



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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FINALLY!

You've all been patiently waiting for this and plans are finally set. You guessed it: WE ARE HAVING AN EVENT! Saturday, October 3, you are invited to join your Center friends and family for a picnic. Here are the details:

WHEN: October 3, from noon to 4 PM

WHERE: Fondulac Park Neumann Shelter (East Peoria)

This shelter is located off of Meadows Ave. Directions can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The shelter is covered, with bathrooms connected to it.

WHAT: The Center is providing lunch (free!) and there will be entertainment by Dennis Close (many of you may remember him from previous events) as well as the chance to visit with your friends.

WHO: You! And here is what you need to do to be sure you are included.

1. You must reserve your spot. You can do this by completing the form (elsewhere in the newsletter) and sending it to the Center, emailing the center with all the same information found on the form or by calling the Center (but if you call, please be sure to

clearly leave your name, phone number and, again, all the information found on the form). The Center's e-mail, phone number and mailing address are at the top of this newsletter. The deadline to reserve is September 24.

2. You must make your menu choice – found on the form
3. You must indicate if you want transportation provided by the Center. If you do, you will have your temperature taken prior to getting in the vehicle. If your temperature is elevated you will not be able to attend. Masks are required while riding.
4. You need to be sure to bring a mask and will need to wear it if you are moving about (for example going from your table to the bathroom)

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE!

If you haven't already, please consider joining in – The virtual open houses are every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – and you are welcome to stay for part or all of the session.

Here's how to join:

1. Dial 1-312-626-6799 to call in to the meeting. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID.
2. The meeting ID is 846 8230 8371#
3. You will be prompted to enter a password.
4. The password is 969199

SAVE THIS INFO – it is the same every week. If you want to join by e-mail or if you have a smartphone, please contact the Center, leave a message, and we will help you get set up.

Hi! I'm Paula B!

It seems all of a sudden there is a lot going on around the Center! One exciting thing is the picnic planned for October 3rd. I am personally excited about this because it will be my first real opportunity to put faces to names and voices. I am really looking forward to that.

A very important event is happening even before the picnic and that is the 13th Annual CICBVI Golf Outing. This is a huge event for the center and is taking place at Weaver Ridge Golf Club on September 22nd. There is a copy of the flyer describing the event and how to participate or donate included with the print version of the newsletter.

And mark your calendar for October 15, which is White Cane Day. The Lions' Club, under the leadership of Mark Bean, is planning an event at Tower Park in Peoria Heights to celebrate. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, please keep Artie Fowler in your prayers as he goes in for surgery September 3rd. Artie will be out of commission for a while. We wish him a speedy recovery and return!

HOW ABOUT A CONTEST? As I've been typing, every time I type the word "newsletter" I think we can do better. Don't you think it is a little generic to just say "the newsletter?" Wouldn't it be nice if our newsletter had an actual name? With that, I invite you to submit your ideas and suggestions and enter the contest to name the newsletter. Be creative but your entries should somehow connect to the Center and our mission. All entries will be considered by an impartial panel of anonymous celebrity judges and the winner will be announced next month. Is there a prize? Of course there is a prize! It will be a surprise prize so get your entries in right away!

SPOTLIGHT ON **MARY TURNER!**

Each month the spotlight will shine on a person connected in some way to the Center. It may be a patron, volunteer, employee or board member. This month the spotlight is on Mary Turner, one of our patrons.

Mary had an unusual beginning in this world – she was “accidentally” born in Chicago while her mother was visiting there. She wasn’t expected to arrive just then, but decided to make an early appearance. Not only that, she was the first in her family to be born in a hospital.

Mary has mostly lived in the Peoria area but spent about 4 years in St. Paul, Minnesota. While she was there she was a volunteer for the Minnesota Society for the Blind. When she returned to Peoria, she continued that by doing student work at the TCRC Sight Center. That soon became volunteer work in many areas within TCRC leading to an award for Volunteer of the Year. It wasn’t long before Mary became an employee of TCRC and she is still there.

When she is not working, Mary is a dedicated member of her church and participates in activities there. She also likes to read digital books and listen to gospel music. In addition to all this, Mary likes to add a little “fun” exercise to her routine – she does that by hula-hooping. She has special hoops she uses for this, and says it is a lot of fun and helps her be more coordinated.

Mary has done a lot in her life and credits her success to being persistent. She has no plans to stop any time soon.

DID YOU KNOW that one bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 100,000 slices of bread?

DID YOU KNOW that our eyes are always the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing?

DID YOU KNOW that on average, Americans eat 18 acres of pizza every day?

DID YOU KNOW the Peoria Heights Lions' club donated 26 gallons of paint and hours of labor to paint the entire interior of the Center?

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 12 Paula Balistreri (Paula B)

September 18 Leia Stewart

September 23 Kelly Walker

Belated Happy Anniversary to Pam and Tom Vogel – 26 years on August 14

“Chain of Hearts”

Olympia Sports Bar and Grill is having a promotion to benefit the Center called “Chain of Hearts.” They will be selling paper hearts for \$5.00 and people can then decorate them or just sign their name and the hearts will go up around the room at Olympia. This will be going on through the month of September so tell your friends and visit Olympia, enjoy some food and drink, buy a heart and help the Center!

GOT NEWS?

If you have something you would like to have printed in the newsletter, please let us know by calling the center (309-637-3693).

Don't forget the deadline to reserve your spot at the October 3 picnic is September 24. Be sure to let us know by either mailing the form, e-mailing the information or calling the Center. By the way, the best time to call is in the morning!

RESERVATION FORM FOR PICNIC OCTOBER 3
Deadline to reserve is September 24

NAME: _____

GUEST NAME (one per patron) _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I need transportation: yes no

MY ADDRESS: Street: _____
City: _____

MENU CHOICES: (please circle one choice in each category – do the same for your guest)

MAIN

Chef Salad

Smoked Turkey breast thinly sliced layered on top of a mandarin orange tortilla with cranberry mayo, provolone, onions, lettuce and tomato

Havana pulled pork on top of shaved Black Forest ham, house made pickles, Dijon mustard, swiss cheese on Hoagie roll

SIDE

Homemade potato chips

Red skin potato salad

Roasted corn and spinach orzo salad

NOTE: Your meal includes a cupcake and drinks will be provided



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Quote for the Month

“Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”
-Dale Carnegie