**The Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood Newsletter, Issue #4**

**Happy 4TH of July from Patty and King Campbell the Seeing Eye Dog**

**to all in the Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood!**

**May Peace, Love, and Freedom Reign and Remain Forever! Blessid Be!**

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**My Book**

I’m the author of the autobiographical book *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life,* C 2014. It’s in e-book and print on Amazon and other online buying sites.

For full details and handy buying links, as well as information concerning all the services I provide, see my website above.

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**July Moon Phases / All times listed are Eastern Standard Time**

Full “Buck” Moon falls on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 10:22 PM

Last Quarter falls on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4:26 PM

New Moon falls on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 9:26 PM

First Quarter falls on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 12:05 AM

Full “Blue” Moon falls on Friday, July 31, 2015 at 6:45 AM

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**Tasha's Astro Planner for July 2015**

by Reader’s Request

July begins with a Full Moon and ends with one too. This is a month with a lot of impact, so it seems fitting that it will begin and end that way. Adding to the Full Moon on July 1 there is an early AM conjunction of Jupiter and Venus, making for a day with great potential for pleasure and gratification. Later that day Sun trine Neptune provides potential spiritual uplift and for those who can listen, a chance to hear some heavenly music.

Full Moon in Capricorn on the 1st implies some kind of a boost or growth for business and/or politics. Expect some interesting announcements. The New Moon in Cancer on the 15th is a good time to begin projects for the home, possibly involving food preservation, or to initiate family get-togethers or other gatherings in the home. The second Full Moon of this month is on the 31st, in Aquarius. This is an altruistic Moon; experiences or opportunities involving helping humanity can be planned for or expected.

July 15, the day of the New Moon in Cancer, there are two Pluto oppositions involving Mars and Mercury. If possible avoid travel that day. Use the available energy to dig through and discard or transform possessions you no longer need or want. Make elimination and change a choice. The Sun Pluto opposition of the 6th is another day for putting your sense of discrimination to work. On the 18th be very mindful if using tools or traveling. Accidents can happen. The 24th, 25th and 26th are very powerful days. Plan to do something strenuous in a unique or unusual fashion, perhaps involving or creating a breakthrough.

The 21st, 22nd and 23rd are excellent days to make progress with organization and structure. It will be easy to think clearly and speak directly to any issue. The month of July holds many days that will be useful for eliminating, organizing, restructuring and moving forward with what needs to be done. Make plans and discuss, however hold off on beginning any big projects. Mercury moves through three signs this month, Venus enters Virgo and then goes retrograde on the 25th, choices may be rethought or reconsidered then.

Mars stays in Cancer all month, Real Estate may boom, there could be stomach illnesses in the news. Jupiter continues in Leo. The theater may benefit as well as children or things involving them. Saturn continues retrograde in Scorpio, making for chances to go back over any structure, whether physical or other, to make sure it is solid. Uranus turns Retrograde on the 26th, a day of high impact. What is important is to use the available energies in the best way possible.

Check my website at <www.heartwingslovenotes.com> for my day by day planner which can also be found on Granny Moon's Morning Feast. The stars are there to guide us, not afflict us. Let us be grateful and use their guidance well.

(Note: The above entry was printed as submitted, and was not edited by Leonore Dvorkin.)

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**1. Neighborhood News**

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We here in The Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood unfortunately have a moment of sadness to share. On May 1, Celine Kitty passed on from this life to a life at the Rainbow Bridge. She will be missed by many.

Celine Kitty: March 15, 1999 to May 1, 2015

See my Tribute to her below, #6.

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**A brief recap:** Campbell and I previously reported that we had placed six books on consignment at a local bookstore in the Kingsport Town Center. So if you’re in that area, stop by Moody Bible Bookstore and take a look.

We now have six more books placed with a local business. On May 8, we visited a lovely store called Dilly’s Curiosity Shop. It is located at 1121 N. Eastman Road in Kingsport, Tennessee, in the Greenacres Shopping Center. We hope that all six copies of the book will sell. Should you ever find yourself in their neck of the woods, stop in and say hi. Tell ’em Patty and Campbell sent you! Their attractive website: <http://www.dillyshop.com/>

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**What’s new this month? And what’s coming up next?**

Campbell and I have been traveling and getting reacquainted with an old friend of mine from high school. He is a vending stand owner and operator in the Vending Stand Program for the Blind in the state of Tennessee.

