

White attends Loyola University Ophthalmology Grand Rounds meeting

Secretary of State Jesse White presided over Loyola University's Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds meeting in June. The goal of the meeting was to develop a partnership with vision professionals to help the Secretary of State's office better serve Illinois drivers.

R. Tracy Williams, O.D., of the department's Low Vision Services discussed the importance of the Secretary of State's Vision Specialist Report form. The Secretary of State's office requires all driver's license applicants to pass a vision screening. If vision standards are not met, the applicant must take the form to a vision specialist for an exam.

Anne Hegberg, M.S., O.T.R., a certified driver rehabilitation specialist at Marionjoy Rehabilitation Center, gave an overview of an accredited comprehensive driving program and the use of adaptive equipment to assist in driving.



Secretary of State Jesse White joined Loyola University Department of Ophthalmology professors and administrators during their Grand Rounds meeting in June. Seated with Secretary White are left to right: Walter Jay, M.D., chairman of the department, Charles Bouchard, M.D., professor, and R. Tracy Williams, O.D., Low Vision Services.

William Bogdan, disability liaison for the Secretary of State, discussed changes to the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities and stressed the important role physicians play in helping prevent fraud and abuse of the program.

This is the first time that a Secretary of State has attended a

Grand Rounds meeting at Loyola. Secretary White's presence helped open the door to further education and networking among vision professionals and his office.



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Antique Vehicle Show to honor Studebakers

Secretary of State Jesse White invites vehicle enthusiasts from across the state to participate in the Secretary of State's Antique Vehicle Show on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Celebrating its 53rd year, the Antique Vehicle Show has become a premier venue for some of the finest antique, classic and sport vehicles in the state. First-, second- and third-place awards will be given in nearly 50 classes of vehicles as well as in three antique motorcycle classes. An overall "Illinois State Champion" also will be awarded.

Each year, the Antique Vehicle Show Committee selects a vehicle to be honored with a special "Marque Award." Recent years have featured Oldsmobiles, Mustangs and Corvairs. This year's featured vehicle is the Studebaker.

History of the Studebaker

From its humble beginnings in the horse and carriage era until the last automobile rolled off the assembly line in the mid-60s, the motto of the Studebaker Company was "Always Give More Than You Promise" — a motto it stood by for more than 100 years. The Studebaker took the early auto industry by storm with its stylish, economical line of vehicles. During World War II, the company produced tens of thousands of trucks and all-terrain vehicles for the military, gaining solid ground in the industry. While the

company enjoyed both periods of growth and slumps over the next 20 years, competition from larger automobile manufacturers slowly edged out the Studebaker. By 1966, production had come to a halt, ending an era for small automakers.

The fact that more than 22,000 Americans belong to the Studebaker Drivers Club is testament to the Studebaker's popularity as a durable, quality-built automobile. Studebakers are still featured in movies, commercials and print ads, and have become an icon of the automobile industry and American history.

License Plates/Registration

A classic 1951 Studebaker Starlight is featured on this year's special event license plates. The plates may be displayed on vehicles up to 60 days before the show. The cost is \$20 per set.

The cost to enter the vehicle show is \$15 for the first vehicle and \$10 for the second. Registrations also will be taken the day of the show for \$20 for the first vehicle and \$15 for the second. The swap meet costs \$20 to reserve a space.

To obtain a registration form, please call 217-557-7629 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



Veterans Homes receive funding for libraries

Veterans Homes in LaSalle, Manteno and Anna recently were awarded state funds to establish libraries. Currently, only the Quincy Veterans Home has a library. The other three homes will receive \$30,000 each to start and staff libraries, and the Quincy facility will receive \$20,000 for continued upkeep of its library.

A portion of the funds raised through the sale and renewal of certain Illinois military license plates is earmarked for libraries at the homes. New plates generate \$15 and renewals generate an additional \$2 for the libraries.

"This program gives veterans the opportunity to help fellow vets," said Secretary of State Jesse White, who served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard. "The residents of these homes who answered their nation's call to duty will now have the resources to meet their educational and recreational needs."

