



MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Center's Seventh Annual Recognition Banquet & Fundraiser

The Center's Seventh Annual Recognition Banquet & Fundraiser will be on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Barrack's Cater Inn Banquet Center at 1224 W Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria, IL 61615. Tickets are available for \$50 per person and dinner is included. Through a very generous donation, the Center has 10 tickets to give away to Center patrons on a first come/first served basis. After those tickets are given, a Center patron may purchase a ticket at the reduced cost of \$25. Corporate and individual sponsorships for the event are also available. Please contact the office at 637-3693 for tickets and/or sponsorship information. Also, we are looking for silent auction donations. If you have an item or items to donate, please call the office and we can arrange for pickup. All donations are appreciated.

Princeville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Save this date: Sunday, March 5th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Princeville Lions Club will be having their annual pancake breakfast held at Princeville Elementary School located on 602 North Town Ave., Princeville, IL 61559. Breakfast will be at no cost to Center patrons, and rides to and from the event will be available. Please call the office by Thursday, March 2nd by noon to reserve your space for this event.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Just six months ago, our rewards only paid us \$48.95. This quarter we received a check for \$119.18! We have doubled our amount in six months. Let's all work together to double this amount in the next quarter! Please make sure that you re-enroll every year! This is very important. No reminders will be sent to you, but if you would like the office to help you with this, please feel free to call. We still have Kroger cards in the office, so if you or someone you know needs a card, please contact the office. Remember, there is no extra cost. Just shop at Kroger and a percentage will come back to the Center. Thank you!

CATPAC Program

This program allows Caterpillar employees to designate part of their contributions to a nonprofit organization that the committee has approved. The Center is approved! Last year we had one Caterpillar employee contribute to this, and we received a check for over \$750! Imagine if there were 10 employees contributing to this. What a difference this could make during the slow months of the year. If you know a Caterpillar employee, please encourage them to be a part of this program and make a designation to the Center to receive a portion of their contributions. Every little bit helps.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Duane Hall in your thoughts and prayers. Duane fell and broke his hip.

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. To be eligible for camp, applicants must meet all of the following requirements: Be at least 18-years-old or older; Either blind or have low vision (with best correction of 20/70) and/or be deaf or hard of hearing; Campers must be completely independent in all personal/hygiene care. One-to-one care is not provided by LIF Camp Helen Keller Staff; Independently ambulatory around the campsite and activity areas; Cognitively capable of understanding, following, and retaining instruction and information from staff. 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, 2016.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Holidays

Wednesday, March 1st – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, March 8th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, March 18th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22nd – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th – Open House – Noon

Friday, March 31st – Center's Seventh Annual Recognition Dinner –
6 p.m. at Barrack's Cater Inn

March Birthdays

March 2 – Joyce Schupp

March 9 – Betty Jean Steinbach

March 10 – Louise Reed

March 11 – Gayle Workman

March 12 – Virginia Robinson

March 13 – Bill Smith

March 14 – Mary Garrett

March 15 – Carol Warren and Michael Morey

March 19 – Ed Meyers

March 23 – Mickey Holmes

March 28 – Lori Thompson

March 29 – Priscilla Petersen and Vickie Elston

March Anniversaries

March 7 – Dena and Warren Lybarger

Meal Menus for March

March 1st – Noon – Potato soup, ham salad, slaw and dessert.

March 8th – 5:30 p.m. – Sausage pasta casserole, tossed salad, vegetable, rolls, cake, and ice cream.

March 15th – Noon – Ham & egg casserole, fresh fruit salad, biscuits, and pudding.

March 18th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Menu to be announced.

March 22nd – 5:30 p.m. – Fried chicken, mashed potato & gravy, green beans, slaw and pie.

Wednesday, March 29th – Open House – Noon – Tacos, nachos, dips, refried beans, Spanish rice, and dessert.

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 Donations

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Bob Coney; Earl Kalb; Chuck & Nadine Palmer; Gary Uftring; and Truman Shute

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Gyla Grigsby – 12 pack of Pepsi; Tom Vogel – Cake; Linda and Earl Kalb – Cupcakes; and Gayle Workman – Bingo prizes.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of March

March 12 – Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins. Don't forget to adjust your clocks and watches one hour forward for DST. Although DST has only been used for about 100 years, ancient civilizations have engaged in a practice similar to modern DST where they adjusted their daily schedules to the sun's schedule.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day. This day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles which is known as Ireland today. It is also a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions, and customs.



Free Matter for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Quote For The Month – “Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” By Seneca.