



AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

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AROUND THE CENTER

With all the activity, you would think the Center was a bee hive instead of a building! Mark Bean and his loyal crew (Earl and Ed) have been painting every room (well, they let me hide out in my office so haven't painted in there). They have also gotten the carpets cleaned, helped move stuff into storage, did some repairs and generally are making sure the Center will be completely ready for you when we reopen. Speaking of reopening, no firm date has been set but the board is actively working on it – possibly having an outdoor event to start things off. Remember, our primary concern is the health and safety of all our patrons, volunteers and employees so, in this situation, caution is necessary. We understand you want things to be back to “normal” but we need to figure out just what normal is going to be, first. Thank you for your continued patience. But, if you really, really want to have some fun, visit with your Center friends, and have a laugh or two, there is an alternative option! You can zoom on in to the

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE!

Starting in August, members of the social committee are hosting so there are sure to be some surprises along with a lot of fun and laughter. 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's me again! I am still coming into the center, taking calls, organizing and generally keeping track of things. I have some big news this month! You will be happy to hear that Felisa Durr has been released to return to work so is coming in to the Center on a part time basis. Her hours will be varied. Also, her role is a little different for now: Her main focus will be our fund raising efforts and helping that committee as well as getting our policies and procedures down on paper to keep on file. In the meanwhile, I will continue to manage all operations.

In other news, we were the recipient of part of the proceeds from sales at the Helping Hands Resale Shop in Peoria Heights last month. Mark Bean helped set this up and Priscilla Whipp was on hand to receive a check for \$279.80. A big thank you to everyone who supported this and made it happen!

SPOTLIGHT ON WINFRED OGLIVIE!

Each month the spotlight shines 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 Winfred Oglivie, one of our patrons.

Winfred was born and raised in California and his journey to Peoria is quite a story. At a very young age, Winfred joined the military. His final assignment was in Hawaii where he became involved in a church organization that mainly served military personnel. With little in the way of a church background, he enjoyed the social and learning opportunities this organization offered and so, after leaving the military, went to Bible College in St. Louis and became an ordained minister.

While in St. Louis a friend told him about a nice young woman named Luwanna. Based on what he heard, and even before the friend had an opportunity to introduce them, Winfred told him he was going to marry her and that is exactly what he did. Thirty-seven years later, Winfred and Luwanna have three children: an adult son, a 13 year old son and an 8 year old daughter. They share their home with Duke, a black lab who is Winfred's service dog.

Winfred likes to read and go bowling when he can. He also likes sports and claims to like the California baseball, football and basketball teams equally. Don't ask him about the Green Bay Packers. Winfred is a regular participant in the Virtual Open Houses and would love to meet you there!

***GOLF OUTING * GOLF OUTING * GOLF OUTING ***

Interesting golf fact: There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball. Check out the Flyer with all the details on the 13th Annual CICBVI Golf Outing! You will find it at the end of the newsletter.

Technology Help Center

Molly Pasley and Jennifer Reeder will be spearheading the next organizing effort which is to get all the equipment and materials in the tech room ready for us in the coming months

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Ayla Dickey
 Terry Lopez

August 9 Smokey the Bear

August 16 Priscilla Whipp

August 20 Eliza Barke

August 26 Toilet Paper first sold on a roll in 1871

August 28 Larry (Philip) Irwin
 Esther Knott

August 29 Courtney Harper

H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y !

AMAZING ANIMAL FACTS

The heart of a shrimp is in its head.

Sea otters hold each other's paws when sleeping in water so they don't drift apart.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An adult panda spends 12 hours a day eating.

Gorillas can catch human colds and other illnesses. (Wash your hands!)

A snail can sleep for three years.

And last, but not least, (because humans are animals, too): If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

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

“Trouble knocked at the door but, hearing laughter, hurried away.”
-Benjamin Franklin