



NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The G.I.G.” Report

The Fifth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run the G.I.G” event was held on Saturday, September 30th. G.I.G stands for “Get In Gear.” Ten of our patrons signed up for the walk, and they are as follows: Alice Bledsoe, Bob Coney, Esther Knott, Bob Quinn, Susan Schoenbein, Ron Selby, Jimmy Smith, Kimberly Smith, Tom Vogel, and Patti Woodworth. We had one patron, Lance Barke, run the 5k. We were also very fortunate to have seven of our board members, some of who are also patrons, participate. They were Bob Gaffron, Gyla Grigsby, Xin Lu, Prasad Parupalli, Cora Quinn, Leia Stewart, and Priscilla Whipp.

After the walk/race, there were refreshments of fruit, breakfast bars and pastries available. An awards ceremony and raffle also took place after the walk/race. All the patrons who participated received a medal. There was a silent auction which contained gift baskets made and donated by various Uftring dealerships. Some noteworthy basket contents were: An overnight package to the Par-A-Dice Riverboat, a Pamper Yourself basket, a Coffee Lovers basket, a Chicago Bears basket, a Golfing basket, and a Technology basket just to name a few.

The Center hosted a meal to thank Uftring at the end of October. Proceeds from the race totaled over \$21,000! We would love to thank the Uftring Ambassadors, Run the G.I.G. Committee members, Shazam

Racing, and all of the race sponsors, volunteers, and race/walk participants for making “Run the G.I.G.” a HUGE SUCCESS this year!

Special Event

Thanks to Uftring Auto Group and all of the proceeds that were raised during the Fifth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run the G.I.G.” event, the Center will be able to replace one of our outdated desktop units in the Uftring Technology Center. We will also be hosting a free meal with gift cards for all the patrons on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Join The Giving Tuesday Movement

Giving Tuesday is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year, Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, which is less than 30 days away! Since its inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy with events throughout the year. Join the #GivingTuesday movement and support the Center by giving a donation to the Center. One may easily make an online donation through the Center’s website at www.cicbvi.org. Click on the “donate” icon on the bottom left of the home page. It is safe and secure. Also, donations may be given in person or sent to the Center. Please call the office at 637-369 if you have any questions.

Pet Food Gift Cards

Thanks to the Oppenheim Trust Fund and other donations, the Center is distributing gift cards to patrons with a pet or guide dog. The gift card amount will be \$50 for pets and \$100 for a guide dog. Please call

the office at 637-3693 to sign-up by Thursday, November 30th by noon.

Independent Living Aids

A mission of the Center is to provide programs and services to help blind and visually impaired patrons to live an independent life. One of the ways to be more independent is through independent living aids, which range from talking alarm clocks to talking watches to magnifiers, and many more blind and low vision products. Thanks to the Oppenheim Trust Fund, the Center is giving each blind and visually impaired patron up to \$100 to buy independent living aids. If the item exceeds \$100, patrons will need to pay the excess amount above \$100. Please call the office at 637-3693 for assistance with selecting items for purchase. This information needs to be into the office by Thursday, November 30th by noon.

Thoughts And Prayers

The Center offers our deepest condolences to the families of Frank Pedulla, a new patron and Marlin Tatum, who was involved with the Blind Bowling League, both have passed away recently. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, November 1st – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, November 8th – Open House – Thanksgiving Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th – Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th – Open House – Noon

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

Wednesday, November 22nd – No Open House

Wednesday, November 29th – Open House – Noon

Center Closed During Thanksgiving Week

The Center will be closed the week of November 19th. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays

2 – Louise Steele

3 – Patti Woodworth

7 – Elaine Ahten

8 – Angie Hillard

9 – Wanda Mayberry

11 – George Grube

13 – Mark Fagerburg

15 – Randall Deemie, Jr.

18 – Steve Zussman

21 – Ann Pries

27 – Pat Aldred and Victoria Sanders

November Anniversaries

4 – Dennis and Christina Jurewicz

Meal Menus For November

November 1st – Noon – Chili, hot dogs, chips, slaw, and dessert.

November 8th – 5:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner.

November 15th – Noon – Biscuits with gravy, eggs, hash browns, fruit salad and dessert.

November 18th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Beef stroganoff, salad, creamed peas, and fruit Jell-O.

November 29th – Noon – Vegetable beef soup, ham salad sandwich, and dessert.

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.

Upcoming December Events

December 9, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. – A Very Electric Christmas will be playing at ICC.

December 15, 2017 @ 7:30 pm – American Family Christmas at Five Points in Washington

December 22, 2017 @ 7:00 pm – Northwoods Christmas at Northwoods Church in Peoria

Donations – Monetary And Other

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Bob Coney, Phil McAlearney, Patrick Lee, and Mary Cooper. Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: First Baptist Church of Peoria and Terry Masters - Food; Bingo prizes – Gayle Workman and Leia Stewart; Mark Fagerburg – soda.



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Quote For The month – “Home of the free, because of the brave.”
Veteran’s Day Quote.