His name is Bobby Donald. Later on, you can look for an interview with him. It will be about how he got his start in the business, the pros and cons of that, and much more.

Also, our longtime friend and ex-supervisor from CONTACT-CONCERN of Northeast Tennessee, Inc., D. Lynn Sorrell, has recently retired. I will be posting a special Campbell’s Calamities which will feature not only the tribute I wrote to him, but a limerick written by Mr. Sorrell. As you may or may not know, Mr. Sorrell (Lynn to me) is the one who took the beautiful photo on the cover of my book, *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life.*

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**Comments and Suggestions from Readers**

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Hey, Patty. There's no doubt, this one [Issue #3] was the best one yet. I can't wait until the next one. Thanks for such an inspiring read.

Sam and Mason

* Patty and Campbell here. Thanks, Sam, we’re happy you like the newsletter. Drop us a submission sometime. “Campbell here! YOSKEY! Dog friend Mason! What’s shakin’?”

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It would be helpful to readers if links were made clickable so they don't have to be copied and pasted into a browser's open location window. The easiest way to do this is to type the full address without any extraneous punctuation immediately before or after the address, i.e., <http://www.abbiejohnsontaylor.com> . If you want to include a Web address at the end of a sentence, as I just did, simply type a space after the address and then a period. If you follow these steps, most e-mail programs will display the address as a link that readers can simply click on by pressing the Enter key or space bar on a PC or the Return key on a Mac.

Otherwise, I enjoyed your last issue and look forward to reading more. Please keep up the good work.

Abbie Taylor

* Patty and Campbell here. Thanks, Abbie, we’re always looking for new ways to improve the newsletter. My editor has made that change in this issue.

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This wonderful newsletter of Patty’s is not only incredibly informative and entertaining but a valuable writers’ resource as well! It gives published and unpublished authors their chance to showcase their work and get exposure to hundreds of people as the newsletter’s circulation grows with each monthly issue. Thanks so much for making this available to the general public and to authors, too!

Brian K. Nash

* Patty and Campbell here. Hello, Brian. We’re glad you liked the newsletter, and we were happy to post your ads and poems. Please send a submission any time.

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I think one featured article and then headings and links to the rest would make the newsletter easier to navigate—making it a bit shorter, and still allowing it to be informative and interesting.

Becky

* Patty and Campbell here. Becky, thanks for the suggestion. At this time I’m not sure we can accommodate your request. I am not sure what would be involved in that, and I would most likely have to pay Mr. Dvorkin, my editor’s husband, to do that work for me. This would cause me to either a) charge more to run ads for products and services, as well as to publish literary submissions, or b) charge to subscribe. I don’t wish to do either of those at this time, but if the Dvorkins let me know it can be done, we will take it into consideration. What do the rest of The Campbell’s Corner Neighbors think?

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I think you are doing an excellent job with the newsletter. I have enjoyed reading each of the newsletters that I have received so far.

Roanna Bacchus

* Patty and Campbell here. Hello, Roanna. We’re so glad to have you as a Neighbor. Please, if it’s OK with you to share, where are you from again? I love your name. Please write to us any time, and should you run across something to contribute, by all means send it in. Links and “Musings and Making it Happen” are free to submit.

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Patty and Campbell back to say we enjoy getting your feedback and encourage more. Please send all submissions, feedback, advertising for products and services, literary pieces or narratives to: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

As always, please let us know whether you wish to be seen by the Neighborhood or kept in the doghouse. (Bright smile)

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**2. Newsletter Submission Guidelines and Prices**

Please read the following information carefully. If you’d like to submit something, please have it to me no later than the 20th of the month prior to the month of publication. That is, if you wish to have something appear in the August issue, have it to me no later than July 20. Please send all submissions to [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

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

Volume discount: Pre-pay for 5 months and get 6 appearances of your same ad / Pre-pay for 10 months and get 12 appearances of the same ad (1 year)

$5 for submitting a poem, a short story, or a narrative (2,000 words maximum)

That is, you pay me to have your work published. Granted, that may be a bit 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 setting the following limits per issue: 10 ads, two poems, and one short story or narrative.

