



JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Center's Ninth Annual Golf Outing

The Center's Ninth Annual Golf Outing was held on a beautiful sunny, but windy day on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at WeaverRidge Golf Course. With a shotgun start, the 25 teams with 99 players headed out to their assigned tees. After 18 holes of golf, the players assembled in the main clubhouse where participants enjoyed a nice dinner. During dinner, Center patron Ron Selby shared his story of how since becoming visually impaired, the Center has helped him by supplying magnifying devices so he can continue to read. Ron also shared how the Center provides opportunities for outings to plays, baseball games, and concerts, to name a few. He appreciated the gift cards and money allowances to help with his groceries and other independent living aids that he needed in his day-to-day living. He thanked the golfers for participating in this wonderful event which helps the Center continue on with our wonderful work. The proceeds raised during this event was \$15,500! Thank you to our Golf Outing Committee members: Prasad Parupalli, Ryan Funk, Curt Williams, Mike Verheyen, Mike Render, Kim Farlin, Rich Frow, and Michelle Shute. Thank you to Dan Ekstrand and Pete Clairmont for helping with organizing the outing. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped on the day of the event with registration, hole-in-one prize, betting hole, selling mulligans, and the skins game. A big thank you to all of our sponsors. Gold Sponsor – Axiscades; Silver Sponsor – CGN Global; Bronze Sponsors – Sanjeev Arora of Morgan Stanley, Mike Leali of

Merrill Lynch, Innovative Systems Group (ISG), Thomas Carmody of Siemens, Curt Williams of ACC Electronix, Inc., and Flinchbaugh Engineering; Team Sponsors – Cat Electronics, Uftring Auto Group, Aerotek, and Deloitte; Hole Sponsors – Betty Ekstrand and Steve Malpede of Hediger & Myers, SAG, Randstad Technologies, Kim Farlin, The Morey Corporation, Mari Halliday of Jim Maloof Realtor, Alipro, Scott Communication Services, Inc., and WeaverRidge Golf Club; Hole-In-One Sponsor – First and Home. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated monetary or in-kind gifts: Nimmo Hardware, gift certificate from Buffalo Wild Wings, coupons for dugout seats from the Peoria Chiefs, gift certificate from Beachler's Vehicle Care and Repair, four stainless steel travel cups from Truman and Michelle Shute – National Wildlife Turkey Federation (NWTf) Peoria Chapter; tool box kit from Lowes; bagels for a year from Panera Bread; oil change and filter from Peoria Toyota – Scion; full vehicle detail from Lexus of Peoria; \$25 gift card from Home Depot; \$25 gift card from Kroger; two \$10 gift cards from The Wing Stop; lunch box, four koozies, and a gift certificate for four gondolas, four packages of chips and four 20 oz. bottles of soda from Avanti's; ice chest from Baumgarten Distributing Company; \$400 worth of Caterpillar logo items, golf balls for the outing, Masters jackets and shirt from Prasad Parupalli.

Metamora Concert In The Park

Cat Big Band will be playing on Friday, August 19th at 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert at the Metamora Village Square. If you are interested in going, please bring a lawn chair or something to sit on. This is an ice cream social. There will be ice cream, pie, and drinks for purchase. To reserve for this event, please call the Center by Tuesday, August 9th by noon.

Beauty And The Beast Show

The Beauty and the Beast performance had to be rescheduled. The Center is planning on going to an evening show at the Peoria Player's Theatre on Saturday, September 10th. To reserve, please call the office by Thursday, August 25th by noon, so that the Center can make reservations when the show is open to the public.

Major League Baseball Game

The Center is taking patrons to the St. Louis Cardinals versus Chicago Cubs baseball game in St. Louis on Wednesday, September 14th. The game will be held at 12:45 p.m. The Center may possibly cancel the Open House meal that day. On the way to the ballpark, we will stop at a rest stop to eat sack lunches and beverages provided by the Center. We will have supper at Denny's or another restaurant in Litchfield. The restaurant chosen will depend on the size of our group. The Center will pay for supper. The Center is considering renting a 24 passenger shuttle bus to transport more patrons than the Center minibus is able to accommodate. Please call the office by Thursday, July 14th by noon to express your interest in going to this event so the Center can reserve tickets.

