



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Doing some shopping for those special gifts this year? Support us on Amazon Smile!

Are you an avid shopper on Amazon.com? If so, then there is a way you can help the Center. If you log on to smile.amazon.com with your regular Amazon login and set up our Center as your preferred non-profit, then the Center will receive a confidential small percentage donation from your purchase. We would like to thank those who have already selected us and we have been receiving notifications of your giving. This is a prime opportunity to encourage continued giving in this simple way. Please help us increase our funding from Amazon Smile.

Shopping at Kroger can benefit the Center and here is what we ask you to do!

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Go to the link provided below and enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Mark the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired as the organization that you would like Kroger to donate money to every time you make purchases at Kroger:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, and Holidays

Wednesday, December 4th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, December 10th – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, December 18th – Open House – Noon

Saturday, December 21st – Jam Session – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21st – start of Winter Solstice

Sunday, December 22nd – Hanukkah begins

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas

Thursday, December 26th – Kwanzaa begins

Meal Menus for December

December 4th – Open House – Noon – Cream of potato soup, hot turkey, bacon, and cheese sandwich, applesauce, and dessert.

December 11th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas meal of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, applesauce, cupcakes, and ice cream provided and served by the Uftring Ambassador's organization.

December 18th – Open House – Noon – Sausage and egg casserole, biscuits, fried apples, and dessert.

December 21st- Jam Session – 1:00 p.m. – Hamburgers, fries, baked beans, Jell-O with fruit, cookies.

No meal on the last Wednesday of the month – Season's Greetings to all!

Bingo and other games will be played at all Open Houses.

Reservations for patrons, volunteers, and guests need to be called in no later than noon on the Tuesday before the Open House and no later than noon on Thursday before the Jam Session.

December Birthdays

December 2 – Gyla Grigsby

December 4 – Jimmy Smith

December 9 – John Vogel

December Anniversaries

December 19 – Gary & Becky Williams

Upcoming Event

December event cancelled – the field trip for Joseph and the Amazing Dream Coat has been cancelled.

Donations – monetary and other

Thanks to Gayle Workman for the donation of bingo prizes.

Thanks for the monetary donations from the Cricket Association of Peoria - \$1,750.50, Indo-American Society of Peoria - \$1,000.00, Mary Turner - \$15.00, Alicia & Kenneth Erdman - \$250.00, and Martha Blake - \$25.00.

Closed for the holidays

The Center will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd thru January 6th, so staff will be working limited hours and there will be no Open Houses during the last week of December and the first week of January 2020.



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Have A Happy New Year and hope to see you in 2020!

Quote for the Month – "Some days, doing 'the best we can' may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect on any front and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else." – Fred Rogers