If I start getting a lot of literary submissions, I will consider starting a separate literary newsletter.

Links and “Musings and Making It Happen” submissions are free of charge. However, links may not include advertisements for your own products or services. Those are paid or trade out ads only.

- Patty Fletcher

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**3. What Does It Mean To Be Mindful? Part 3, Final Lesson, by Patty L. Fletcher**

Hello, Neighborhood Newsletter Subscribers! Patty and Campbell here, requesting your help.

As you all know, for the past two months, we have been talking about mindfulness around the neighborhood. I even gave an assignment or two. I’ve not had anyone return their homework! I’d still love to have your feedback.

Please see the assignment reminder below and post your comments to me at [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

In the third and final part of our lesson, I’m going to talk about how we can be more mindful overall. In the meantime, here’s what to do this month. (This is a repetition of some of what I had in Part 2 of this lesson, back in the June issue, #3.)

When speaking to a loved one, friend, or coworker, take the approach of *Stop! Think! Then Act!* before talking with someone about a subject that has the potential to turn either offensive or hurtful.

Give some thought to the person you’re speaking to. Consider how they take things on a regular basis. Is this person a fun-loving jokester? Or is this person more literal, someone who is never sure when someone is teasing and when they’re not?

Take note of how they react to you when you’re using the new method of speaking with them versus the old way of doing it. Does the new, more conscious method make a difference?

How about sharing your experience by writing in and letting us know? We’d love to have your feedback.

If you write, please make certain to let us know whether you’d like your comments made public, for the whole neighborhood to read, or whether you want them kept private, just between you, me, and the doghouse. I promise we will respect your wishes 100 percent.

If you do not have your June newsletter and wish to have another copy sent with the lesson on Mindfulness we’re referring to, or if you’d just like copies of the two previous lessons, please write me and let me know. Again, my email is: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

This is Campbell the Seeing Eye Dog and Patty saying Be Mindful and Blessid Be!

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**4. Musings and Making It Happen**

This month, reader Mike Tate shares with us his thoughts and what inspired them. I took an awesome lesson from it when I read it, and I hope it will make a difference for you, as well.

It gives new meaning to one of my favorite sayings: “Take a chance. There’s a 50 percent chance you’ll be right.”

Take it away, Mike.

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Perks’ Pearl of Wisdom

"Somewhere there is someone looking for you. They don't know who you are and they don't know when they will find you. Still, they keep looking. They are looking for a friend. Touch more lives. Be one."

Bob Perks

When I read this, it renewed my zest for socializing and meeting new people. Pluto the Super Seeing Eye Dog and I have once again been inspired to be out and about, and we have a full weekend planned. We are going to attend an event for Father's Day tomorrow which will include live country music and free barbecue. I know we will meet some cool people when we smile warmly and reach out a hand and paw tomorrow and draw new and interesting people to us.

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**5. Products and Services**

First up, a note from one of our subscribers/sponsors.

I wrote to Dave Light and asked him to give me all the details concerning the wonderful radio show that he and all the stations listed below put on each day. Campbell and I are frequent guests on that show.

See below for listening info.

Hey, Beautiful Patty and Handsome Campbell,

Per your request:

The show is “AM Tri-Cities” (the show has been around for over 60 years—long story ☺) and is on the Holston Valley Broadcasting WKPT/ESPN family of stations. It can be heard at AM 1400, 1490 and 1590 and on FM 94.3, 97.7 and 97.9. Yes, those are six transmitters covering East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, a bit of eastern Kentucky ,and Western North Carolina, and it’s also streamed live on the internet at <http://espntricities.com> . I prefer to be contacted—initially, at least—by email at [dave@wkptradio.com](mailto:dave@wkptradio.com) . Non-profits, entertainment, regional heritage, things to do, and topics of general interest that enhance the quality of life in our region are our usual fare.

Many thanks for all you do. Give yourself a pat on the back and Campbell a hug for me.

