



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Center's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner & Fundraiser

The Center's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner & Fundraiser will be on Friday, March 23, 2018 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, the Center is in need of items for the silent auction. If you would like to donate a basket or items towards a basket, please contact the Center.

Princeville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The tentative date for the Princeville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, March 4th. The date will be confirmed within the next 1-2 weeks. The breakfast will be 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. If you would like to go, please notify the office no later than February 22nd by noon.

Beginner White Cane Clinic

Are you or do you know someone in need of long white cane training? Are you unable to access services through the Department of Rehabilitation Services? Then this training is for YOU!

The Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (C.I.C.B.V.I.) is happy to introduce our first Beginner Cane Clinic! There is no minimum age requirement, however, you must not be receiving Orientation and Mobility services through the state of Illinois. The clinic will be hosted at the C.I.C.B.V.I. by two Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9am-12pm. During this time, we will cover basic and advanced human guide, how to manipulate the long white cane in a variety of situations, and basic cane technique to navigate your environment (e.g. up and down stairs, around the block, etc). Family members are encouraged to join; we ask that if you are bringing a family member that he/she transport you to and from the clinic. For those who are attending solo, the C.I.C.B.V.I. will provide transportation if you need it.

In order to participate, please call Michelle Shute at the Center at 309-637-3693 to reserve your place and to schedule a time to be fitted for your cane no later than February 24, 2018. This will guarantee you have a cane in your hand to use for the clinic. Also, please indicate if you will be needing a ride to the clinic. Please also contact Michelle with any additional questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Uftring Dealership Fire

On January 5th, the Uftring Dealership in Washington caught on fire. Fortunately, no one was injured and they have temporarily relocated a couple of doors down in the old Tractor Supply Company building. Uftring has been a huge supporter of the Center, so let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this time of rebuilding.

Braille Bibles

The Center has two braille Bibles if anybody would like one. Please call the Center if you are interested.

Braille Birthday Cards

Would you like to send a birthday card to an individual who reads braille? If so, the Center can help with this. Please contact the Center for more information.

Cardinal Versus Cubs Game

Tickets have not gone on sale yet, but the Center is tentatively planning a trip to St. Louis to see the Cardinals vs. Cubs. This game is on Saturday, May 5th and will start at 1:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please notify the office by March 9th. There will be a limited number of seats available for patrons and sighted guides.

Catch A Wave

On Friday, January 19th, some patrons and sighted guides enjoyed the music of Rumours, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. This was such a hit, that the Center has decided to attend another concert. This time we will be enjoying music by Catch A Wave, which is a Beach Boys Tribute Band. The concert will be held at ICC on June 1st at 7:30 pm. There are a limited number of tickets available, so please contact the office if you are interested in going.

Center Volunteers

The Center relies heavily on our volunteers. If you currently volunteer, please remember to sign our volunteer sign in/out form. This is how we keep track of hours our volunteers have worked. Many grants will ask how many volunteer hours were worked for the past year. We are trying to receive more grant money, and this information is very critical. Also, if you are not currently a volunteer, but are interested in helping out, please contact the office for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Terri Lynn Nuts And Candy

There are still some items left from the Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies fundraiser. We currently have the following items in stock: Honey Roasted Peanuts - \$6; Deluxe Mix-No Peanuts - \$13; Harvest Medley Mix - \$11; Spicy Party Mix - \$7; Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix - \$9; and Walnut Pieces - \$12. There are only a few bags left of each item (except the walnuts), so please purchase them while supplies last. If you are interested, please call the office.

Central Illinois Jazz Society Monthly Concerts

The Central Illinois Jazz Society has moved their monthly concerts to a new venue in Peoria Heights, located on the second floor of the new Trefzger's building. There are currently about 150 people attending the concerts. The concerts are held on the third Sunday of every month. The next concert will be on Sunday, February 18th. The headliner is Ellen and Derel Monteith. The cost is \$8 per attendee, however the Center will pay for a patron's entry fee. They offer non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages for purchase. The catered meal is \$7 per person and it is a plateful. There are other snacks available for purchase as well. Center patrons will pay for their own beverages and food. The house band plays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., then the featured performers from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. We will plan to arrive about 5:30 p.m. to the concert so that we will be situated early before the crowd comes in. If you are interested in going, please let the office know by Tuesday, February 13th by noon.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Holidays

Wednesday, February 7th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, February 13th – Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21st – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, February 28th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 4th (tentative date) – Princeville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – Princeville Elementary School

Friday, March 23rd – Center's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner & Fundraiser – 6 p.m. at Barrack's Cater Inn

February Birthdays

February 1 – Sally Link

February 3 – Shirley Colgan

February 5 – Jerry Klokkenga

February 7 – Ed Lindsay

February 9 – Linda Capps

February 24 – Michele Williams

February Anniversaries

February 14 – Michelle and Truman Shute

February 21 – Cora and Bob Quinn

Meal Menus for February

February 7th – Noon – Chili, hot dogs, slaw, and brownies.

February 14th – 5:30 p.m. – Pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, cake, and ice cream.

February 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Beef and noodles, tossed salad, rolls, and cake with fruit.

February 21st – Noon – Broccoli soup, ham salad sandwiches, slaw, pudding, and cookies.

February 28th – 5:30 p.m. – Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, bread, JELL-O, and pie.

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. In the event of bad weather, an Open House or Jam Session may be cancelled for the safety of Center patrons, staff, volunteers, and guests.

Thoughts And Prayers

We are sad to report that Martha Smith has passed away. Bob Coney had a small stroke, but is doing better now. Leia Stewart is in the hospital. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

Donations – Monetary And In-Kind Donations

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Patrick Walmsley; Elizabeth and Mary Beth Cooper; Oliver and Virginia Helderle; Susan Schultz; Susan and Michael Waldeck; Ed and Debbie Lindsay; Uftring Jaguar Dealership; Mary Sanders-Turner; and Wesley and Marcia Shimokawa.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donation: Mark Fagerburg – ham.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of February

February 14 – Valentine’s Day. Did you know over \$1 billion of chocolates are purchased for Valentine’s Day? Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and lovers. The origins of Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Roman times, when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility. The traditions of Valentine's Day are broad and many. It is a time to exchange cards or small gifts. Chocolates and jewelry are the big hits of this holiday as are romantic dinners.



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Quote For The Month – “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.” By Helen Keller