



## NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### **Fourth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The G.I.G.” Report**

The Fourth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run the G.I.G” event was held on Sunday, September 25th. G.I.G stands for “Get In Gear.” Fourteen of our patrons signed up to participate in the walk, and they are as follows: Bob Coney, Courtney Harper, Carol Klokkenga, Esther Knott, Dena Lybarger, Bob Quinn, Cora Quinn, Susan Schoenbein, Jimmy Smith, Kimberly Smith, Leia Stewart, Tom Vogel, Becky Williams, and Patti Woodworth. One patron, Terry Lopez, ran the 5K race with his guide, Abby Shute. We were also very fortunate to have six of our board members, some of who are also patrons, participate. They were Kim Farlin, Gyla Grigsby, Xin Lu, Prasad Parupalli, Priscilla Whipp, and Gary Williams. After the walk/race, there was a tailgate party that consisted of a lunch that included BBQ sandwiches, chips, baked beans and fruit. An awards ceremony and raffle also took place after the walk/race. All the blind and visually impaired patrons who participated received a medal. Mike Waldron donated and presented a beautiful piece of his Penny Work art to Uftring. There was a silent auction which contained gift baskets made and donated by various Uftring dealerships. Some noteworthy basket contents were Chicago Bears tickets, a tablet, a large flat screen television, and a fire pit. We will be hosting a meal to thank Uftring in November. At that time, we will know what the proceeds are from the race. We would love to thank the Uftring Ambassadors, Run the G.I.G. Committee members,

and all of the race sponsors, volunteers, and race/walk participants for making "Run the G.I.G." successful!

## **Collaboration With Local Art Club**

The ICC Vagabond Art Club came to the Center on Wednesday, October 26th to make some wonderful works of art with Center patrons. Look for a full report on this in next month's newsletter.

## **Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies**

Orders have been placed and should be in soon! We will have extras, but it is a first come/first serve basis. We have added the Harvest Medley Mix, which is piles of pecans, pistachios and cashews mixed in a symphony of succulent dried cherries and cranberries. This is \$12 for a 1lb bag. We are also going to sell Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters, which are pecans and creamy caramel robed in milk chocolate and simply irresistible. This will be \$8 for a 9oz box. The rest of the products are as follows: 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.

## **Kroger Community Rewards**

Thank you to everyone who newly registered or re-registered with the Kroger Community Rewards program. While our check from Kroger Community Rewards has almost doubled since the last quarter, we would still love to help anyone and everyone sign up for this program. Please spread the word. The Center now has Kroger

Cards to pass out. The Center will keep information on file so that we can sign back up, every year, for the Kroger Community Rewards program. Your receipt should read "Thanks for joining us in supporting Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired" at the very bottom. If it does not, please see the office so that we can help you sign back up again.

## **Stereos For Sale**

The Center has two used small stereo systems for sale at \$25 each. One stereo has a working AM/FM stereo and dual cassette player. There is a record player on top, but it DOES NOT work. The second stereo has a working AM/FM radio, a four disc cd player, and an attached cord for MP3/phone hookup. Please call the Center if you are interested in purchasing either of these units.

## **Thoughts And Prayers**

The Center offers our deepest condolences to Michelle Shute, Center Executive Director, upon the loss of her mother in September. Please keep Michelle and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays**

Wednesday, November 2nd – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, November 8th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9th – Open House – Thanksgiving Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, November 19th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23rd – No Open House

Wednesday, November 30th – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, December 14th – Christmas Party – 5:30 p.m.

## **Center Closed During Thanksgiving Week**

The Center will be closed the week of November 21st. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

### **November Birthdays**

- 2 – Louise Steele
- 3 – Patti Woodworth
- 7 – Elaine Ahten
- 8 – Angie Hillard
- 9 – Wanda Mayberry
- 11 – George Grube
- 13 – Mark Fagerburg
- 15 – Randall Deemie, Jr.
- 18 – Steve Zussman
- 21 – Ann Pries
- 27 – Pat Aldred and Victoria Sanders

### **November Anniversaries**

- 4 – Dennis & Christina Jurewicz

### **Meal Menus For November**

November 2nd – Noon – Bean soup, ham salad sandwich, corn bread, slaw, and pineapple upside down cake.

November 9th – 5:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner.

November 16th – Noon – Chili dogs, baked beans, chips, cookies, and applesauce.

November 19th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Scrambled eggs, sausages, gravy, biscuits, and Jell-O.

November 30th – Noon – Tuna noodle casserole, salad, rolls, Jell-O, and cupcakes.

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: Edward Orth, Morton Lions Club, Bob Coney, Joe May, and Anonymous. Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Mike Waldron – Penny Work art piece; Esther Knott – Bingo prizes; Ed Meyers – Two cakes; Anonymous – Kitchen towels; Debra Dell – Soda, water and candy; Terry Masters – Table cart and biscuits; Becky and Gary Williams – Bingo prizes; and Phil McAlearney with First Baptist Church of Peoria – Dry and canned goods.

### **Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of November**

November 11th – Veteran’s Day – This day honors all members of the Armed Forces who served this country valiantly. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. This holiday was originally called Armistice Day and first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day in honor of those who served and died from all wars.

November 24th – Thanksgiving Day – In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.



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**Quote For The month** – “Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.” By W. T. Purkiser