



**MEET BILL MUZZY, PRESIDENT OF
THE SIGHT-LOSS SUPPORT GROUP'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Where to begin – there's no neat and tidy pigeonhole for Mr. Bill. Computer engineer, builder of houses, an aficionado of jeeps and the finer things in life, community volunteer. Before retirement Bill worked in computer management for the likes of Hewlett-Packard, Digital Equipment Corporation, Computer Automation, Apollo, and (locally) C-COR. As luck would have it, this Renaissance guy was lured onto the Sight-Loss Support Group's (SLSG) Board of Directors in 2002, shortly after his wife, Cindy Shaler, joined our audio-description program.

Bill worked his way up the chain of command - head of the membership committee, vice president, then president – and he has been giving his all to the SLSG for many years. As president, he guided the organization as it moved in a new direction – transitioning to a new director and a more efficient virtual office concept. By giving up our brick-and-mortar headquarters that had housed the organization for decades, we reduced office staff and no longer paid rent, allowing more of our funding to go directly to supporting our programs. In addition to his leadership role as president, Bill serves as treasurer and plays a pivotal role in our monthly support group meeting, 2nd Thursdays, a luncheon meeting. Bill knows his way around a kitchen and a thing or two about entertaining. He often plans the menu, suggesting offerings we've never tried before. He is always hands on in the kitchen making sure our VIPs (visually impaired persons) enjoy a delicious lunch.

Bill's commitment to community service does not stop with the Sight-Loss Support Group. When he and Cindy moved to State College in 1997 from the Boston area, they both volunteered at Centre County PAWS and sang in the State College Choral Society. Now retired, Bill is heavily involved in the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum where Cindy is President of the Board. Drawing on his experience in home renovation, Bill is the handiest of handymen. There are projects aplenty at the Boal estate, which is over 200 years old. On many weekends, Bill and Cindy are in the thick of events, performances, and fairs on the grounds of the mansion. Their dedication to reclaiming the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum is inspiring. They work tirelessly to make the Boal estate the epicenter of the community that bears its name - Boalsburg. Bill's commitment to his community does not end with the Boal Museum. He recently became the Vice President of the Board of the Boalsburg Village Conservancy, that helps preserve the historical and cultural resources of the village and Harris Township. Here are two secrets to life – avoid pigeonholes, jump in with both feet and see where life takes you. Seems to be working for Bill – he's living his life and he is living it well.