



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Center's Ninth Annual Community Banquet

Please mark this special date on your calendar. On Friday, March 1, 2019, the CICBVI is hosting our Ninth Annual Community Banquet, one of two primary fundraisers for the Center. Formerly titled the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet, money raised from this event is used to provide needed services and technology to support individuals who are blind or visually impaired living in Central Illinois.

This year's banquet features Dr. Chieko Asakawa, a TED Speaker and IBM Fellow. Dr. Asakawa has been instrumental in furthering accessibility research and development for the past three decades. Challenging thinking on visually impaired technology usage, she leads development efforts in advancing web accessibility including digital Braille and voice browsers. In 2013, the Japanese government awarded the Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon to Dr. Asakawa for her outstanding contributions to accessibility research, including the development of a voice browser. Today, with Carnegie Mellon University, she is working on how accessibility technologies can play a key role in creating opportunities for individuals with visual impairments to more actively participate in society.

Many of you will recognize our Master of Ceremonies. Mike Dimmick anchored NBC WEEK News 25 Nightside, the most-watched newscast in downstate Illinois, for more than 16 years.

The banquet is being held at Mt. Hawley Country Club in Peoria IL. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner, special remarks and keynote speaker to follow. Tickets are \$100 per plate. The Center is paying for patrons to attend, of course. Please contact the Center to reserve your seat, volunteer to help and/or sponsor this important event.

Gil's Supper Club

On Thursday, January 17th, sixteen of us had dinner, on our own at Gil's Supper Club in Hanna City. Even though the weather was briskly cold it was well worth getting out in it. We had a great time and enjoyed our time with each other. This was a fun time for all!

Wyoming Annual Pancake Breakfast

Wyoming Pancake Breakfast was held Sunday, February 3rd. The breakfast was enjoyed by all who attended. A "Big Thanks" to the Wyoming Lions Club for our invite and also for the great hospitality. Thanks again!

West Side Story at Peoria Players

On Thursday, February 7th, we had 13 patrons and 3 others attending this event. "West Side Story" is known as the "greatest love story ever told." The electrical musical sets this tragedy of gang warfare in the 1950s in New York. The ending was filled with mixed emotions. It was a late night, but enjoyed by all.

Intermediate White Cane Clinic

We are excited to announce that our first ever Intermediate White Cane Clinic on February 23rd was a hit! Three patrons and their family members learned about different iPhone apps to assist with travel, how to travel up and down stairs with a long white cane, and room familiarization techniques. We look forward to providing future Intermediate Cane Clinics as the needs arise so let us know if and when you are interested!

Princeville Annual Pancake Breakfast

Princeville Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 3rd. Please contact the Center at (309) 637-3693 or info@cicbvi.org before February 28, 2019 to reserve your place.

New Baby Announcement

Our past Executive Director, Cyndi Gill, became a proud mother of a beautiful baby boy on November 30, 2018. His name is Rohan Gabriel Gill. Rohan is pronounced (Row-Hawn). Cyndi said Rohan is a good eater and loves to play and giggle. He is still working on his sleep schedule. Congratulations go out to Albert and Cyndi!

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers and Holidays

Wednesday, March 6th – Open House - Noon

Tuesday, March 12th - Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16th – Jam Session – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th – Open House – Noon

Wednesday, March 27th – Open House – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Meal Menus for March

Wednesday, March 6th – Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, French fries, Salad & Dessert.

Wednesday, March 13th – Dinner - Pork Roast/Ribs, Au gratin Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, & Ice Cream and Cake.

Saturday, March 16^h – Jam Session – Hamburger, Tater Tots Casserole, Salad & Dessert

Wednesday, March 20th, - Lunch - Ham Sandwiches/Turkey Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips & Brownies

Wednesday, March 27th – Dinner – Chicken, Mash Potatoes and Gravy,
Mixed Vegetables, Toss Salad, Dinner roll & 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.

Future Events!!

Pizza Ranch Luncheon

Thursday, March 21st, lunch will be on our own. Adults will be \$11.28, Seniors will be \$10.25, this includes tax and our drinks.

Looking For a Hoppy Good Time?

Join us at the B.I.G. Spaghetti/Chili Dinner, Saturday, April 13th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is their fundraising event to help support The Heart of Illinois Head Injury Support Group. You will have a choice of spaghetti or chili, including a tossed salad and roll for \$7.00 per adult. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, bake sale, and the Easter bunny (Earl) will be stopping by for a visit. Please contact the Center at (309) 637-3693 or info@cicbvi.org to reserve your place.



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Quote for the Month – “To handle yourself, use your Head; To handle others, use your Heart.” By Eleanor Roosevelt