



OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The Gig”

The Fourth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The Gig” event to benefit the Center will be held on Sunday, September 25th. The newsletter will be mailed prior to the walk/run. Please look for the final report on this event in the November newsletter.

October Is Blindness Awareness Month

According to the World Health Organization, 285 million people are estimated to be visually impaired worldwide: 39 million are blind and 246 million have low vision. Globally, uncorrected refractive errors are the main cause of moderate and severe visual impairment; cataracts remain the leading cause of blindness in middle and low income countries. According to the American Foundation for the Blind, the latest statistics from 2013 showed Illinois with 242,400 adults, age 18 and older with prevalent rates of visual loss. Although blindness and visual impairment occurs worldwide, statewide, and locally, more awareness is needed. The Center is promoting Blindness Awareness Month locally with red silicone wristbands with white text which has “Blindness Awareness” and “cicbvi.org” printed on it. Wristbands are \$1 each. If you would like a wristband to wear to promote Blindness Awareness Month, please contact the office at 637-3693.

Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies

Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies is currently being sold to help support programs and services of the Center. Please pre-order so you can receive your delivery in November and in time for the holidays. The following choices will be available and on a first come basis: Pecan Halves \$12, Black Walnut Pieces \$12, Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts) \$12, Giant Whole Cashews \$12, Pistachios \$11, Praline Pecans \$10, Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix (fruit & nut) \$8, Milk Chocolate Coated Almonds \$10, Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts \$7, Giant Malted Milk Balls \$7, and Dark Chocolate Cranberries \$8.

Did You Know?

You have to update your Kroger Community Rewards Information annually? I didn't and I wondered why our last quarter only 7 or 8 households shopped at Kroger. I knew we had gotten credit for at least 48 households before. If you are already signed up, you will need to re-enroll and put our Center's information in again. Here are the instructions: • Go to krogercommunityrewards.com. • Click on My Account and use your email address and password to sign in. • Click on edit Kroger Community Rewards information. • Update your reward by searching for and entering the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Peoria, IL. Confirm your choice. I didn't know that the groceries I was buying for the last few months were not counting toward our purchases. Be sure to renew as soon as possible so that we can up our level of participation and the amount of money we receive!
- Kim Farlin

ALSO

The Center now has Kroger Plus Cards to pass out. If you cannot remember your email or do not have one, we will be more than happy to give you a new card and the Center will keep the information on

file, so that we can sign back up every year for the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Collaboration With Local Art Club

In the future, the Center will be working with the ICC Vagabond Art Club to make some wonderful works of art. Then, in the spring, we will display and possibly sell these artworks to raise funds for the Center. This will be done at a local art gallery called The Hive on Water Street in Peoria.

Paid Drivers Wanted

The Center is looking for reliable and experienced drivers with great driving records who will: drive our Center's minibus or minivan to safely transport our blind and visually impaired patrons to and from programs and events. This is a paid position. If you are qualified and interested, please contact our office to apply.

Volunteer Jam Session Coordinator Wanted

The Center is still looking for a couple or an individual to coordinate Jam Sessions. Jam Session is a music program that happens the third Saturday of every month at the Center. Music is provided by Center patrons and volunteers. The responsibilities of the Jam Session coordinator include: coordinating the Jam Session meal, recruiting volunteers to help with the setup, clean up, and serving of the meal, in addition to coordinating the music program. If you or someone you know would be interested in being the volunteer Jam Session coordinator, please contact the Center's office at 637-3693.

Gil's Supper Club Outing

As part of the Center's programs, we will be dining at Gil's Supper Club in Hanna City on Saturday, October 29th at 4 p.m. Gil's is a full service restaurant with a variety of delicious dishes. Braille and large print menus will be available before the outing. The Center will provide rides to and from the restaurant. Meals will not be covered by the Center. Please bring enough money to cover the cost of your meal, a drink, and tips. Please call the office to make reservations by Tuesday, October 18th by noon.

Don't Miss This Swim Outing

Free swimming at Five Points in Washington, IL on Thursday October 20th at 4 p.m. Please contact the office to make reservations by Tuesday, October 4th by noon.

Take A Hike At Forest Park

We will go hiking at Forest Park on Tuesday, October 25th at 2 p.m. Please contact the office to make reservations by Tuesday, October 11th by noon.

Computer With Accessories For Sale

Desktop computer with keyboard and mouse for sale for \$100. It has Windows 7 on it. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, October 5th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, October 8th - Spirit of Peoria Sightseeing Cruise – Boarding time is 1:15 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 15th – Jam Session – 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. (*Please note winter Jam Session hours.) – Free meal

Wednesday, October 19th – Open House – Noon – Free meal

Thursday, October 20th - Swimming at Five Points in Washington, IL - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25th - Hike at Forest Park - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Free meal

Saturday, October 29th – Gil's Supper Club Outing in Hanna City, IL - 4 p.m.

October Birthdays

October 4 – Christine Jurewicz

October 6 – Terry Masters

October 7– Shirley Fussner and Edna Vollrath

October 8 – Mia Wilson

October 15 – Jim Hardy

October 17 – C.J. Blackwell

October 22 – Sandy Griffin

October Anniversaries

October 27– Harold and June Ward

Meal Menus For October

October 5th – Noon – Barbecue meat, baked beans, slaw, and pudding.

October 12th – 5:30 p.m. – Pasta with meat sauce and mushrooms, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cake with ice cream.

October 15th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. – Menu to be announced.

October 19th – Noon – Chili, fruit salad, pudding, and cookies.

October 26th – 5:30 p.m. – Chicken Divan (a chicken breast and broccoli casserole-like dish), salad, rolls, pie, and ice cream.

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 Other

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Kim Farlin, Vickie Lannie, and Anonymous. Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Tom Vogel – Polish sausages; Verda Mullineaux– Soda; Mike Waldron and Kimberly Smith – Watermelon; Albert and Cyndi Gill – Bingo prizes, a Christmas tree, kitchen supplies, a price gun, and a stainless steel coffee airpot; Nancy Hall – Pies for Open House and Bingo prizes; Gary and Becky Williams – Bingo prizes.

Donations Wanted

The Center has a need for donated supplies. The wish list includes cases of water and 12-24 packs of canned sodas, especially Coca-Cola, Diet Coca-Cola, and Diet Pepsi. We can always use prizes for Bingo as well.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of October

October 8 – World Sight Day. World Sight Day is a global event that focuses on bringing attention on blindness and vision impairment. It is observed on the second Thursday of October each year.

October 9 – Center Name Change. Three years ago on this day, the Center changed its name from the Peoria Area Blind People’s Center to the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

October 15 – White Cane Safety Day. This day celebrates and recognizes the achievements of the blind and visually impaired, and their independence. That independence is represented by the white cane that the blind and visually impaired use to travel from place to place. The white cane is an invaluable tool and affords a blind or visually impaired person the freedom of movement they otherwise may not have. Also, October 15, 2016 is the 52nd anniversary of White Cane Safety Day!

October 31 – Halloween. Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints’ Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows’ Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating.



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Quote For The month - "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." By Robert Louis Stevenson