

# Accessible News Anywhere Highlights from NFBNY-NEWSLINE

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## **Holiday Greetings from President Robinson**

On behalf of the NFBNY Affiliate and the Newsline team, I want to wish you a joy-filled holiday season. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, or other traditions or observances, we wish you nothing but the best in the coming year.

As the year ends, we are thankful for the continued support that Newsline receives from the New York State Commission for the Blind and from the State Legislature. I again want to thank Assemblyman Pretlow, Senator Parker, and all other members of the State Assembly and Senate who have worked hard to secure additional funding for Newsline.

## A Sad Farewell to Our Outgoing Newsline Outreach Coordinator

Since February 2020, many of you have had the opportunity to speak with Bernice Bird, our Outreach Coordinator. Bernice has been an invaluable part of our Newsline Team, working tirelessly to reach out to our subscribers. She has also worked hard arranging for and making presentations to community groups and service providers to spread the word about Newsline. Bernice has also been an active contributor to this Newsletter.

In late September Bernice let us know that it was time for her to enjoy a full retirement. We already miss her hard work and contributions, but we want to wish her a long and happy retirement.

## A New Season Brings More to Look Forward To

This far north, December brings long nights, the first truly frosty winter days, and in some places steadily accumulating snow. Wistful thoughts of the past summer give way to holiday preparations and thoughts of preparing some special meal or treat for family, friends, or co-workers.

Whether you are looking for ideas for a family meal, a snack, or something to serve at a party, you are likely to find useful information or a helpful tip on Newsline. Here are some sources of information that you might want to check out if you need an idea for a meal, a potluck offering, or a gift idea.

All Recipes, Bon Appetit, Every Day with Rachael Ray, Real Simple, and Relish are magazines featuring food, recipes, and related topics. Many newspapers, especially in their Sunday editions, may have entire sections or articles featuring food, recipes, and related articles.

If you are looking for a more health focused approach to meal

planning and celebrating, consider publications like Prevention, Shape, or Spry Living.

If you are looking for helpful ideas on decorating for the holidays, you are bound to find something of interest in Better Homes and Gardens and Living the Country Life. Many newspapers also have weekly sections and columns featuring home décor and furnishings. Don't overlook the Real Estate section in your newspaper of choice. The Real Estate section often contains articles featuring ways to brighten up your home.

Whatever you are doing for the Holidays, we hope that you will find something in Newsline to make them fun and festive.

## We Value Your Contributions and Always Welcome Your Input

If you know only one person you believe might benefit from using Newsline, please contact us and we will help you with presenting the service to him or her. If you belong to or know about a group that includes people that you think would be eligible, contact us and

we will talk with you about collaborating with them.

Newsline needs you and your chapter, division, or group to reach out to people who can benefit from this free service and let them know about it. You will find our contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Did you know that you can use the keypad on your telephone to search for articles on Newsline? Is this a feature that you would like to know more about? Do you have a Newsline related topic you would like us to cover in this newsletter? Email or call, and we will do our best to include that information in

a future newsletter. Our contact information appears below.

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