Dave Light

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Patty and Campbell here: Dave plugs our books that are for sale at Dilly’s Curiosity Shop each and every day. He also always makes time for us on the show whenever we’re to be involved in any event or are having one of our own.

So, thanks lots, Dave! Y’all make sure to give a listen soon! Dave is awesome, and the show is too!

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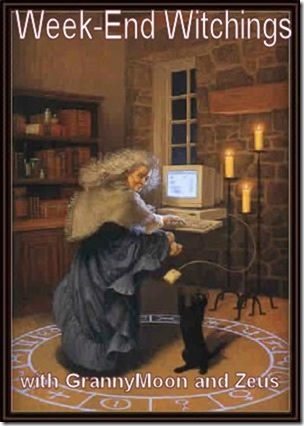
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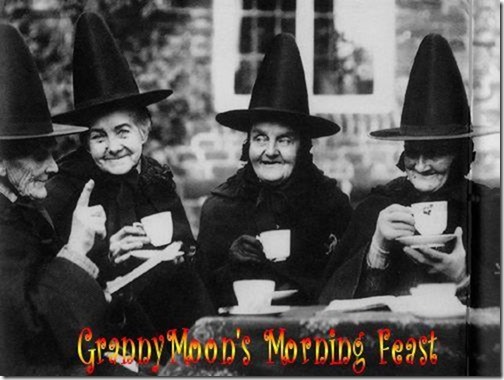
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**Books by Abbie Johnson Taylor**

For detailed descriptions, excerpts, and ordering information, visit <http://www.abbiejohnsontaylor.com>

1. *We Shall Overcome*. Lisa, visually impaired, is afraid of policemen because of an incident that happened to her brother years earlier. When she meets John, a bicycle patrol officer, she must re-evaluate her apprehension.
2. *How to Build a Better Mousetrap: Recollections and Reflections of a Family Caregiver*.The poems in this collection were mostly inspired by the author’s experiences while caring for her late husband, totally blind and partially paralyzed by two strokes.
3. *That’s Life: New and Selected Poems*.In this chapbook, the author gives advice to teenagers, shares more memories of her younger years, and touches on other life-changing events, including her wedding and her late husband’s death.

All books are available on Bookshare, and you can download a recording of *That’s Life* in mp3 format from the author’s site.

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**Four Books by Robert T. Branco**

The first three of these books are available in e-book and print from Amazon and other online sellers. Details and handy buying links are on Bob’s website: [www.dvorkin.com/robertbranco/](http://www.dvorkin.com/robertbranco/)

1. *My Home Away from Home: Life at Perkins School for the Blind* (C 2013)

From the ages of 12 to 19, the author attended a school for the blind. He tells about life in the "cottages," academics, sports, field trips, vocational training, and more. He had good and bad teachers, followed wise rules and absurd ones, met good friends and bullies, and welcomed administrative changes. Perkins educated him well; this book will surely educate and entertain many others.

2. *As I See It: From a Blind Man’s Perspective* (Revised and Expanded Edition, C 2013)

The author discusses numerous issues pertaining to blindness, including legislation, discrimination, employment, myths about blindness, and adaptive technology. This second edition includes two dozen new essays on website accessibility, relationships, Beep Baseball, personal care issues, and more.

3. *Weighing Things Up: Essays on Trends, Technology, and Present-Day Society* (C 2014)

This book includes 30 essays on issues pertaining to blindness and the blind, then another 73 essays having to do with bureaucracy, holidays, legislation, politics, sports, scams, technology, and social issues. Editor's notes and links to articles add information and sometimes a different point of view. (These three books were all edited by Leonore Dvorkin.)

4. *What We Love to Eat*

A cookbook featuring recipes all contributed by blind individuals. Available in large-print format and audio CD from the author. A few Braille copies are also available. Email Bob at [branco182@verizon.net](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Documents\branco182@verizon.net)

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**A novel by Leonore H. Dvorkin: *Apart from You* (Revised edition: Copyright 2010)**

The novel is set in 1967 and 1968, first in Mobile, Alabama and then on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University. However, the story is in no way a 1960s political novel. Vietnam barely gets mentioned. The themes are infidelity, sibling rivalry, deception, self-deception, separation, and miscommunication.

