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Mission Peoria 2017

According to the Dream Center Peoria website, "Mission Peoria is a week like no other. Over 300 young people from all over America participate in the week of service from July 24th – July 29th. They converge on the City of Peoria to make a huge impact on the community." On July 25th, 26th and 27th, about 20 volunteers from the Dream Center converged at the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to do work in and around our Center. The first day was devoted to outside work. The landscape was weeded, trees were trimmed, and items such as garbage, leaves, twigs and limbs were removed. On the second day, the final outside work was finished; volunteers moved items such as chairs, tables and doors from the garage to the basement. Work then moved to the inside of the Center. Items such as walls, baseboards, chairs and windows were all scrubbed and cleaned, in addition to moving more donated items to the basement. On the third day and final day, the remaining inside work was finished.

Since the volunteers were here during a week when Open House was on a Wednesday evening, they were unable to interact with the patrons. To help volunteers have a better understanding of who they were helping, a game of Bingo was played on Braille Bingo cards. Some of the volunteers tried on "blacked-out glasses" and tried to use a white cane to maneuver around the Center. Both of these activities were well received, and gave the volunteers better insight to

individuals with visual impairment. The Center would like to thank Earl Kalb for helping with coordinating this event, and a great big THANK YOU to the Dream Center of Peoria!

Illinois Social Club Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Illinois Social Club will be held Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting. To make reservations, please call the Center's office at 637-3693 by Tuesday, August 1st by noon. Come join in a fun-filled day.

New Board of Directors

The Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired welcomes the new Board of Directors for the year which began on May 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2018. The board officers are: President – Prasad Parupalli – Sighted; Vice President – Ken Gray – Visually Impaired; Treasurer – Xin Lu – Visually Impaired; and Secretary – Bob Gaffron – Sighted. The directors are: Cora Quinn – Blind; Priscilla Whipp – Sighted; Gyla Grigsby – Visually Impaired; Leia Stewart – Blind; Mary Beth Cooper – Sighted; Jennifer Hehner – Sighted; and Molly Pasley – Sighted. Please note that Bob Smith has resigned from the Board of Directors. Bob and his wife Martha are relocating to a different area. The Center appreciates Bob's many years of volunteer service.

Volunteers Needed For Various Committees

The following committees are looking for individuals to lend their talents: Finance Committee; Fundraising Committee; Programs Committee; and Community Connections Committee. If you or

someone you know is interested in volunteering in a committee, please contact the Center.

Jam Session

At our last Jam Session we hosted the Jim Taylor Band. It was a HUGE success! The Center will plan on finding bands to play once every three or four months at the Jam Session. If you know of any local bands that might like to play, please let the Center know.

St. Louis Cardinal Game

We have rescheduled the game that was rained out for September 14th at 12:45 p.m. Please have reservations called into the Center by August 17th. Seating is limited.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, August 2nd – Open House – Noon

Saturday, August 5th – Illinois Social Club Annual Meeting – 9 a.m. at C.I.C.B.V.I.

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

Wednesday, August 9th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, August 19th – Jam Session – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23rd – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30th – Open House – Noon

Thursday, September 14th – St. Louis Cardinals Game – 12:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th – Uftring Auto Group Fifth Annual “Run The Gig” Walk/Run – 8 a.m. – Washington, IL.

Upcoming Music Concerts

October 14th at 7:30 p.m. – Rumours, which is a Fleetwood Mac cover band will be playing at ICC.

October 17th at 7:30 p.m. – Central Jazz Train at ICC.

December 9th at 4:00 p.m. – A Very Electric Christmas will be playing at ICC.

For these events, please let the office know three weeks in advance if you would like to attend.

August Birthdays

August 1 – Terry Lopez

August 7 – Anthony Selvaggio

August 12 – William Pfeifer

August 16 – Priscilla Whipp, Xin Lu, and Gloria-Cassel Fitzgerald

August 19 – Dorine Wright

August 22 – Jane Lough

August 25 – Sharon Pfeifer, Nancy Hall, and Emily Shute

August 26 – Zach Shute

August 28 – Esther Knott

August 29 – Courtney Harper

August Anniversaries

August 8 – Jeff and Patti Woodworth

August 14 – Tom and Pam Vogel

August 18 – Bob and Martha Smith

August 23 – Edward and Margaret Orth

August 26 – Mike and Judy Boyle

Meal Menus For August

August 2nd – Open House – Noon – Chicken salad sandwiches, tater tots, fruit salad, and brownies.

August 9th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Stuffed pork loin, roasted potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, cake and ice cream.

August 16th – Open House – Noon – Chili dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and ice cream cones.

August 19th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Taco salad, chips, banana and chocolate parfaits.

August 23rd – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Chicken, mushroom and rice casserole, broccoli, tossed salad, and pie.

August 30th – Open House – Noon – Barbecue pork sandwiches, slaw, chips, and ice cream sundaes.

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: Nancy Hall; Jean Sanger; Trinity Presbyterian Church; and Haulpak Employee Community. Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Jerry Beasley – Reader's Digest subscription; Gayle Workman – Bingo prizes; Phil McAlearney and Bob Coney – Soda.



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Quote For The month – “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”
By Unknown Author