event.

And many thanks to friends and neighbors of the Anchorage community who attended our sale. Thank you, thank you, thank you and good reading to all!

### Our Thanks to ...

The Studio received an early holiday gift from **NTS Development Company** last fall. Twenty-three employees of the firm, as part of the company’s employee incentive program, offered their services as volunteers.

With the heavy demands of several of our student clients the offer could not have been more timely.

**NTS Development** encourages teams of their employees to do work in the community as part of an employee incentive program. This has allowed many to volunteer in some great community projects, according to Ellen Lammet, corporate marketing coordinator.

The volunteers from Team “Dollars and Sense”, headed by Dustin Koenig, included accounting, information services and administrative services personnel. These volunteers provided 278 hours of reading, monitoring and proof-reading.

Thank you, **NTS Development** for your commitment to community service and Audio Studio. It was a gift to us and to our clients. Special thanks to team leader Dustin Koenig, contact person Jan Watkins and the entire “Dollars and Sense” team including members not shown in the photo at right: Tim Baker, Jo Bush, Dwayne Darnell, Diane Davis, Erin Embry, Nancy Felker, Vicki Harris, Laurie Kaplin, Matthew Lemmon, Sarah Neal, Tammy Parrott, Karen Payne, Kelli Penn, David Pitchford, Christina Steen, and Susan Womack.



*Some of the members of the “Dollars & Sense” team who volunteered at the Studio last fall.  
(back, l to r) Brenda McDade, Cheryl Blair, Beth Delozier; (front, l to r) Tammy Robinson, Micheala Stanton, & Jan Watkins.*

**AARP** and the Studio have had a working relationship for many years. Our volunteers have recorded both the AARP Bulletin and the monthly magazines, Modern Maturity, My Generation and, now, the newest publication, AARP, The Magazine.

A recent contribution by **AARP** is much appreciated. Thank you, **AARP** for the continuing support you give the Studio.

Thanks, also, to **Jim Eckman**, volunteer, board member and ‘retiring’ newsletter editor. He has given many hours to helping the Studio tell its story over the past several years and we thank him sincerely.

## Chocolate Decadence, Caramel Turtle Fudge, or Cheesecake Fantasy?

If these choices sound as good to you as they do to me, indulge yourself and help Audio Studio!  
On Wednesday, **June 4**, Cold Stone Creamery at 3604 Springhurst Blvd. will donate 25% of all revenues to the Studio. The Creamery's hours of operation are 12 noon till 10 p.m.

That's **June 4**, Cold Stone Creamery—Springhurst,  
across from Rafferty's and between Shoe Carnival and Rainbow Blossom.

Put it on your calendar and remember the hardest part is deciding which of the flavors to enjoy.

I think Coffee Lovers sounds good.

## Volunteer Luncheon Scheduled for May 15 With Special Guest

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15** at 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall of Anchorage Presbyterian Church. This is a chance for our board of directors to thank our many volunteers and honor them with a spring celebration. We hope everyone has the date marked on their calendar.

We are planning for a special appearance by one of our clients, Ms. Beth Finke, who recently published her book, Long Time No See. The Studio recorded her manuscript which allowed her to edit the text and ready it for publication. You may remember a previous newsletter story about Ms. Finke in the Winter 2001 newsletter. See our website at [www.audio-studio.org](http://www.audio-studio.org) under 'News' for the entire story.

### Did You Know ... ?

- that our volunteers enjoyed over 75 pounds of candy at the Studio last year? Perhaps, you would like to contribute your favorite!

- that Josie Wiseman, one of our fastest readers at the Studio, squeezes an entire issue of TV Guide into one recording session?

- that some companies match your contributions and thus, double the total gift to the Studio? But you must let them know!

- that our director, Betty Zielinski and her husband Bob were 'stars' in the Clarksville Little Theatre's March production of "You Can't Take it With You"?

### And Did You Know?

Ashley Rosen, one of our volunteer readers, recently recorded Beth Finke's book, Long Time No See, the story of her life.

The Studio is offering the cassette recording to our clients for a suggested donation of \$20. For your copy or to receive more information contact,

Betty Zielinski at  
502-245-5422.