The two main characters are Elizabeth Nye, a 20-year-old German major, and Brian Petersen, the 27-year-old history teaching assistant with whom she has a five-week affair while she's temporarily separated from her liberal-minded fiancé, Alan Abrams.

Minor characters include Elizabeth's self-indulgent academic father, her sexy younger sister, a not-so-merry widowed neighbor, Brian's excessively beloved older sister, and his pined-after lost love.

Elizabeth is dishonest and selfish while Brian is naive and idealistic, but virtually no one in this story is either all good or all bad. That's what makes them people rather than stereotypes.

The narrative technique involves the use of several different points of view. A given scene may allow the reader to see the same action from starkly contrasting points of view. This reinforces the overarching theme of the book, which is the unending difficulty of human communication.

Review quotes: "A brilliant first novel, thoroughly evolved and gorgeously executed." "Dvorkin writes with confidence and clarity." "Gripping and powerful." "It made me think and feel long after I turned the last page."

In e-book and print on Amazon and other online buying sites. Full details, excerpts, and buying links: <http://www.leonoredvorkin.com/afy/index.php>

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**Two Books for Teens and Adults by Brian Nash**

Last month, we featured four books for children ages 3 to 12 by blind author Brian Nash. This month, we present his two books for teens and adults.

## Talking with Kids: Everything You’ve Always Wanted to Know about Blindness

In his first nonfiction book, Brian recounts his experiences speaking to schoolchildren in the 1980s about his lifelong blindness, to which he has adapted with determination, optimism, and humor. Join him as he tells about barbecuing, bicycling, bowling, scuba diving, jumping from high places, Louis Braille, guide dogs, and much more. Cover photo: Brian and his guide dog Arrow in 1983.

## The Naked Sportsman and Other Stories (Four for Susie)

In these lively reminiscences, Brian, blind from birth, recalls numerous youthful outdoor adventures in the Midwest. Various family members and friends play prominent roles as his companions. The eloquent foreword describes his determination to build a satisfying life in spite of his lifelong disability. The book is dedicated to his late sister, Janice Susan Nash Robertson (cover photo). She is also pictured on the back cover of the print edition of the book.

All of Brian’s books are available in both print and e-book formats from Amazon and other online sellers. For full details and buying links, see his website: <http://www.dvorkin.com/brianknash/>

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Note: All books listed above are in accessible format: TTS Enabled, CD, or Braille.

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**6. A Tribute to Celine Kitty**

This poem was written on April 30, 2015, at 10:30 p.m.

“To My Sweet Celine Kitty”

Tonight you and I will lie together.

We will rest in each other’s love.

I will sing all your favorite songs

And feed you the foods you love.

I will make your last hours here as comfortable as I can,

But I am going to stick to our plan.

You and I have had our talk,

And you know that forward to the Rainbow Bridge you must walk.

I love you, my sweetest, most awesome little furry friend,

And I will be right with you through to the end.

I love you now, and I loved you when

You were a wee kitten just becoming one of my very best fur friends.

Celine Kitty Fletcher: 3/15/1999-5/1/2015

Blessid Be.

Below is an account of Celine Kitty’s last hours with us here in the Campbell Kingdom

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The following is taken from my upcoming book, *The Raw Truth: Campbell’s Rambles, Book Two*

As the day of my trip with Campbell to meet up with my old friend Bobby drew near, so did another event in our lives.

Celine Kitty, who had been with me for 16 years, was failing badly. She was showing signs of having some sort of stomach issues, and we were all pretty sure that it was some sort of cancer. While I could not be 100 percent sure, I knew that she was too old to go through the type of testing that would be required to find out, and so just before Campbell and I were to go out of town, I made the decision to let her go.

When the day finally arrived, I found that letting Celine go was a bittersweet thing for me, and that assisting her would be rather harder than I had anticipated. But in the end, it turned out to be best for us all.

It was a difficult morning, to say the least. First, Celine Kitty was snuggly and loving. In fact, after Campbell’s park time and all the animals were fed, we all lay down for a morning snuggle, in which Celine Kitty participated.

