



MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Center's Seventh Annual Recognition Banquet Report

The Center's Seventh Annual Recognition Banquet was held on Friday, March 31st at Barrack's Cater Inn. Close to 70 people were in attendance, and among the audience were business and community leaders, Center patrons, volunteers, and staff. We had four wonderful speakers at the banquet this year. Abby Shute started the evening out by showing a slide show presentation and giving a speech titled "What's the Central Illinois Blind Center All About?" Many in attendance stated that it was a very informative speech and they did not realize all of the amazing things the Center did.

Chad Udell from Float then spoke about their project called Cydalion. It is an assistive navigation app for the blind. They allowed anyone interested to try the app throughout the evening. Dr. Elliott Sohn from the University of Iowa Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research presented all of the progress they have been making in treating inherited retinal diseases. The evening was then rounded out by Michele Sullivan from the Caterpillar Foundation who spoke about how asking for help is a strength, not a weakness. Mike Schmied, the Center's driver for Tazewell County received The Volunteer of the Year Award. A silent auction and afghan raffle also took place

throughout the evening. Ken Gray was, once again, an excellent Master of Ceremonies!

Thank you to all of our sponsors: Gold Sponsors – Ken and Melody Gray; Silver Sponsors – Prasad & Jyothi Parupalli and Illinois Eye Center.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who made in-kind donations: overnight stay and two buffet meals from Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino; \$40 of gift certificates from Avanti's; cups, free dessert and coupons from One World Café; dishcloths from Cora Quinn; scrubbies from Patti Woodworth; mug and sign from Leia Stewart; two service packages from Beachler's Automotive; Keurig coffee pot with coffee pod drawer from Nancy and Michael Boucher; candle and plant holders along with a music globe from Linda and Earl Kalb; a ladies embroidered jacket from Priscilla Whipp; afghan that was raffled off by Michelle Shute; and beautiful flower center pieces from Margie Toniny.

Kroger Gift Cards

Thanks to the Oppenheim Trust Fund, the Center is giving out \$100 Kroger gift cards to blind and visually impaired patrons who need help with groceries. Please call the office at 637-3693 to sign up. Please sign up by Thursday, May 25th.

CICBVI 10th Annual Golf Outing

It's that time of the year again to get your golf game in gear. The Center's 10th Annual Golf Outing will be held at WeaverRidge Golf Club on Tuesday, June 6th. If you would like to register a team of four to play, the cost is \$400. To register as an individual, the cost is \$100 and you will be added to a team. The cost also includes hot buffet

dinner at the end of the game. Please contact the Center's office at 637-3693 to register.

Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Princeville Lions Club will be grilling farm fresh sausages and flipping pancakes again for the Center's Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This event will be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 7-11 a.m. All you can eat is priced at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12. Please contact the Center's office to purchase tickets in advance or you may pay at the door on the day of the event. Admission is free to all Center patrons and patrons will need to contact the Center's office to reserve their space and transportation by Thursday, May 4th, by 12 p.m.

Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) Camp Helen Keller

Come enjoy summer fun and friends at LIF Camp Helen Keller in Ingleside, Illinois, located about three hours north of Peoria. Camp dates are from June 18th to June 24th. This camp is in tune with blind or visually impaired adults. The camp offers water activities on a semi-private lake, a pool, nature walks, team sports, paddleboats, crafts, archery, fire-side cookouts with s'mores, horseback riding, rock wall climb, and a zip line. Camp expenses will be at no cost to Center patrons and rides to and from the camp will be available. Please call the office to reserve your space. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2017.

Thoughts & Prayers

One of our long time Golf Committee members, Dan Ekstrand, recently lost his mother, Helen. Her memorials came to the Center. Please keep Dan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Holidays

Wednesday, May 3rd - Open House – Noon

Saturday, May 6th – Pancake and Sausage Breakfast – 7 – 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th – Heart of Illinois Concert at ICC – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, May 20th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31st – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, June 6th – CICBVI 10th Annual Golf Outing at WeaverRidge Golf Club – Noon

June 18th – June 24th – LIF Camp Helen Keller in Ingleside, IL

May Birthdays

May 7 – Brenda Pierce

May 9 – Constance Lucia

May 11 – Mahlon Blumeshine

May 12 – Bob Coney, Beulah Trainer, and Alberta Townsend

May 19 – David Williams, Sr.

May 20 – Cora Quinn

May 24 – Robert Williams

May 26 – June Ward

May 28 – Don Reichert

May 29 – Katie Hall

Anniversaries

May 17 – David and Michele Williams

Meal Menus for May

May 3rd – Noon – Chicken salad on croissant, fries, slaw, baked beans, and dessert.

May 10th – 5:30 p.m. – Bowtie pasta and meatballs with sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, cake and ice cream.

May 17th – Noon – Bean soup with cornbread, ham salad, j-ello salad with fruit, and brownies.

May 20th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Meatballs, au gratin potatoes, tossed salad, and pie.

May 24th – 5:30 p.m. – Roasted pork loin, baked potato casserole, succotash, fruit salad, and pie.

May 31st – Noon – Tuna fish and noodles, pea salad, rolls, and ice cream sandwiches.

Bingo will be played at all Open House meals unless otherwise noted. Reservations need to be called in no later than noon on the day before the Open House.

Donations – Monetary and In-Kind

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Nancy Hall; Patrick Lee; and Bob Coney.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Ron Selby – Water; Kim Farlin – Candy; Cora Quinn and Patti Woodworth – Items for pancake breakfast; Kim Smith and Mike Waldron – Ice cube trays and Bingo prizes

Interesting Dates Throughout the Month of May

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. This single military battle signified defeat of a European colonial power, and a victory for the Mexican people. This single battle was the roots of Cinco de Mayo. Note: Cinco de Mayo is not the celebration of Mexican Independence which is celebrated on September 16th. What Cinco de Mayo has come to be, is much more than one battle in the colonial history of Mexico. Rather, it has come to signify Hispanic and Mexican pride and a time to celebrate the rich culture.

May 14 – Mother's Day. The first Mother's Day was May 10, 1908 in Philadelphia. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing something special for your mom to show your appreciation for her.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, May 6th – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Where: Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

2905 W. Garden St, Peoria, IL 61605

Price: \$6 for Adults and \$3 for Children under 12 yrs.

*Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, contact 637-3693 or info@cicbvi.org

**Breakfast Sponsored by: Princeville Lions Club

All proceeds to benefit the Center



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Quote of the Month – “But there's a story behind everything. How a picture got on a wall. How a scar got on your face. Sometimes the stories are simple, and sometimes they are hard and heartbreaking. But behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begin.” By Mitch Albom