



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Barilla is Coming!

The Barilla Pasta Company in Chicago has requested our Center collaborate with them to develop new pasta shapes and packaging that can be better utilized by the blind and visually impaired. They will visit the Center on August 7th to survey our patrons and provide free product to evaluate. Only patrons that attend on August 7th will be included in the ongoing collaboration program.

Prettiest Place on the Block!

We would like to thank the Dream Center for sending fifteen teenagers from various youth groups and 2 adults to paint the exterior of our facility on Garden St. They worked tirelessly from 9 a.m. to noon on July 23rd through July 25th, in 85 degree weather, to paint our building a bright white. They also painted the exterior trim the unique color "Unmatched Beauty" (Red). After helping our Center, the volunteers spent the afternoon entertaining children at a VBS program at a nearby church. We really appreciate all the hard work they put in to make our building the prettiest place on the block. Thanks also to Center volunteers Rob Johannsen, Earl Kalb, Felisa Durr and Mike Waldron for helping coordinate the painting.

Peoria Chiefs Baseball

On Monday, July 15th, the Peoria Chiefs lost “3 to 1”, but a fun time was had by the group of twelve patrons and volunteers that attended.

Ragtime Musical

Six people attended the musical “Ragtime,” on Thursday, July 18th, at the Corn Stock Theatre. This musical depicted the American experience at the turn of the 20th century through the perspectives of an upper-class white family, an African American family living in Harlem, and Jewish families living in the lower East side.

Fall Education

Anyone interested in White Cane or Beginner Braille Training may contact the Center at (309) 637-3693 to be added to our waiting list for fall classes. We must have at least 3 people interested before we schedule a class.

Talking Books Fall Registration

We have scheduled an information session to explain the Talking Books program from the Illinois State Library and will be signing patrons up for this service on Wednesday August 14th. Please contact the center at (309) 637-3693 if you are interested in getting the Talking Books reader and/or braille services.

Be My Eyes

Be My Eyes is a free mobile app that connects blind and low-vision individuals with sighted volunteers through a live video call using

their cell phone. Volunteers sign on to Be My Eyes to lend their sight to blind and low-vision individuals to tackle challenges and solve problems together. Users are assisted with banking, cooking, gardening, traveling, reading labels, playing video games, hiking, painting, and much more. Please contact the Center if you need assistance with setting up this app on your cell phone.

An Afternoon of Celebrations

Join us at the Jam Session on August 17th for an afternoon of celebrations. Tom and Pam Vogel will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and providing anniversary cake to share. Felisa Durr will be celebrating the completion of her Masters Degree in Theology. We will also be celebrating August birthdays. Dave and Michele Williams will be sponsoring a live band for the event. Please call the Center at (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by noon on Thursday, August 15th.**

Family Feud Trivia Night is Coming

After a lot of feedback and consideration, we will be offering one more game option during Open House. On August 21st, we will have patrons and volunteers teaming up to play the award winning game Family Feud. Let us know when you arrive if you will be playing "Feud" or "Bingo". It's going to be a very interesting and fun afternoon!

Craft Corner

We will have our first official crafting session on Wednesday, August 28th. Our volunteer, Mike Waldron will be taking us through the process steps to make penny art drink coasters. Please bring \$1 to participate and at least \$2 in pennies to make your coaster.

We're excited to get started on our crafting adventure. Please let us know if you plan to participate when you call in for Open House registration.

Mamma Mia

Join us Friday September 13th for "Mamma Mia" at Eastlight Theatre. ABBA's hits tell this hilarious story of a young woman about to get married who discovers any one of three men from her mother's past could be her father. This is a trip down the aisle you will never forget as she invites all three men to her wedding without telling her mother. Tickets for this event are purchased in advance, so please call the Center (309) 637-6393 to **RSVP by Wednesday August 14th.**

Matthiessen State Park

On Tuesday September 24th, come enjoy the beautiful rock formations, canyons, streams and waterfalls of Matthiessen State Park. We will walk throughout the park with a break for a picnic lunch. Please call the Center (309) 637-3693 to **RSVP by Tuesday September 17th.**

Dinner in the Dark Fundraiser - Save the Date

The 2nd Annual Dinner in the Dark fundraiser will be held on October 13th at the Warehouse on State at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy dinner options of pork, salmon, or vegan. Cost is \$100/person. Registration is available online at CICBVI.org or call the Center at (309) 637-3693.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, Fundraisers, and Holidays

Wednesday, August 7th – Open House – Noon

Tuesday, August 13th – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 17th – Jam Session – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21st – Open House - Noon

Sunday, August 25th – Tim Hawkins Comedy Show – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28th – Open House – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 29th – Catch Me If You Can – 7:30 p.m.

Meal Menus for August

August 7th – Open House – Noon – Breakfast casserole, biscuits, fruit cup

August 14th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, cake and ice cream

August 17th – Jam Session – 1:00 p.m. – Brats, burgers, potato salad, baked beans, cake

August 21st – Open House – Noon – Chicken and noodles, peas, jello cake

August 28th – Open House – 5:30 p.m. – Fish, French fries, coleslaw, pudding and cookies

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.

August Birthdays

August 1 - Terry Lopez

August 7 - Anthony Selvaggio

August 14 - Donna Hughes

August 16 - Xin Lu, Priscilla Whipp

August 25 - Nancy Hall

August 28 - Esther Knott

August Anniversaries

August 8 - Jeff & Patti Woodworth

August 14 - Tom & Pam Vogel

Donations – Monetary and Other

We would like to thank the following for their donations:

Monetary Donations: Universalist Unitarian Church \$324,
Anonymous Donation \$500, Haulpak Employees Community
Service \$500, Mary Turner \$20

Mable Van Dusen Memorial: Hanna City Presbyterian Church
\$250.

In Kind Donations: Tom Vogel, Priscilla Whipp, Cora Quinn – bingo
prizes, First Baptist Church East Peoria – Brailled and Braille Bible
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Quote for the Month – “Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.” Booker T. Washington