### From the Director ...

Consider giving two hours a week of your time. You will not regret sharing your voice or your other abilities so the reading impaired can enjoy the printed word. Call me if you can help.

Betty Zielinski  
502-245-5422

### It's Easy to Help

There are many ways to help us continue our work. Our volunteers read, monitor, proof finished recordings, copy materials, repair tape and Braille machines or help with other administrative projects.

Contributions are always appreciated. Gifts can be made in a variety of ways:

- a direct donation, made out to '**Audio Studio**',
- a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one,
- the establishment of an endowment, or
- a bequest to the **Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired, Inc.**

For more information on these options call our office at 502-245-5422.

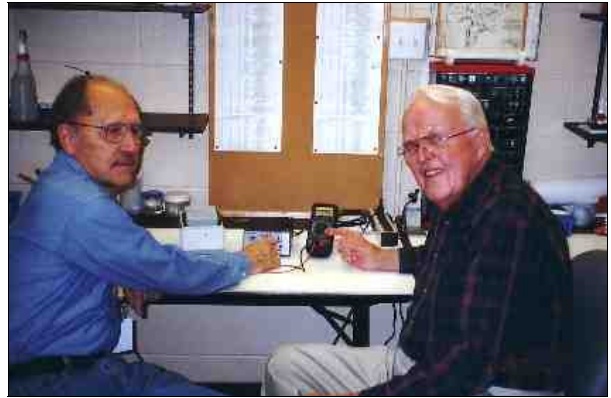
## Studio Repair Team Gets Publicity

A recent solution to our repair team's need for a battery charger made the news in The Voice-Tribune and Communicator, the GE volunteer service center newsletter.

The volunteer staff at the repair shop created a unique solution for the testing and charging of the nickel-cadmium batteries that run the specially designed audio tape players our clients use. The purchase of a new charger at up to \$500 was too expensive for the shoestring budget of the Studio repair shop and would not have been exactly what was needed.

Instead retired GE employees Al Boice, Alex Rosenberg and Dave Berg put their heads together and decided to 'build' a charger.

The device, in use for several months, is performing perfectly according to Berg. "We can now safely determine whether an old battery can be salvaged and refresh new batteries to full voltage before installation in a tape player." The team has shared their success with other GE repair sites around the country, as well as the National Library Service in Washington.



*Al Boice (l) and Dave Berg (r) with the Boice Charger, their solution to a repair shop problem.*

The Boice Charger is an example of good old American engineering ingenuity – the use of local expertise to achieve a needed function at an affordable price. And the blind and reading impaired clients of the Audio Studio's repair shop will continue to receive the very best that engineering and the spirit of volunteerism can offer.

## What We Are Recording ...

As most of you know, what sets the Studio apart from other recording facilities in our area is our willingness to work directly with individuals and tailor the requested recording to their exact specifications.

Some of the most recent requests we've recorded for individual clients:

- Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Harriet A. Jacobs,
- Dangerous Border Crossers: The Artist Talks Back, Guillermo Gomez-Pena,
- Veggie Life, Vegetarian Times and Vegetarian Journal, all magazines,
- Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology, 3rd Edition, Valerie C. Scanlon & Tina Sanders,
- The Writer's Guide to Queries, Pitches and Proposals, Moira A. Allen, and
- Pipe Dreams: Greed, Ego and the Death of Enron, Robert Bryce, Molly Ivins.

If you know of someone who could use our services, let them know how to contact us. We welcome the opportunity to record their individual requests. Call 502-245-5422.

## From our Clients ...

*Dear Betty, I thank you and the wonderful readers for all the time taken in helping me get my needs met. Megan R.*

Thanks for recording such a long and difficult book!  
Paul C.

*Betty, thank you so much. Everything has been running so smoothly this semester. Thank you very much! Amy P.*

A thousand thank you's, Noah B.

## From a Volunteer ...

Claudia Davis, Monday morning volunteer and board member, suggests the following 'good reads' she has enjoyed recently!

Empire Falls by Richard Russo  
Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles  
Peace Like a River by Leif Enger  
King of Torts by John Grisham  
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Do you have a favorite title you'd like to share in our next newsletter? Let Betty know at 502-245-5422.

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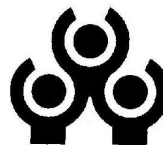
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