However, after I woke for the second time and began to ready myself for the hard day ahead, she hid in the house. This was very difficult to deal with. My house is quite large, and there are many hiding places for a small cat to go. Finally, after much coaxing and a bit of gentle persuasion, I was able to talk her out of her hiding place and finish readying her to go.

I took a moment to pet her and reassure her, to make certain that she was not too badly frightened during the last moments of her life.

When it came time to put her in the carrier, she was calm and very cooperative, at least until my nephew accidentally caught her tail in the door while shutting it. The noise she made sounded much as if she were saying, “Let me get hold of you, and I shall take you with me on my next journey!” Translation: “If I’ve got to die, then so must you!”

When my nephew started out the door, Campbell was upset, to say the least. He went running to the door, and I thought at first that he might not let Aaron out with Celine Kitty. But I called him off and Aaron took her to the car, howling and yowling all the way. My dad and I were taking her, and believe me, she was letting the entire neighborhood know of her displeasure.

As we drove to the vet’s, she began to calm down, and by the time we arrived, she had all but stopped meowing. Once inside, she sat quietly in her carrier, waiting to see what would happen next.

While we waited, she began to groom. By the time we made our way back to the exam room where we would wait, she was finishing up.

Once we were settled in the exam room, I stood next to the table where her carrier was sitting. She began to purr, and soon we were touching paws and sharing nose kisses through the bars of the door. She was trying to convince me that she would behave if I let her out, but all my cat experience said no. She allowed many head rubs and kisses as we waited, and never cried again at all.

Until, that is, they came and got her to prep her for the administration of the drugs to take her across to the Rainbow Bridge. I had decided that we would give her a bit of gas, similar to what they use in dentists’ offices, and then I would go back and be with her for her final journey.

Finally her doctor arrived to get me, and it was the same vet who had taken care of Campbell when we had gone there a few weeks before. He asked me where Campbell was, and although I was upset, I said to him, “I left him at home. I didn’t want him to get the idea this was the Hotel California. You know? You can check in, but you may never leave.” In spite of the tension, we both laughed. That’s me, finding humor in the worst of situations. That’s just how I deal with stress.

Finally I was beside my girl, and she looked as if she had simply curled herself up for an afternoon nap. She even had a bit of purr to her breathing. I stroked her fur and loved on her a while. Finally doctor Hite said, “I’m ready when you are.” I knelt down to kiss her one final time, and even though she was gassed to the max, she moved her head slightly and gave me the tiniest of nose kisses.

Finally I gave the go ahead for the final injection. As the medication entered her body, I softly stroked her fur.

She took six breaths, each one deeper than before. On her final breath, she breathed in very deeply and released a long, relaxed sigh. Then she was gone. I felt her spirit exit and knew before they called it that she was with me no more. As she was leaving, I told her, “Celine Kitty, Rowdy Dog is there waiting on you. Go to him and be free. Blessid Be.” I am almost positive that I heard the tinkle of his tags as she left me.

Even if you do not believe in this way, it makes no difference to me. I was there with her in that room. I know without a doubt what I felt and experienced.

I came home to find that my Campbell was quite upset.

When I set down the carrier and removed the bedding from within, he stuck his entire head and shoulders into the opening and sniffed for a long time. When he removed himself, he looked up and said in his best Lab dialect, simply, “Where did she go? Arhrhrhrhrhrhrhrh? Arhrhrhrhrhrh?”

I patted his head and said, “It’s over with, Bug. She’s gone. She has crossed the Rainbow Bridge and is free and running happily with Rowdy and all her furry friends.”

He and I walked together throughout the house and I found Kitty Bob, waiting on the dresser where he and Celine Kitty had eaten together for the last few months of her life. He meowed up to me in a questioning tone, and I told him what I’d told Campbell. I added, “You’re the onliest kitty, now, and you and Campbell are my two boys. I love you both and need you both very much.”

Campbell, who by this time was starting to show the first signs of grief for his friend, shied away a bit from me and spent some time on his own in his bed. He would not talk to me for a while.

