



## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

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### **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. Tickets are still available for Center patrons. 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.

### **Safety Of Seniors Event**

Don't miss out on the 20th Annual Safety of Seniors event! It will take place on Saturday, March 24th at Limestone High School from 9 a.m. until noon. While transportation will not be provided by the Center, all patrons are encouraged and welcomed to attend this event. It is free to the public. The Center will have an information booth, along with various types of other booths, including Banking Security, Secretary of State Driver's License Mobile Unit, Blood Pressure Screenings, Home Care and many, many more. There will be refreshments, door prizes and special speakers.

## **CATPAC Program**

Once again, thanks to the CATPAC Program and one employee, the Center received a check for over \$780! This program allows Caterpillar employees to designate part of their contributions to a nonprofit organization that the committee has approved. Imagine if there were 10 employees contributing to this. What a difference this could make during the slow months of the year. If you know a Caterpillar employee, please encourage them to participate in this program and make a designation to the Center to receive a portion of their contributions. Every little bit helps.

## **Board Changes**

As of the February board meeting, Priscilla Whipp will no longer be a director on the board. We appreciate her volunteer service. We wish her all the best in her endeavors and hope to see her around the Center as time permits. The board welcomed two new faces in February as well, Rob Johannsen and Kurt Norris are our two newest directors.

## **Donated Braille Books**

Please contact the Center if you or someone you know reads braille and would be interested in any of the following books: The Bible; G is for Gumshoe by Grafton; The Ugly American by Lederer and Burdick; The Bridge Over the River Kwai by Boule; The Reivers by Faulkner; Where Eagles Dare by MacLean; A Christmas Carol by Dickens; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Heaven by Dan Harman; The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by le Carre; Dragon by Cussler; The Secret by Stine; and The Constitution of the United States.

## **Tickets And Seats Still Available**

Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend a Cardinals versus Cubs game. The dates or times conflict with other events the Center has scheduled, so we will be attending a Cardinals versus Mets game on Thursday, April 26th. The game will start at 12:15 p.m. Some patrons have already informed the Center about attending. Your name will remain on the list unless you let the office know differently. There are still a few seats available. Please let the office know by March 8th if you would like to attend this outing. Also, we still have tickets available for the concert featuring Catch A Wave, a Beach Boys Tribute Band. The concert will be held at ICC on June 1st at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the office if you are interested in going.

## **Pen Pal Program**

Three students with visual impairments in Peoria Public School District 150 are interested in having a pen pal from the Center (3rd grade female, 5th grade male, and 6th grade male). The three students write using UEB contracted braille. We are looking for three patrons who would like to have a pen pal. You can write your letters in uncontracted or contracted braille. Utilizing envelopes and postage would be best for the students because they need to learn how to use the U.S. Postal Service. The Center can mail the letters out if you wish. If you would like to mail out your own letters, the Center will provide you the needed information. Please contact Michelle at the Center if you are interested in this program.

## **Thoughts And Prayers**

Mildred Teague is in the hospital. Your thoughts and prayers for her are much appreciated.

## **Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) Camp Helen Keller**

Come enjoy summer fun and friends at LIF Camp Helen Keller in Ingleside, Illinois, located about three hours north of Peoria. Camp dates are from June 17th to June 23rd. This camp is in tune with blind or visually impaired adults. The camp offers water activities on a semi-private lake, a pool, nature walks, team sports, paddleboats, crafts, archery, fire-side cookouts with s'mores, horseback riding, rock wall climb, and a zip line. To be eligible for camp, applicants must meet all of the following requirements: Be at least 18-years-old or older; Either blind or have low vision (with best correction of 20/70) and/or be deaf or hard of hearing; Campers must be completely independent in all personal/hygiene care. One-to-one care is not provided by LIF Camp Helen Keller Staff; Independently ambulatory around the campsite and activity areas; Cognitively capable of understanding, following, and retaining instruction and information from staff. Camp expenses will be at no cost to Center patrons and rides to and from the camp will be available. Please call the office to reserve your space. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2018.

## **Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Holidays**

Sunday, March 4th – Princeville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – Princeville Elementary School

Wednesday, March 7th – Open House – Noon

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

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

Saturday, March 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 21st – Open House – Noon  
Friday, March 23rd – Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner & Fundraiser  
– Barrack’s Cater Inn Banquet Center – 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 28th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 26th – Cardinals vs. Mets game in St. Louis  
Friday, June 1st – Catch A Wave concert at ICC – 7:30 p.m.  
June 17th – June 23rd – L.I.F. Camp Helen Keller – Ingleside, IL

### **March Birthdays**

March 2 – Joyce Schupp  
March 7 – Earl Kalb  
March 9 – Betty Jean Steinbach  
March 11 – Gayle Workman  
March 12 – Virginia Robinson  
March 13 – Bill Smith  
March 14 – Mary Garrett  
March 15 – Michael Mory  
March 19 – Ed Meyers  
March 23 – Mickey Holmes  
March 27 – Irv Johnson  
March 28 – Lori Thompson  
March 29 – Vickie Elston and Priscilla Peterson

### **March Anniversaries**

March 7 – Dena and Warren Lybarger

## **Meal Menus For March**

March 7th – Open House – Noon – Egg rolls, fried rice, chicken teriyaki, cake, and ice cream. (Xin Lu will help prepare this meal in honor of the Chinese New Year.)

March 14th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Corned beef, cabbage, roasted carrots, potatoes, salad, and cream pie.

March 17th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – Hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, baked beans, and JELL-O with fruit.

March 21st – Open House – Noon – Cheddar broccoli soup, club sandwiches on croissants, fruit salad, and brownies. (Happy First Day of Spring!)

March 28th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Roasted chicken breast and thighs with cherry sauce, mashed potatoes, corn and lima beans, salad and cheesecake.

## **A Huge Thanks**

A great big thanks goes out to Cora Quinn and Ken and Melody Gray for all of their hard work towards cleaning up the Uftring Technology Center!

## **Donations – Monetary and In-Kind**

Thanks to the following for their monetary donations:

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Thanks to the following for their in-kind donation: Dennis Jurewicz for donating Bingo prizes.



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

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**Quote For The Month** – “We are doing unnecessary things to become a successful man [woman] or so-called ‘genius’ to be accepted by our society. Having friends, attempting something new or even failing something is already a meaningful life lesson. Unfortunately, people only focus on the results rather than their experience of going through the process.” By Kim Ung-yong, Korean genius, Guinness World Record holder with a 210 IQ, child NASA researcher, inspirational speaker, and university professor.