



MARCH 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!

March Pancake Breakfast

Patrons will enjoy a free pancake breakfast in Princeville on Sunday, March 8th. 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 March 3rd.**

“Jesus” at AMC Grand Prairie

Filmed in front of a live audience, Sight & Sound’s spectacular original production is coming to the big screen. We will attend on Saturday, April 11th at 12:55 PM. Following this will be a visit to Longhorn Steak House, at one’s own expense. Tickets for this were purchased in advance so phone the Center at (309) 637-3693 to check on reservations.

Share ‘N Spare Thrift Shop

Our shopping trip will be Thursday, March 26th. The first stop will be Cornerstone Family Restaurant for breakfast. Then we head to Gridley for our bargain hunting. Please call (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon Tuesday, March 17th.**

Baby Shower Update

A great time of fun, fellowship, and food was had at Grace Barke’s shower on February 21st. “Baby” Barke received some terrific gifts from diapers to cute outfits. She even has a new swing! Thanks to all who attended.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, and Holidays

Wednesday, March 4th - Open House – Noon

Sunday, March 8th – Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, March 10th - Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

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

Friday, March 13th - Annual Banquet - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th – Open House - Noon

Saturday, March 21th - Jam Session - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th - Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26th – Share ‘N Spare Thrift Shop

Meal Menus for March

March 4th – Open house – Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham Salad Sandwiches, Fruit Salad, Brownies

March 11th – Open house – Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Cake & Ice cream

March 18th – Open house – Italian Beef Sandwiches, Potato soup, Jello, Cookies & pudding

March 21st – Jam Session – Polish Sausage, Potatoes, Cabbage, Apple Sause, Cheese Cake

March 25th – Open House – Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potato, Salad/Rolls, Pie

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 Thursday before the Jam Session**.

March Birthdays

March 11th - Gayle Workman

March 13th - Bill Smith

March 14th - Mary Garrett

March 19th - Ed Meyers

Anniversaries

March 7th - Dena & Warren Lybarger

Donations – Monetary and Other

Bingo prizes – Gayle Workman, Priscilla Whipp; Profits from art work – Mike Waldron. We apologize, we are unable to list monetary donations received through the mail at this time. We have recently replaced our bookkeeper and our Executive Director is unavailable. We will list donations received in a future newsletter.



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Quote for the Month – “Love For All, Hatred For None.” –
Khalifatul Masih III