







# The CWTC Insider

## A Message From Patti

Dear friends.

At this time of year we always reflect on things that we are thankful for. This year it may be particularly difficult to find the positive. We have had terrible natural disasters, uncontrolled wildfires, and terrible tragedies in small and large cities. You may wonder – what is this world coming to?

But then you have acts of kindness – the newest best tradition in college football – the wave at University of Iowa. At the end of the first quarter of each home game all fans, referees, cheerleaders, coaches and players from both teams turn and wave to the sick children at the children's hospital that overlooks the stadium. For that one moment they are joined together for one purpose and that is to try and brighten the day of the children. Then there was the man at Target



that bought some items for a young mother that didn't have enough money to purchase everything in her cart.

If we focus too much on the negative, we forget to open our eyes and see that there are many good, positive things going on around us. Sometimes if we can't find the good or the positive, then maybe we need to create positives ourselves. Maybe it is your turn to do a random act of kindness, help a stranger or just say a kind word. I'm sure it will make you feel good, however it will probably be an even greater inspiration to the recipient of that act.

Take time to enjoy the important things in life!

All my best,

Patti Gratton

## Consumer Spotlight

Jeremy first came to CWTC's Community Employment Services in December of 2015. Jeremy and his Community Employment Counselor worked together to develop a resume and began investigating possible jobs that would gel with his interests and skills. Jeremy is doing well in his job at Old Navy as a maintenance worker, where he is responsible for keeping the building looking nice for their customers. When Jeremy isn't working he enjoys playing baseball and helping his dad work on cars. Congratulations Jeremy on a job well done!





It's the night you've been waiting for...The "CWTC Super Trivia Challenge," is Friday night, January 12th at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria. Doors will open at 6PM and Trivia starts at 7PM.

<u>SEATING IS LIMITED</u>! Registration is \$30 a person while groups can reserve a table of eight for \$240. Entries include appetizers and cash bar. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams. All money raised goes directly to programs and services for CWTC consumers.

Now is the time to start putting your teams together and get signed up. Make sure you tell your friends and get them involved, too!

Register and pay online! Insure you have a seat for the biggest trivia event of the year!

Sign Up Here Today!



# wish list

We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to check out our "Wish List" every month. If you haven't seen our Wish List yet, please take a moment and <a href="check it out today">check it out today</a>! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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