



FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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10th Annual Community Banquet and Fundraiser

The employees, volunteers, Board of Directors and patrons of the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired are delighted to announce that Dr. Ed Stone, Director of the Institute for Vision Research -IVR, will be our keynote speaker for our 10th Annual Community Banquet and Fundraiser, March 13th, 6:00 p.m. at the Mt Hawley Country Club. Please don't miss your opportunity to hear one of the world's preeminent ophthalmologists, as the Center celebrates 65 years of service to people managing uncorrectable vision loss living in Central Illinois. Mike Dimmick will make an encore appearance to emcee and every guest will receive a gift from Two Blind Brothers.

Princeville Pancake Breakfast

Patrons will enjoy a free pancake breakfast on Sunday March 1st. Family and friends who participate or provide transportation must pay for their pancake platter. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon Tuesday February 18th.**

Bowling

On the morning of Tuesday February 18th, we will bowl at the Christian Center followed by a trip to Monicals Pizza. As

reservations are needed, please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon Tuesday February 11th.**

Volunteer Training

As we increase our activities for the Center, we want to be proactive in recruiting volunteers to ensure that our patrons have a fun and safe experience. Volunteers will assist at Center events and as guides for patrons during outings. All volunteers must complete the two hour volunteer training to be added to the official volunteer list. Two options are available for February. Volunteer training will be held on Tuesday February 18th at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. and Saturday February 22nd at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the Center. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon Tuesday February 11th.**

Beginner White Cane Clinic

The Center will be providing a free Basic White Cane Clinic on Saturday, February 29th, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon by a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist. There is no minimum age requirement, however, you must not be receiving Orientation and Mobility services through the State of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services. During this time, we will cover basic and advanced human guide, how to manipulate the long white cane in a variety of situations, and basic cane technique to navigate your environment (e.g. up and down stairs, around the block, etc). Family members are encouraged to attend. We ask that if you are bringing a family member, that they transport you to and from the clinic. Those who are attending alone may request the Center to provide transportation, if they reside within a 15 mile radius of the Center. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 or email

info@cicbvi.org to **RSVP by noon Tuesday February 4th** to reserve your space and schedule a time to be fitted for your cane, which will be provided.

CIRCA '21

On Sunday April 19th, a trip is planned to CIRCA' 21 in Rock Island, IL to see "Saturday Night Fever," a dinner theatre production based on the 1977 movie. Doors open at 3:45 P.M. with the meal served from 4-5 followed by the show at 5:45. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon Tuesday February 18th**.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, and Holidays

Wednesday, February 5th - Open House – Noon
Tuesday, February 11th - Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 12th - Open House – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 15th - Jam Session - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18th – Volunteer Training – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19th - Open House – Noon
Saturday, February 22nd – Volunteer Training – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 26th - Open House – 5:30 p.m.
February 29 Beginner Cane Clinic – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 22nd - Volunteer Training - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 13th - Annual Banquet - 6:00 p.m.

Meal Menus for February

February 5th – Open House – Noon – Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked beans, fries, drumsticks for dessert

February 12th – Open House- 5:30 p.m. – Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, Italian green beans, French bread, cake and ice cream

February 15th – Jam - 1 p.m. – Pork BBQ Sandwich, onion rings, slaw, potato salad, cookies and pudding

February 19th – Open House – Noon - Chicken & noodle soup, ham salad sandwiches, apple sauce, apple crisp

February 26th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Ham steak, pea salad, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, brownies and fruit

Bingo and other activities will be offered 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.

February Birthdays

February 1st – Sally Link

February 5th – John C. McDonald, Jerry Klokkenga, Darrel Hopson

February 6th – Matthew Stein

February 7th – Ed Lindsay

February 24th – Michele Williams

Donations – Monetary and Other

We would also like to thank the following for their donations: In Kind Donations: Bingo prizes: Brandy Foiles, Gyla Grigsby, Edward Lindsay, Cora Quinn, Priscilla Whipp

Baby Shower

Did you hear the exciting news? Lance and Grace Barke are expecting a baby girl in late March! Ladies, you are invited this celebration with fun and snacks on Friday February 21st at 1 PM at the Center. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to RSVP and make transportation reservations by noon Thursday February 13th.



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Quote for the Month – “We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.” – Joseph Campbell