



## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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### **Center's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner**

Mark this special date on your calendar – the Center's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner on Friday, March 23, 2018. There will be more details about the event in the February newsletter.

### **Sixth Annual Christmas Party With The Uftring Ambassadors**

Another year has come to an end and we wanted to send it off with a BIG PARTY! The Sixth Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Uftring Ambassadors was held on Wednesday, December 13th. Of course, it would not have been a C.I.C.B.V.I. Christmas Party without mashed potatoes made by the famous Kirk Johnson. Uftring also supplied the ham and all of the trimmings, while Zoe Buchanan fixed it all up!

The competition started after the meal. Prizes were given away to the person who answered the most general and Christmas trivia questions correctly or was able to name the most tunes (accompanied by Bob Coney on saxophone) in a round. There were Christmas songs to be sung and good company all around. Even if a patron did not win, they did not go home empty-handed. All patrons received a gift card and a Christmas tin full of cookies. A great big THANK YOU to the

Uftring Ambassadors and their families for donating prizes, cookies, and their time, making this a very special night for everyone that attended. You will never know how much you are truly appreciated.

## **Thoughts And Prayers**

The Center is sad to report that long time Center patron Alberta Townsend has passed away. Please keep Alberta Townsend's family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **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!

## **Braille Calendars**

Thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church for providing us with Braille calendars. If you would like one, please let the office know. There are a limited number, so call and get yours today.

## **Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays**

Tuesday, January 9th – Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, January 20th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31st – Open House – Noon

## **Meal Menus For January**

January 10th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Turkey with dressing, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, cake, and ice cream.

January 17th – Open House – Noon – Bean and sausage soup, fried apples, corn bread, and dessert.

January 20th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Shells and cheese macaroni, pigs in a blanket, mixed veggies, and vanilla ice cream with peaches.

January 24th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Buffalo chicken breast, hashed brown potato casserole, baked beans, fruit salad, and cheesecake.

January 31st – Open House – Noon – Sloppy Joes, cream of potato soup, slaw, and pudding.

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.

## **January Birthdays**

January 5 – Joseph Fehr and Berrenice Wessel

January 6 – Anne Masters

January 8 – Michelle Shute

January 9 – Zoe Buchanan, Tom Vogel, and Becky Williams

January 11 – Dennis Jurewicz

January 16 – Nadine Palmer

January 18 – Alice Bledsoe

January 19 – Gary Williams and Verda Mullineaux

January 20 – Edith Endress

January 28 – Chuck Palmer  
January 29 – Carol Klokkenga  
January 31 – Mrs. Jian Luo

## **Donations – Monetary And Other**

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Avanti's of Peoria, Senior Care Network, Helen Aupperle, Mary Sanders-Turner, Debra Dell, James Quinn, Jan Dubre, Ed & Debbie Lindsey, Bob Coney, Mark and Kris Wertz, Penny Post-Freeman; Patsy and Mike Winkler; Nancy Hall; John Bearce; Roanoke Concrete Products Co.; Betty Miller; Kent & Bonnie Noble; JT Guthrie & Son Inc.; Gregory S. & Anne Folley; Steven and Joy Kennell; Linda & Earl Kalb; Elizabeth and Mary Beth Cooper; and The Uftring Ambassadors.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Bingo Prizes – Becky Williams.

Special thanks to Becky Williams for decorating the Center for Christmas. Special thanks to Cora Quinn, Gyla Grisby, Patti Woodworth, Leia Stewart, Ken and Melody Gray, Priscilla Whipp, Roger Crowden, Xin Lu, Molly Pasley and Mary Beth Cooper for coming in and helping with the holiday appeal letter. Special thanks to Kim Farlin, Brenda Woods, and Earl Kalb for clearing the floor to be professionally cleaned. Thanks to Kim Farlin for our wonderful meal of turkey noodle soup.

## **Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of January**

**January 1 – New Year's Day.** The most celebrated holiday around the world.

**January 1, 1892** – Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

**January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Celebrated.** Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the greatest social activists the world has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. His birthday, celebrated the third Monday of January, became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983.



**Free Matter for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

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**Quote Of The Month** – “Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything it covers.” – By Kahlil Gibran.