



OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening?

PICNIC: Saturday, Oct. 3, is the day! If you are using the Center's transportation, the driver's will be checking in with you regarding your pick-up times. Don't forget, you will need to wear a mask while in the vehicle and your temperature will be taken prior to boarding. If you are traveling on your own, start time is noon – Neumann Shelter, Fondulac Farm Park, East Peoria. Neumann St. is off Meadows, past Eastside Center – a Dollar store is on the corner.

WHITE CANE DAY: This is technically not a Center event, but we are assisting the Peoria Heights Lions' Club in recognizing the creation of the long white cane (which was right here in Peoria!) The event will be at Tower Park in Peoria Heights on Thursday, October 15 from about 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. There will be informational handouts, one of our patrons, Leia Stewart, will demonstrate working with her guide dog, and other educational activities. You are welcome to visit, but there is no Center provided transportation.

NEW! NEW! NEW! A trip to Tanners' Orchard is planned for Wednesday, October 21 followed by lunch at Pizza Ranch (provided by the Center). The plan is to be at Tanners' by around 10:30 AM. If you want to participate, you **MUST** call the Center no later than October 15 to reserve a spot. You may leave a message just be sure to clearly say your name and telephone number.

Hi! I'm Paula B!

I haven't heard yet, but I am guessing the Golf Outing was a success. A lot of hard work was put into putting this important fund raiser together and Mother Nature cooperated by giving us a beautiful day. Thank you to everyone who organized, participated and donated!

NOW, ABOUT THAT CONTEST. Last month, I invited everyone to submit ideas for a Newsletter name (after all, don't you think just saying "the newsletter" is rather boring?) However, there were very few entries. So, you have another month. Put your thinking caps on and come up with something that you think would be a good name and enter. All you have to do is call (or e-mail) with your entry and your name. I know you can do it! 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!

And, finally, I have some very sad news to share. We all know Mark Bean has been an integral part of the Center with all the work he has done for us. This past week his wife, Neta, suffered a torn aorta and passed away. There will be a memorial service on October 3 at Peoria Heights UCC church with visitation at 10:00 AM and service at 11:00 AM. Please keep Mark and his family in your hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

THINKING ABOUT THAT TANNERS' TRIP?

You can smell the cider when you walk through the doors. And you will find an assortment of gifts, many food offerings such as fresh baked goodies, homemade fudge, cider, their famous apple cider donuts, pumpkins and, of course, apples and more. Special thanks to Linda Kalb for being the lead and organizing this! Don't forget to RSVP!

SPOTLIGHT ON **TOM VOGEL!**

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 Tom Vogel, one of our patrons.

Tom has been part of the Center since 1961 – a long time! He even has a twin sister who is a patron of the Center, too. Tom has lived his entire life in Peoria and enjoys just riding around the area since there is always something to experience. Tom and his wife, Pam have been married 26 years.

Tom tries to participate in nearly everything organized by the Center, but he is also very active in his church. He attends the Bible Baptist Church in Peoria and is active in their men's group. His pastor tells him he lights up the room when he arrives and if you've ever spoke to him, you know he has a very cheerful, upbeat way about him.

Tom has participated in our Virtual Open Houses and has even had a special guest with him at times: his calico cat Camilla. Camilla is more than a pet, she is the Cat Queen and greets Tom every morning with kitty kisses!

If you would like to be featured in the Spotlight, or if you have a suggestion for a future Spotlight, please call the Center!

DID YOU KNOW –

-- there are more chickens in the world than there are people?

-- money isn't made out of paper, it is made out of cotton?

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 16 Robert Rose

October 27 the pencil (1492)

October 28 the first baby born on an airplane (1929)

Happy Anniversary to Lance & Grace Barke – 7 years October 19

“Chain of Hearts”

There is still time to visit Olympia Sports Bar and Grill where they are 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).



Free Matter for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Quote for the Month

“Talk less. Smile more.”

**-Aaron Burr’s advice to Alexander Hamilton in the play,
“Hamilton.”**