As State Librarian, Secretary White administers library funding through the Illinois State Library. The Veterans Home libraries will be eligible for future state and federal grants awarded by the State Library.



Secretary of State Senior & Community Services Department staff members Sherry Bade, far left, and Bob Brinkmeier, far right, visit with seniors at this year's Central Illinois Senior Celebration at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in May.

Renew your driver's license online — not in line

Eligible drivers can now renew their driver's licenses online — not in line — through Secretary of State Jesse White's Web site.

"Making government accessible online is one way of providing better customer service," said White. "If consumers can go online to purchase clothing, buy groceries or trade stocks, why shouldn't they expect the same service from government?"

To be eligible for online renewal, Illinois motorists must be ages 22 to 75 with no traffic violations on their records for four consecutive years. Eligible drivers will receive a Safe Driver notification in the mail prior to the expiration of their driver's license.

By visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com, safe drivers can renew their licenses using a personal check or valid Visa, MasterCard, Discover or Diner's Club credit card. The driver must type in the renewal authorization code listed on their Safe Driver notification letter. During the renewal process, drivers also can request a voter registration application and join the organ donor registry.

One year ago, Secretary White brought online service to the people of Illinois for the first time by offering license plate renewal. To date, more than 180,000 motorists have renewed their license plates online.

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Central Illinois Senior Center celebrates 35 years

More than 150 people attended an open house to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Senior Services of Central Illinois (SSCI) on April 24, 2002. The evening included a Mature Mob skit and an art exhibit. Guest speakers were Springfield Mayor Karen Hasara, Michael Noonan, president of the SSCI board of directors, and Al Wolf of the Senior Citizen's Commission.

SSCI provides a wide variety of programs and services to individuals age 60 and over in Logan, Mason, Menard and Sangamon counties. The not-for-profit center is partially funded by federal, state and local dollars and serves nearly 25,000 seniors annually. A voluntary 24-member board of directors governs the center.

The center provides case managers who go to the homes of area seniors to determine their needs and qualifications for SSCI programs and services, including homemaker and adult daycare. Center volunteers also assist low-income seniors with money management skills and work with abused and neglected clients to develop and implement a care plan to stabilize their situations and reduce the risk of further harm.

Other SSCI services include legal and medical services and health screenings. The center also operates the Daily Bread, RSVP and Senior Transport programs. Social and educational activities include fellowship, dances, continuing education and computer courses, exercise classes, crafts, health programs and trips.

For more information about Senior Services of Central Illinois, please call 217-528-4035.

Hotel/Motel Safety Tips

- ✓ Always close your door securely and use all the locking devices.
- ✓ Verify who is at your door before answering it. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask why he/she was sent to the room.
- ✓ When returning at night use the main entrance. Be observant in parking lots.
- ✓ Don't display guest room keys in public or leave them in places they might be stolen.
- ✓ Don't draw attention to yourself by displaying cash or expensive jewelry.
- ✓ Don't invite strangers to your room.
- ✓ Place valuables in the hotel/motel safe deposit box.
- ✓ Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- ✓ Check to see that doors and windows are locked at all times.
- ✓ If you see any suspicious activity, report it to management.

Tips provided by the American Hotel & Motel Association

Bogdan receives award

The Coalition for Citizens With Disabilities in Illinois recently awarded William Bogdan its Justin Dart Distinguished Citizen Award. Bogdan is a longtime member of CCDI, serving in many leadership roles over the years.



As Secretary of State Jesse White's disability liaison, Bogdan is responsible for the coordination, development and implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities. One of his major responsibilities was overseeing White's initiative to reduce the fraudulent use of parking placards and license plates. He was instrumental in the redesign of the parking placards, which went into effect in January.

Bogdan also serves on several boards, including the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois, Progress CIL, South Star Services for persons with developmental disabilities and the New Hope Center. He also works as a Disability Services coordinator for the Thornton Department of Special Services.



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