

Words are symbols expressing our sense of vision, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. Through our senses, we create words and set them to enchanted melodies and poetry. We read books and listen to lectures to increase our understanding of life. The social media is flooded with words, giving us a chance to introduce our individual style, to be heard, and to share our ideas to a willing audience.

My Word! is a poetic chronological collection of postings by Lavi Roebuck Lester that reflects a remarkable transition in her life. Many in our family may remember Lavi as one of five daughters born to Arturo Roebuck, Jr. and his first wife (Joyce), but some may be unfamiliar with Lavi's changing world. She is married to Harold W. Lester, shares photos of her two cats, and is learning to live with an inherited condition that causes the gradual degeneration of her vision – Retinitis Pigmentosa . **What is remarkable about Lavi** is her beautiful openness, her strength of will, and her deep caring for others "...a teacher at heart." Through her skillful use of the social media, she is keeping the lines of communication open between friends and family.

- Edna Roebuck Soto



MY WORD!

By Lavi Roebuck Lester

August 28, 2012 facebook post:

the dedication is to myself to seek what no one will tell me in betterment of me, no one owes me the right to be the best that I can be and DO, I owe it to MYSELF and feel I owe it to GIVE to others..I feel at peace giving over receiving, which makes me sleep better at night..i love seeing all happy

As we change in our loves, and print or technology get more complicated and smaller to read or understand, there are many ways around and or ways to compensate these factors. during my change of lifestyle I realized that information was not forthcoming an in abundance, or affordable, for a disabled persons and one with limited resources. you must be creATIVE AND HAVE CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS JUST A SIMPLE HI WILL LEAD YOU TO A PLACE YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN EXSISTED

August 26 facebook post:

most people donot accept me for myh blindness, why ? i can suspect all day, i choose not too. i dont make new friends, long story on that, i barely make new memories, i am and was a visuale person, i remember 90 percent of things on a visual, i thinks we all do. anywho, there is a peeve that i have for my west indian peeps and this is hopefully a game changer for the elders who can understand as sight goes away, if you SEE ME say HI or SOMETHING because 10 out of 10 i didnt SEE YOU, WHEW, i am so tired of that, she c me n ain say nothin, wah, get a grip .K, im back

My darling husband tells me that I dont follow very well~ he says that i always want to lead the dance we have on our outings~i must remind myself that i can b a follower,vcuz afterall good leaders make good followers~I AM A DIIFERENT ME BUT YET I AM THE SAME,ALWAYS N FEREVER EVOLING, Thank you my loving husband for having patience with me, i do know i am of strong chracter

Many of u post great pics n they tell emotions n stories i wish i could c n comment, there r those i may like bcuz it has great silhouette, i am sure they r all beautiful, just wanted 2 say how i feel of all pics from a blind spot point of view

my post will be more of a focus on a blind pwrsons point of sight n view, as my vision goes to a mall dot of light, i need those who know me and i mean really know me, just 2 think of what is possible or what is not, many i know will not like or understand what i write, by all means do me n u a favor n befriend me. i am a teacher at heart so i feel the need to educate on how to react n treat a person who is blind, it is not law but it is a sad most of the time for me my life in the outside world of the seeing public..with all do respect

August 21 facebook post:

as a blind person my page has been just find the old way it was, who asked anyone to change it for me. no respect, now i am really fing lost, WTF , i am so pissed, now i gotta fixed some shit i cant even fin, i was doing just finejaq0u9r235jnmfwefj-wq0rt!!!

2day is my offical old school set houde party music, 4 me i had such a blast of a time!!!! no ride, gotta get something new to wear, no worries, n best of all no curfew, i knew how to act n behave, i thought so anyway **"Share My Love by LTD"**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOPVEwqzll4&feature=player_embedded

June 25 facebook post:

I belong to a local chapter for the blind, and how a person who was born blind and a person that becomes blind have two different ways of speech, and it is or may become offensive, to the boen blind person(this i learned the hard way) my point being, the mind knows not that i am blind, i understand what green is to the color of grass, and how dusk looks as oppose to feel in temp or smell in dew, its is vey difficult for me to automatically NOT do things with thought of no sight, when most of my life I could be visual, as I age, and yes I do with a passionate smile, it becomes even more interest to say the least. Hey try putting toothpast on your toothbrush, lol it call adjust and conquer....my days are never boring I can tell ya that

June 12 facebook post:

for many years, i have not had the opportunity to truly feel what it is like and or about the depth of being a Mother, and or the chances of being a Grandmother. with all of the congrats, and so on from the women who experince the beauty of it all, (which i am sure includes the drama of it all as well)i cannot help but wonder of the whole void of not being blessed with that chance.)for the curious NO it was not a choice of mine but of my maker), so to the mothers and the fathers, I know it is not easy being a parent, and to the children who if bhosen will one day bein your shoes, count the many blessings, tears, joys, punishments, laughs, that has been bestowed upon you, and love unconditionally

March 20 facebook post:

there r many words in our vocab, that should bb limited in usage, or not used at all. this i feel would change the view seen in our windows, sad, lost, cnt, why, tired, lonely..and so on. remember therer choices we make the path that WE have chosen, dont say its hard to fix or change it, the real point is was it easy getting there, n if it was then OWN IT, n back track!!!

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