



DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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November Newsletter Correction

In last month's *Fourth Annual Uftring Auto Group "Run The G.I.G." Report*, the names of some patrons and board members who are also patrons were listed incorrectly. We apologize for the mistake. The report should have read: Thirteen of our patrons signed up to participate in the walk, and they are as follows: Terry Lopez, Gyla Grisgby, Bob Coney, Courtney Harper, Carol Klokkenga, Esther Knott, Dena Lybarger, Bob Quinn, Susan Schoenbein, Jimmy Smith, Kimberly Smith, 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 eight of our board members, some of who are also patrons, participate. They were Cora Quinn, Tom Vogel, Leia Stewart, Kim Farlin, Xin Lu, Prasad Parupalli, Priscilla Whipp, and Gary Williams.

Center Hall Space Available For Rent

Whether you are looking for an event space for a birthday party, anniversary, wedding reception, baby shower or another special event, please consider the Center's hall space as an option. The hall is available to rent to the public and if you are a C.I.C.B.V.I patron, Board member, employee or long-time volunteer, you are eligible to rent the hall for half of the current rental price. If you are interested, please contact the office for available dates and pricing.

Free Range Eggs For Sale

Hill Top Stables, operated by Executive Director Michelle Shute, is providing eggs for sale. They are \$2.50 a dozen. These eggs come from free range chickens. ALL PROCEEDS go directly to the Center. If you have any egg cartons, we would appreciate if you would save them for us and feel free to drop them off at the Center.

Make A Difference With Your Schnucks Card

The Center is now registered with Schnucks! Register your Schnucks card through www.eScript.com and a percentage will come back to the Center. This is similar to registering your Kroger Plus Rewards card with Kroger Community Rewards. If you need help with registering your Schnucks card, please call the office.

Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies

The orders for Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies are in and have been distributed. There are a few items still left. Listed is currently what we have left in stock: 2 bags of Black Walnut Pieces at \$12 each; 3 bags of Harvest Medley Mix at \$12 each; 3 bags of Pistachios at \$11 each; 3 bags of Milk Chocolate Almonds at @10 each. If you are interested, please call the office. Hurry, these items will not last long!

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, December 7th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, December 13th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14th – Christmas Party with Uftring Ambassadors at the Center – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Please note winter hours for Jam Session.)

Wednesday, December 21st – No Open House

Wednesday, December 28th – No Open House

The Center will be closed from December 19th until January 2nd. We will return to normal business hours on January 3rd.

Meal Menus For December

December 7th – Noon – Homemade turkey noodle soup, crackers, vegetable salad, and pie.

December 14th – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Party with Uftring Ambassadors – Ham with fixings.

December 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Menu to be decided.

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.

December Birthdays

December 2 – Gyla Grigsby
December 4 – Jimmy Smith
December 7 – Warren Lybarger
December 9 – John Vogel
December 13 – Ron Selby
December 16 – Mike Williamson
December 18 – Prasad Parupalli
December 19 – Dena Lybarger

December Anniversaries

December 19 – Gary & Becky Williams
December 21 – Lonnie & Margaret King
December 28 – Jian & Mrs. Lou

Prairie Farm Milk Caps

Please save all your Prairie Farm Milk caps and bring them into the Center. The office will input the code on the cap into the computer so that we can receive a donation from each cap entered.

Donations – Monetary And Other

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Bob Coney; Phyllis Dittmer; Esther Knott; Kim Smith & Mike Waldron; Ron Selby; Dena and Warren Lybarger; Ann Creech; Kim Farlin; Bob and Martha Smith; Zoe Buchanan; Cora Quinn; Tom and Pam Vogel; Hill Top Stables; and Helen Aupperle.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Larry & Patty Waldron – Water; Esther Knott – Bingo prizes; and First Baptist Church of East Peoria – Bingo prizes.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of December

December 1, 1955 - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a Caucasian man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

December 4th – National Cookie Day is observed annually on this day. We can thank the Dutch for more than windmills and tulips. The English word “cookie” is derived from the Dutch word “koekie” meaning little cake.

December 5th – Walt Disney’s Birthday (1901-1966). Disney was born in Chicago, Illinois. As a little boy, he liked to draw farm animals and eventually got a job as an artist. He moved to Hollywood and in

1928 produced Steamboat Willie, starring Mickey Mouse, in the first cartoon with synchronized sound. In 1937, he released his full length animated film, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. He opened the Disneyland amusement park in Anaheim, California, in 1955. Five years after his death, Disney World opened in Florida. The company he founded has since grown into a global entertainment empire.

December 10th – Human Rights Day. This day was created by the United Nations to promote awareness of the importance of human rights issues around the world. On this date in 1948, the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Each year, the United Nations establishes a new theme for the year. Participate in this day by learning more about human rights issues around the globe. Offer your time and money in support of a human rights issue that is important to you.

December 21st – Look On the Bright Side Day and Winter Solstice. Look on the Bright Side Day is a day to be optimistic. The term itself is an optimistic one. It calls upon us to look for something positive out of an otherwise bad or sad situation. This day is also winter solstice, the shortest day of the year.

December 25th – Christmas Day.

December 31st – New Year’s Eve.



Free Matter for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Quote For The month – “It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.” By W. T. Ellis