

AROUND THE CENTER

CICBVI NEWS

June 2024



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JUMPIN' JUNE!

Those crazy days of summer have started and things are jumping at the Center! First, check out the flyers elsewhere in this newsletter for two very important events (and, yes, one of the events is July but it is VERY popular so it is time to mark your calendar now!).

The first event is June 25th and it is a celebration of our newly renovated kitchen and tech rooms. Thanks to some very generous donors and grants we were awarded, we have updated those areas to better serve our patrons. Come see what we've done! And to entice you even more, there will be refreshments! If you are a patron needing a ride, please be sure to make your transportation reservation before June 19th.

The second event is our annual golf outing – our 17th to be exact. Once again, we will be at beautiful Arrowhead Country Club. Your team registration includes lunch, swag and a day of fun! If you'd like to be a sponsor, there is even more! Registration is open NOW – and space is filling up fast already. Be sure to check out the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter!

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the 2nd Quarter “Patron of the Quarter” close at the end of June. If you would like to nominate a patron who you feel is a positive representation of the Center, you can do so by calling the Center. Qualities to be considered are a good attitude, participation in events, and general all-around positivity as a member of our Center. The winner will receive a gift card and be eligible for “Patron of the Year.”

TECH COMMITTEE

With all the new technology now available that is specific for low and no vision individuals, it is important to stay as up to date as possible. With that in mind, our tech committee will be traveling to a Technology Fair in Springfield to see what is out there. Your help would be appreciated in communicating what sorts of things you would like to learn about that you may find helpful as you go about your daily life. This is an opportunity to add to our loaner program and we want to be sure we are getting devices that are needed and useful.

REMINDER

If you receive your “Around the Center” newsletter on a flash drive or USB please remember to flip the address card and place it in the slot on the plastic container used to mail it back and forth. While the CICBVI address is on the container, without that card, we can’t tell who has returned their drive. Thanks!

OUR CONDOLENCES go out to Gyla Grigsby, whose sister, Peggy McDermid, passed away May 24th.

CICBVI BOARD UPDATE

This is the time of year when officers are elected to CICBVI Board positions. Our new officers are:

- President: Deb Conklin
- Vice President: Kirk Johnson
- Finance Chair: Kurt Norris
- Secretary: Lance Barke

Additional Executive Committee members are:

- HR: Jamie Mammen
- Facilities & Maintenance: Dave Murphy

We also want to welcome new Board Member Keith Edgerton. Keith comes to us from Caterpillar where he has worked as an Accountant since 2008. He is a CPA and a graduate of North Carolina Central University. We are looking forward to his expertise and contributions to the CICBVI!

A very special thank you goes out to our immediate past president, Kurt Norris. During his term, we have nearly tripled the number of people we serve, significantly increased our community presence and more people than ever know about the Center and what we do. We've seen several building improvements and increased participation in our public events. Kurt's leadership has inspired the CICBVI Board team and we are very grateful. Thanks!

Lastly, long-time patron and Board Member, Xin Lu, is leaving us to move to the Chicago area. Xin has been a positive force for the CICBVI and we wish her all the best (although we will miss her, for sure)!

FOOD BASKET UPDATE

If you receive one of the more than 30 food baskets we deliver each month, your help is needed. Please pay attention to the delivery dates and stay by your phone so you can be contacted as to exact time. If the drivers can't reach you, your basket will not be delivered. Also, if you refuse a basket without advance notice, you risk being taken off the list. These baskets often include perishable items and we can't make them up only to have it refused. Also, please wipe out your basket prior to returning it each month so they can be reused. Thanks!

LAST MONTH

The month of May was merry, indeed! We were the fortunate recipients of a grant from The Pilot Club of Peoria which was presented during their May 8th meeting. This grant is designated for readers to be added to our loaner program and is much appreciated!

Also in May, we were able to personally thank the Community Foundation (from whom we received a grant dedicated to our transportation efforts) at their annual meeting. Patrons enjoyed a trip to the Lakeview library where we not only learned what they have available, but were able to provide input into how they could add to their accessibility and accommodate low and no vision individuals.

The month wrapped up with a dinner at the center (thank you Mark Bean for being the Grill Master and Chandra Klokkenga for providing salad and dessert) and a trip to the Lincoln Home project in Springfield, where we have been asked to assist in their Accessibility Project.

