



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Blessing Bags

The Center will be handing out tote bags with the CICBVI logo, filled with daily used items. Items in the bag will include deodorant, hygiene kits, first aid kit, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, bar soap, shampoo, new socks, thermal socks, granola bars, wipes, gloves, shaving cream, floss picks, gum, mouthwash, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and washcloths. The bags can be reused and also brought to the Center to fill with food bank items and groceries. Please, call the Center to reserve one if you are interested.

Robert G. Smith Memorial Garden

A C.I.C.B.V.I. board director had a great idea to dedicate a memorial garden in memory of Robert Smith. Patrons and Volunteers will be planting the Memorial Garden on Saturday, September 8th at 12:00 p.m. The garden would be located in the backyard of the Center. We have received donations from Hoerr Nursery, Lowe's and are awaiting responses from other nurseries and landscapers in the area on plants, shrubs, mulch, and topsoil donations. A memorial plaque in with inscribing of Robert Smith's memory has been purchased. Please, call the center if you would like to donate plants, shrubs, or any of the other items listed above or if you would like to donate a helping hand on Saturday, September 8th.

Paint Nite Fundraiser

Our first ever Paint Nite Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the Country Club of Peoria on Grandview Drive. Participants will be taught step-by-step by an art instructor on how to paint a fall-themed picture. This activity will be at no charge to C.I.C.B.V.I. patrons. The cost for participants will be \$45 each, of which \$15 will be donated to the Center. There will also be a silent auction held during the event. A preview of the prizes that will be auctioned off are: a Five Senses Spa basket, including Aveda products and an Elemental pedicure, a photo shoot session courtesy of Kelli Drake, and a limo ride for two out in Peoria to dinner at Connected Restaurant, followed by a movie at Goodrich Willow Knolls Theater.

Other basket sponsors include: Hecht-Stout Insurance Agency, Connected Restaurant, Goodrich Quality Theaters, Skin Dimensions Day Spa, Red Carpet Carwash, Firestone Auto Care, Five Senses Spa & Salon, Aesthetics at Illinois Eye Center, Elle & Elle Salon, Gold's Gym, Ideal Troy, Margie's Dry Cleaners, Starcrest Dry Cleaners, Cyd's Gourmet Kitchen, Wendy's Eyeglass Shack, Elevate Trampoline Park, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Two25, Running Central, and Drake Photography. We are still looking for more donations and sponsors. If you are interested, please contact the Center at (309)637-3693.

Lion King by Disney

Disney presents a musical that brings the much-loved 1994 animated film to life to breath-taking effects, spirit and power, inviting you to explore the African Serengeti and join the wide eyed cub Simba on the adventure of a lifetime as he grows up and accepts his destiny as the King of the Pride Lands. In addition to the beloved songs penned by Sir Elton John and Tim Rice (such as the soaring 'Circle of Life') this phenomenal adaptation has new original songs and explodes with

joyous, captivating music that soundtrack the rich mythology and moving drama expertly.

The Center will be taking Patron's and Volunteers to attend this production on Thursday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m. Please, call the Center by September 19th to reserve your tickets!

Braille Workshop

The Center will be holding a Braille workshop on Saturday, October 6th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This course is designed for beginners who have little or no knowledge of Braille. CICBVI will be offering instructional training for sighted and blind individuals in reading Braille. Learn the alphabet, numbers, punctuation, recognize formatting styles like bold and italics. The cost to attend is free to patrons. Drinks and snacks will be provided, attendees will go home with new skills and a new book in Braille to practice these skills with! Call the Center to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, and Holidays

Wednesday, September 5th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, September 8th – Memorial Garden - Noon

Tuesday, September 11th – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 17th – Lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22nd – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 22nd – Paint Nite – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19th – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, September 26th – 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.

Thursday, October 4th @ 7:30 PM: The Lion King by Disney at the Civic Center

Saturday, October 27th @ 7:00 PM: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra at the Civic Center

Saturday, December 8th @ 7:30 PM: Handel's Messiah by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra & The Apollo Chorus of Chicago at Grace Presbyterian Church

September Birthdays

September 3 – Joyce Feix

September 4 – Margaret Orth

September 18 – Leia Stewart and Cyndi Gill

September 20 – Duane Hall

September 21 – Tricia Lacey

September Anniversaries

September 21 – Ronald and Patricia Aldred

Meal Menus For September

September 5th – Noon – Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Cookies & Peaches

September 12th – 5:30 p.m. – Pork Roast, Potatoes & Carrots, Salad, Green Beans, Cake & Ice Cream

September 22th – Jam Session – Potato Soup, Ham Sandwiches, Potato Chips, & Pie

September 19th – Noon – Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, & Fruit

September 26th – 5:30 p.m. – Chicken & Noodles, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Peas, & Brownies

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 donation: Peggy Thompson, Gregory & Mary McAllister, Edward Smith, Dennis & Nancy Winne, David & Patricia Donnelly, Dixie Burdett, Gayle Workman, Rosemary Wiltz, Jeanne Atkins, Mark & Andrea Scott, Traveler's Protective Association, Wright & Salmon Mortuary, and Kalb, in memory of Robert Smith. Thanks to the following for their monetary donation for the Air Conditioning Unit: Lawrence & Barbara Williams, and an Anonymous Donor.

Interesting Dates Throughout The Month Of September

September is National Courtesy Month, Self-Improvement Month, and International Square Dancing Month!

September 2- International Bacon Day - Saturday before Labor Day

September 4 – Labor Day. This day is dedicated in honor of the worker and is also appropriately called the "working man's holiday".

September 5- Be Late for Something Day

September 11- 911 Remembrance

September 19, 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

September 25, 1690 - The first American newspaper was published. A single edition of Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick appeared in Boston, Massachusetts. However, British authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered its immediate suppression.

September 21 – World Peace Day. This day is observed annually on September 21st. It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access.



Free Matter for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Quote For The month – “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” -Hellen Keller

