

AROUND THE CENTER

CICBVI NEWS

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Thank you, also, to Mr. & Mrs. Gabe DuBois and Kepple Healthcare!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT EVENT!

The little things matter – especially during a trivia event! The “Time Warp Tribe” team (Lance Barke, Grace Barke, Nicole Ward, Jon Ward, Jane Fishkin and Kathy Smith) knew the most little things and that team was the big winner of the evening. The “Beach Bums” (Rob Preston, Pam Nelson, Doug O’Neill, Karen O’Neill, Steff Arnold, Austin Arnold and Cory Preston) won for Best Dressed. The “Macular Degenerates” (Daniel Carson, Jolie Puntoni, Jacqueline Rodgers, Angela Bristol, Kaitlyn Cooper, Stephen Eyler and Cody Ligtoet) won for Best Team Name. This is such a popular event, we have already reserved it for next year so save the date: April 20, 2025!

SPRING CLEAN UP!

The CICBVI once again was the recipient of the Dream Center “Serve the City” event. We had our favorite team of volunteers from Northminster Presbyterian Church come to help clean, freshen and spruce up our landscaping! Shown in the picture in red shirts are CICBVI

volunteers Kurt Norris, Dave Murphy, Deb Conklin and Jamie Lang. In purple shirts are our friends from Northminster. A special thank you to Tippy Creek and Taylor and Rachel Huetten for the “Team CICBVI Staff” custom shirts!



YOU ARE INVITED

For months we have been sharing the progress on our kitchen and tech room renovations and we are thrilled to say we are now ready to show off these rooms! We will be having an **Open House** June 25, 2024 from 4-6pm. We hope you will attend to see what we have accomplished and how we will be putting it to good use. If you are a patron and need a ride, please be sure to call the center to make arrangements.

LAST MONTH

We celebrated April with more than our Trivia Event and Clean Up Day. We had Evan Schwerbrock from Cane & Able Fitness visit for dinner at the Center. He demonstrated some easy-to-do fitness routines specifically designed for the visually impaired. These safe and simple movements help keep that blood flowing, remind us to be safely mobile and are fun to do! We had a tasty meal created by Chandra Klokkenga, too!

Several of us traveled to Braker's Market outside of Eureka to enjoy some shopping at their unique market and a delicious lunch at their deli. Their staff had a special table set up just for the CICBVI and everyone had a great time. Pictures of all these events are featured on our Facebook page.

INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY?

The Illinois Assistive Technology Program's Low Vision Technology Fair will be held June 4, 2024 in Springfield. If you would like more information, please contact the Center. This fair has all the latest and greatest in low and high technology specifically designed for the visually impaired.

We are sad to report that one of our long-time CICBVI patrons, Ron Selby, has passed away. Ron enjoyed getting dressed up for any occasion and was a style icon of the Center. He liked a good joke and had a quick smile and will be missed. Our condolences to his family.

A special thank you to all of you who reached out in concern over Paula B's mom – affectionately known as “The Dragon Lady.” She is doing as well as can be expected (after all, she is 98 ½ years old!) but her health has undergone a significant change. Your prayers and words of encouragement are appreciated! -Paula B

MAY EVENTS

LADIES' LUNCH - As always, it is the first Tuesday (May 7). This month they will be meeting at LePeep restaurant in Peoria.

FIELD TRIP - Lakeview Library May 21st. The plan is to be at the library by 11am, take a short tour to learn about their new low/no vision equipment specifically for the visually impaired. Afterwards, we will go to Pizza Ranch for lunch. Reservations due NO LATER than May 16.

DINNER AT CENTER – Have dinner and enjoy an old-fashioned sing-a-long featuring those old hymns and traditional American Folk Songs we all love. May 29, 5:30pm. Reservations due NO LATER than May 24.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 4 Happy Birthday Farrah Green
- May 6 Happy Birthday Corey Beirne
CICBVI presenting to OSF School of Nursing
- May 7 Happy Birthday Brenda Pierce
Ladies' Lunch at LePeep
- May 8 CICBVI receives Pilot Club grant
- May 11 Happy Birthday Angie Porter
Happy Birthday Jonathan Gammell
- May 12 Happy Mother's Day!
Happy Birthday Bob Coney
- May 16-17 Food Bank pick-up and deliveries
- May 18 CICBVI presenting at 1st Baptist Church
- May 19 Happy Birthday Kathy Smith
Happy Birthday Bill McCrabb
- May 21 Field Trip to Lakeview Library & lunch at Pizza Ranch
- rsvp by 5/16.
- May 22 CICBVI presenting at Community Foundation
- May 24 Happy Birthday Cheryl Cate
- May 25 Happy Birthday Star Johnson
- May 26 Happy Birthday Robert Oltman
- May 29 Dinner & Sing-a-Long – rsvp by 5/24
- May 31 Happy Birthday Jim Sorrell

COMING IN JUNE: Ladies' Lunch June 4th – we will be serving and eating with the volunteers at Midwest Food Bank.



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Quotes for the Month

"There's no way to be a perfect mother
and a million ways to be a good one." – Jill Churchill