COMING IN JUNE

This month the Ladies' Lunch (June 4) will be a little different. We will be serving lunch to approximately 50 volunteers at the Midwest Food Bank. If you would like to participate, please be sure to call the center no later than June 3rd)

We will be taking a field trip to the CAT Visitors' Center (at the Peoria Riverfront Museum) on June 11th. We will arrive at the Visitors' Center about 10:00 AM, tour and then go to lunch at the Avanti's in East Peoria. Visitors' Center tickets will be provided by the CICBVI, but lunch is on your own. Reservations are due NO LATER than June 8th. NOTE: There is some walking involved so be prepared!

Last, but not least, is our Open House on June 25th. The Open House is from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, with light refreshments provided. If you are a patron and need a ride, please reserve your spot no later than June 20th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Did you know June is National Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Month?

June 3	Happy Birthday Patrick Martinson
June 4	Ladies' Lunch at Midwest Food Bank
June 9	Happy Birthday Elaine Butler
June 11	Field Trip to CAT Visitors' Center (rsvp by June 8th)
June 11	CICBVI Board meeting at Center
June 12	Food pick-up at Midwest Food Bank
June 12	Happy Birthday Deanna Bruce
June 13-14	Food Basket Deliveries
June 13	Happy Birthday Lenora Brooks
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Happy Birthday Finn!
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	First Day of Summer
June 23	Happy Birthday Keith Edgerton
June 23	Happy Birthday Sparkle Norman
June 25	CICBVI Open House (transportation rsvp by June 19th)
June 29	Happy Birthday Jill Owen
June 30	Happy Birthday Bob Quinn



FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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Quotes for the Month

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

-Abraham Lincoln

"A smile is a facelift that is in everyone's price range!"

-Tom Wilson

June 25, 2024
4pm - 6pm

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Central Illinois Center
for the **Blind**
& **Visually**
Impaired



You're invited to our *Open House*

Check out these "before" pictures!



Through the generosity of our donors and grant awards, our kitchen & technology rooms have been renovated. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the completion of these projects. Light hors d'vours and beverages provided.



The Central Illinois Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired invites you to an Open House on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 4-6pm.

The Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce will be present for our ribbon cutting ceremony.

Deanna Bruce, certified Assistive Technology Instructor of DB Assistive Technologies will highlight the new technology that has been added to the Center that benefits our patrons.

Light refreshments will be served.

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

JULY 15, 2024

ARROWHEAD COUNTRY CLUB
19430 N. CENTERVILLE RD
EDELSTEIN, IL 61626

REGISTRATION

\$125/Person or \$600/Team Sponsor

**INCLUDED: BOX LUNCH, ON-COURSE
GAMES, PRIZES & AWARDS**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 P.M.

CHECK IN & RANGE OPEN

12 - 12:45 P.M.

BOX LUNCHES AVAILABLE

1:00 P.M.

SHOTGUN START

5:30 P.M.

AWARDS CEREMONY



REGISTER ONLINE CICBVI.ORG

Questions: Kurt Norris | norrika1@gmail.com



SPONSOR LEVELS

- GOLD SPONSOR - \$3,000**
 - Sign at tee box with sponsor name
 - Listing on scorecard for sponsored hole
 - Premium placement of large logo on sponsor flyer
 - Outing registration for team of 4
 - Ad in CICBVI Newsletter
 - Listing in annual report/recognition at CICBVI events
 - Sponsor listing on CICBVI website (CICBV.ORG)
- SILVER SPONSOR - \$2,000**
 - Sign at tee box with sponsor name
 - Listing on scorecard for sponsored hole
 - Logo placement on sponsor flyer (on each cart)
 - Outing registration for team of 4
 - Ad in CICBVI Newsletter
 - Listing in annual report/recognition at CICBVI events
- BRONZE SPONSOR - \$1,500**
 - Sign at tee box with sponsor name
 - Listing on scorecard for sponsored hole
 - Text listing on sponsor flyer (on each cart)
 - Listing in CICBVI newsletter
 - Outing registration for team of 4
- TEAM SPONSOR - \$600**
 - Sign at tee box with sponsor name
 - Listing on scorecard for sponsored hole
 - Outing registration for team of 4
- HOLE SPONSOR - \$150**
 - Sign at tee box with sponsor name
 - Listing on scorecard for sponsored hole