Illinois Social Club Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Illinois Social Club will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting. Prior to the beginning time of 10 a.m., a breakfast of doughnuts, coffee, and juice will be served. The program includes a short business meeting, bingo, an auction, lunch, supper, and plenty of time for visiting. We gratefully accept donations for bingo prizes and the auction. We also need volunteers to help with various tasks during the day. Those attending, please be prepared to pay at the door for the following: dues - \$15; round-trip transportation \$5; and bingo - \$1. To

make reservations, please call the Center's office at 637-3693 by Tuesday, August 2nd by noon. Come join in a fun-filled day.

Free Concert At CEFCU Center Stage

Kevin Hart and the Vibe Tribe will be playing on Thursday, July 14th at 7 p.m. at the CEFCU Center Stage on the Peoria riverfront. We need a minimum attendance of five or more patrons for this concert. If you are interested in attending, please call the office to reserve your spot by Tuesday, July 12th by noon.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, July 6th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, July 12th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 16th – Jam Session – 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Please note summer hours for Jam Session.) – Free meal

Wednesday, July 20th – Open House – Noon – Free meal

Wednesday, July 27th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Free meal

Saturday, August 6th – Annual meeting of the Illinois Social Club at C.I.C.B.V.I.

Friday, August 19th – Concert in the park with Cat Big Band – 7:30 p.m. – Metamora Village Square.

Wednesday, September 14th – Major league baseball game – 12:45 p.m. – St. Louis, Missouri.

Sunday, September 25th – Uftring Auto Group Fourth Annual “Run The Gig” Walk/Run – Registration begins at 12 p.m. and race begins at 1 p.m. – Uftring Chevrolet in Washington, IL.

July Birthdays

July 8 – Connie Phillips

July 13 – Phil McAlearney

July 15 – Bob Smith

July 16 – Jean Sanger and Sue Schoenbein

July 22 – Alice Dooley

July 24 – Dr. Keith Kowalske

July 28 – Margie Toniny

July 31 – Pam Vogel

July Anniversaries

July 4 – Terry and Teresa Lopez

July 11 – Albert and Cyndi Gill

Meal Menus For July

July 6th – Noon – Chili dogs, French fries, slaw, cookies, and Jell-O.

July 13th – 5:30 p.m. – Barbecue pork, baked beans, potato salad, ice cream, and cake.

July 16th – Jam Session – Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and dessert.

July 20th – Noon – Chicken salad sandwiches, chips, fruit salad, and pudding.

July 27th – 5:30 p.m. – Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, cookies, and Jell-O.

Bingo will be played at all Open Houses 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 donation: Nancy Hall, Jerry & Carol Klokkenga, Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Gayle Workman. Thanks to the following for their memorial donation: Bob Coney in memory of Larry Clauson.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Nancy Hall and Tom Vogel for donating bingo prizes; Ron Selby, Cora Quinn, and Mark Fagerburg for donating drinks to the Center; Joyce Feix for sewing the new adult bibs. Those adult bibs have already been given to patrons. More material will be purchased so that Joyce can make more for the patrons who had requested them.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of July

July 4 – Independence Day. The fourth of July is the birthday of our nation. Today, we celebrate and enjoy the freedom that comes with the event that made this day so special. Thomas Jefferson is the author of the Declaration of Independence. He led a committee that crafted the declaration between June 11-28, 1776. Jefferson and other discontented representatives from the thirteen colonies voted and approved it on July 4, 1776.

July 7 – Chocolate Day. Chocolate Day is the perfect opportunity to eat your favorite chocolates in ample portions. Do you really need another excuse to over indulge with your favorite food treat? Chocolate is America's favorite flavor. Did you know that chocolate is a vegetable? It comes from the Cacao tree found in tropical rain forests. We don't need to tell you what to do to celebrate this day, do we? Eat chocolate!

July 24 – Amelia Earhart Day. This day honors a famous aviation pioneer, Amelia Earhart, who broke many early aviation records. Legend and mystery surrounds the final flight and disappearance of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan. They were on a

record setting attempt to fly around the world when they became lost in the Pacific Ocean. On July 2, 1937, they headed on a difficult leg of the journey towards Howland Island in the Pacific. Weather conditions were less than ideal. While still in radio communication, ships on the ground confirmed that Earhart was having difficulty finding the island. Ultimately, radio communications faded and died. The plane was never heard from again.



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Quote Of The Month – “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” By: Albert Einstein