After a bit, I decided that life must go on, and so he and I got ready to go to the grocery for first-of-the-month items and my rent money order. When I called him to me to put him in his harness, he came obediently enough, but at first, he showed no enthusiasm. It took a bit of one-on-one, focused attention to bring him back to himself. I sang our work song to him, and soon he let me know he was ready for his harness again. Like anyone who has a job, sometimes a guide dog needs encouragement, too. Campbell gets that way sometimes, but if I act quickly and give him what he needs, he bounces back and is soon his old happy, wagging, working self.

When we got home that afternoon with our groceries and goodies, Kitty Bob was there to greet us. He was meowing and yowling around my legs and going up to Campbell to touch noses as we all tried to go through the door in a jumbled tangle of paws, hands, feet, and bags of groceries.

Later, as I was settling in my recliner with Kitty Bob and a cup of coffee, the phone rang. To my absolute delight, it was Bobby. We firmed up our plans for the weekend ahead. As we chatted, yet another chapter of my life was closing, and once again, a new one was being written as I was living it.

Although I would miss my Celine Kitty terribly over the next few weeks, the next few days would be ever changing for Campbell, Kitty Bob, and me.

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**7. Link of the Month**

My editor, Leonore Dvorkin, has a blog called Denver Spanish Tutor: <http://denverspanishtutor.blogspot.com/> On June 22, she published a long post called “Of Clutter-Clearing and Clarity.” In it, she talks about her personal clutter-clearing venture: what precipitated it, what it means to her, and how it’s going. Included in the post are some poignant words of wisdom that an acquaintance imparted to her years ago. To read the post, go to:

<http://denverspanishtutor.blogspot.com/2015/06/of-clutter-clearing-and-clarity.html>

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**8. Campbell’s Calamities**

We apologize, but there is no Campbell’s Calamities installment this month due to how long this issue got, what with all the comments from readers (thanks a lot, folks!), the many ads, and the length of my tribute to Celine Kitty. Based partly on feedback from readers, we are trying to keep the newsletter to a maximum of 20 pages. There will another installment of Campbell’s Calamities next month, in the August issue.

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**9. Wrap-Up and Editor Info**

Campbell and I are honored that you have continued with us for another month, and we hope we’ll have lots more together. We welcome comments, suggestions, and yes, even complaints concerning the newsletter. We encourage you to send these to us at: [patty.volunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.volunteer1@gmail.com)

As always, please let us know if you wish to have your comments published or left just between us. We will always honor your wishes.

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**Closing Notes about and from the Editor**

This newsletter was edited by Leonore H. Dvorkin, of Denver, Colorado. She also edited my book, *Campbell’s Rambles: How a Seeing Eye Dog Retrieved My Life,* as well as all of Brian Nash’s books and three of the books by Robert Branco.

Leonore is the author of four books:

1) *Apart from You*, a novel (See above for details, under Products and Services, Section 5.)

2) *Another Chance at Life: A Breast Cancer Survivor’s Journey*, about her 1998 breast cancer and mastectomy, with no reconstruction

3) That same book in Spanish, entitled *Otra oportunidad a la vida: El camino de una sobreviente de cáncer de seno*

4) *The Glass Family*: a humorous, one-act fantasy play about a family of drinking glasses in a cupboard and how they view their world / Photos by Leonore Dvorkin

All four books are available in e-book and print from Amazon and other online buying sites. The English version of her breast cancer book is also available in audio from Audible.com. Here is the link to the book on Audible:

<http://www.audible.com/pd/Bios-Memoirs/Another-Chance-at-Life-Audiobook/B00AKI80LI/ref=a_search_c4_1_1_srTtl?qid=1432777834&sr=1-1>

For details, review quotes, excerpts, and buying links, please see Leonore’s website: [www.leonoredvorkin.com](http://www.leonoredvorkin.com)

Leonore and David Dvorkin also offer editing and self-publishing services to other authors for very reasonable rates. Since 2009, they have edited and produced 21 books, both fiction and nonfiction, by other authors. Most of their clients are blind. Full details are here: [www.dvorkin.com/epubhelp/](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Documents\www.dvorkin.com\epubhelp\)

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Until next time, this is Patty and Campbell from The Campbell’s Corner Neighborhood saying:

May harmony find you.

May peace, love, and prosperity surround you!

Blessid Be!

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Photo of Campbell with Patty’s grand-niece Kaylie

