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Fifth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The Gig”

The Fifth Annual Uftring Auto Group “Run The Gig” event to benefit the Center will be held on Saturday, September 30th. The newsletter will be mailed prior to the walk/run. Please look for the final report on this event in the November newsletter.

October Is Blindness Awareness Month

According to the World Health Organization, 285 million people are estimated to be visually impaired worldwide: 39 million are blind and 246 million have low vision. Globally, uncorrected refractive errors are the main cause of moderate and severe visual impairment; cataracts remain the leading cause of blindness in middle and low income countries. According to the American Foundation for the Blind, the latest statistics from 2013 showed Illinois with 242,400 adults, age 18 and older with prevalent rates of visual loss. Although blindness and visual impairment occurs worldwide, statewide, and locally, more awareness is needed. Please help spread awareness.

Make My Non-Profit Run Better Contest

RK Dixon, an established company that sells copiers, printers and provides IT services to thousands of companies, organizations, and government entities in over 120 counties in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin is hosting their contest, “Make My Non-Profit Run Better”. This year, RK Dixon will be focusing on making Peoria and Bloomington area nonprofits run better. By concentrating on a smaller region they have increased the overall prize allocations to make a more dramatic impact for the winning organizations. The Center has registered under the “small” nonprofit category for a chance to win an office technology makeover, with up to \$15,000 for 1st place, and an equipment package valued at up to \$5,000 for 2nd place.

The Center is in desperate need of a new copy machine in order to effectively and efficiently print out newsletters every month. This makeover could help with obtaining one. We were very fortunate to have had our current copy machine donated to us, but as of this time, the Center has been unable to locate another used one to be donated. Although the copy machine has had maintenance completed on it, the repairs necessary for it to run correctly will not happen. Since the copy machine is so old, parts are no longer available for it.

How You Can Help: The first round of voting begins on September 28th at 5:00 p.m. and will end on October 5th at 5:00 p.m. You can go to www.rkdixon.com to vote. You are allowed 1 vote online, every 24 hours. If we make it through the 1st round of voting and are one of the

top 5 finalist in the “small” nonprofit category, the Center will produce a 1-2 minute YouTube video highlighting our organization and our need for an office technology makeover. The second round of voting will determine the winning organizations. This voting will start on October 13th at 8:00 a.m. and will go to October 19th at 5:00 p.m. Again, you can vote online, once every 24 hours. On October 26th, RK Dixon will announce the winning organizations on WMBD. Please tell your family, co-workers and friends to visit the website and VOTE FOR US DAILY! We are in DESPERATE need of an office makeover!

Hike And Picnic At Forest Park

We will be hiking and having a picnic at Forest Park on Thursday, October 19th. Please let the office know if you would like to participate in this event by Thursday, October 12th at noon.

Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies

Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies will be sold once again from September to October to help support programs and services of the Center. The Center will receive 45% of all proceeds. Please pre-order so you can receive your delivery in November in time for the holidays. All orders must be in by Thursday, October 12th by noon.

The following choices will be available and on a first come basis:
Pecan Halves - \$13; Black Walnut Pieces - \$12; Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts) - \$13; Giant Whole Cashews - \$13; Pistachios - \$11; Praline Pecans - \$12; Harvest Medley Mix - \$11; Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix - \$9; Milk Chocolate Coated Almonds - \$10; Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts - \$8; Giant Malted Milk Balls - \$9; Dark Chocolate Cranberries

- \$9; Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters - \$10; Dark Chocolate Mint Patties - \$10. If there are not enough pre-ordered items, we may not purchase a case of that item. Since this is a fundraiser, we appreciate all the participation we can get to make it successful. An order sheet may be obtained from the office. The Center is offering a \$25 Walmart gift card to the top seller of the Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, And Holidays

Wednesday, October 4th – Open House – Noon

Friday, October 6th – Board Retreat – All day

Tuesday, October 10th – Board Meeting – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 18th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, October 21st – Jam Session – 1p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Music Concerts

For the following music concerts, please let the office know three weeks in advanced if you would like to attend.

October 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. – Central Jazz Train at ICC.

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

January 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Rumours which is a Fleetwood Mac cover band will be playing at ICC. Please note that the concert has been rescheduled to next year. Please let the office know by October

5th if you would like to attend. Since seating is assigned, we want to order tickets in advance so we may have as many seats as possible next to one another. Some people have already ordered their tickets, so seating options may already be limited.

October Birthdays

October 4 – Christine Jurewicz

October 6 – Terry Masters

October 7– Edna Vollrath

October 8 – Mia Wilson

October 15 – Jim Hardy

October 17 – C.J. Blackwell

October 22 – Sandy Griffin

October Anniversaries

October 27 – Harold and June Ward

Meal Menus For October

October 4th – Noon – Fish sticks, fries, Jell-O, pineapple salad, and cookies.

October 11th – 5:30 p.m. – Pork roast, potatoes, carrots, rolls, salad, cake, and ice cream

October 18th – Noon – Potato cream soup, chicken salad on croissants, and pie.

October 21st –Jam Session - Vegetable soup, meatball subs, and cake with fruit.

October 25th – 5:30 p.m. – Spanish rice casserole, succotash, tossed salad, rolls, and carrot cake.

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: Kim Farlin in memory of Ann Creech; Bob Coney; Patrick Lee; Anonymous; and Nancy Hall.

Thanks to the following for their in-kind donations: Leia Stewart and Patti Woodworth – Bingo Prizes.

A special thank you to Earl and Linda Kalb for all of their help in and around the Center. We are forever grateful!

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of October

October 8 – World Sight Day. World Sight Day is a global event that focuses on bringing attention on blindness and vision impairment. It is observed on the second Thursday of October each year.

October 9 – Center Name Change. Four years ago on this day, the Center changed its name from the Peoriarea Blind People’s Center to the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

October 15 – White Cane Safety Day. This day celebrates and recognizes the achievements of the blind and visually impaired, and their independence. That independence is represented by the white cane that the blind and visually impaired uses to travel from place to place. The white cane is an invaluable tool and affords a blind or

visually impaired person the freedom of movement they otherwise may not have. Also, October 15, 2017 is the 53rd anniversary of White Cane Safety Day!

October 31 – Halloween. Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating.



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Quote For The month – “If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.” By Napoleon Hill