



DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Copy Machine

Thank you for voting for our Center in the RK Dixon contest. While we did not win the contest, we made a positive impression upon RK Dixon and they were more than happy to work with us to obtain a copy machine for the Center. We are happy to announce that the Center now has a copy machine!

New Services

We are raising funds to provide for a 3-hour training session to new white cane users. The training would take place once a month and reservations are required. There must be a minimum of five participants for the training to take place that month. Family members are encouraged to attend, but if they are unable to, transportation will be provided. Instruction will be provided by a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist. Another service we are trying to fund is an exercise class specifically for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. If we are able to fund this program, we are planning on having a certified instructor, who is also visually impaired, teach the class. Please read the newsletter for further updates!

New Doors

Thanks to funds from the Oppenheim Trust Grant and our volunteers Earl Kalb, Kim Farlin and Brenda Woods, the Center is sporting three new solid core doors. Each of the bathroom doors and the door between the hall and the front entry way have been replaced.

Carol Warren Movie Nights

Thanks to funds provided from the Carol Warren Memorial, the Center purchased a projector and screen to be used for movie nights. These movie nights will start in the New Year. Please watch the newsletter for dates and times.

Board News

The Center would like to wish Bob Gaffron the best in his endeavors. Bob recently resigned from the Board leaving the position of secretary available. Board member, Molly Pasley was nominated for this position and very graciously accepted. Thanks so much Molly!

Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy

The orders for Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies are in and are currently being distributed. There are still some items left. Listed is currently what we have left in stock: Black Walnut Pieces at \$12 each; Harvest Medley Mix at \$11 each; Mammoth Pecan Halves at \$13 each; Deluxe Mix Nuts (No Peanuts) at \$13 each; Giant Whole Cashews at \$13 each; Milk Chocolate Fruit and Nut (Bridge Mix) at \$9 each; Milk Chocolate Peanuts at \$8 each; Giant Malted Milk Balls at \$9 each; Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters at \$10 each; Dark Chocolate Mint Patties at \$10 each; Spicy Party Mix at \$7 each, and Honey Roasted Peanuts at \$6 each. If

you are interested, please call the office. Hurry, these items will not last long!

December Jam Session Cancelled

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but due to all of the extra activities that are taking place in December, we are cancelling the Jam Session on December 16th. We will resume Jam Sessions in the New Year.

Center Closed During Christmas and New Years

The Center will be closed starting December 22, 2017 and will reopen on January 9, 2018. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, December 6th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, December 12th – Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Party with Uftring

Wednesday, December 20th – Open House – Noon

Meal Menus For December

December 6th – Noon – Homemade turkey noodle soup, crackers, vegetable salad, and pie.

December 12th – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Party with Uftring Ambassadors – Ham with fixings.

December 20th – Open House – Noon – Kentucky Hot Brown (a casserole with sliced bread, topped with ham, turkey, tomatoes, bacon and cheese sauce), peas with roasted peppers, salad, and cherry pie a la mode.

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 22 – Homer Robinson

December Anniversaries

December 19 – Gary & Becky Williams
December 21 – Lonnie & Margaret King
December 31 – Earl & Linda Kalb

Donations – Monetary And Other

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; Bill Missey; Patrick Lee; Mary Sanders-Turner; Mr. & Mrs. Heidenreich; Mr. & Mrs. Schibley; Bob Coney; Linda Kidd; Kara Grove; Mr. & Mrs. Carr; The Santelli Family; Mr. & Mrs. Pesarek; Nancy Moody; Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham; Cheryl Wager; Mr. & Mrs. Schuster; Mr. & Mrs. Taylor; and The Thorn Family.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Gayle Workman – Bingo prizes; Tom Vogel – Hot dogs; Yordy’s Turkey Farm – Fresh turkey for the Center’s Thanksgiving meal; Linda and Earl Kalb – Kitchen items.

Thank You

A big thank you to Kim Farlin and Brenda Woods for all of their help with cleaning out and sealing the Bingo closet, straightening up the Center, and preparing the Terri Lynn Nuts and Candies orders for distribution.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of December

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 – “Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.” By Calvin Coolidge