



Art Schreiber

“My father was a Presbyterian country preacher outside of East Liverpool, Ohio,” says Art Schreiber. “Dad always preached to me, you owe something to your fellow man and to your community.”

Schreiber, 78, arrived in Albuquerque in 1981. One morning soon after coming to Albuquerque, he says, “I woke up blind.” He’d already lost the sight of one eye, and despite 16 operations over a seven-month period, it proved to be impossible to save his remaining vision.

When he returning to Albuquerque after all of those operations had failed, Hubbard named him general manager of KOB-FM as well as KOB-AM.

“When I went blind, I learned that so many believe blindness is the end of the world – and of course it isn’t. I really have devoted the rest of my life to helping those who are going blind or who are blind.”

As president-elect of the Rio Grande chapter of the Blinded Veterans Association, Schreiber is now especially angry at the Bush administration’s budget cuts both in the disability community and for veterans. “With whatever breath I’ve got left I’m going to fight like hell against the Bush administration for what they’ve done to the disability community and to the veterans,” he says. “The Bush administration has closed services for the blind nationally – all 10 regional offices of the Rehabilitation Services Administration – and they’ve cut the veterans budget terribly.”

Schreiber has been chairman of the New Mexico Commission for the Blind, and he’s one of the leaders of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico.

The American Lung Association’s National Gold Medallion for Humanitarianism Award is one of the many honors he’s been awarded.

Schreiber still broadcasts regularly – from 8 to 10 every Sunday morning on KKJY-AM – “the nostalgia station,” he calls it – 1550 on the radio dial. “One hour is devoted to senior issues and the other to disability issues,” he says.