



CLUB NEWS LETTER

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Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.
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Pledge: Todd Davis
Prayer: Carol Wade

Guests: Heather Trian, Andre Arington of the Boys and Girls Club, Bill Hicks

Sue Richter Vermilion County Museum

Sue gave us a great many details on how many common traditions began. The Victorians (1837-1901) really started the tradition of decorating for the Holiday. Christmas Trees were a German tradition, and they were left up from Christmas Day until January 6th (12 days of Christmas).

In 1903 Prince Albert got a tree and the Royal family had a picture taken with it. This picture, as seen in publications all over the world, gave credit to the trend and the idea of a Christmas tree caught on. The tree would be decorated with nits, colorade paper birds, cnady canes, Krugles (German glass blown bulbs) Dresdens, or cardboard figures cut to look like dolls and figurines.

An artist named Thomas Nast gave Santa Clause, or St. Nicholas in Europe, or Kris Kringle in Germany (who was named after a female angel), his name, look and home (the North Pole) in 1863.

The tradition of presents in the 1800's included wind up toys, board games, sleds, doll houses, books and fruit and nuts for children. Men would receive a new nightshirt and cap, home made socks, a new pipe, a mustache cup, ties and suspenders, or a watch chain. Ladies would receive new hats, jewelry, gloves, purses, and handkerchiefs.

Christmas cards did not come into fashion until the 1870's. They were often postcards of winter scenes. A man named Lewis Prang devised 15 color printing and revolutionized the greeting card industry

Playground

Current amounts donated and pledged total up to \$264,000. We would like to see an additional 25 to 50k raised.

Century Club

Anyone interested in participating in the Playground for Everyone Century Club can pledge \$100 to be billed monthly through dues or quarterly if a non-member.

Upcoming Events

Meals on Wheels is the weeks of January 15th and 22nd. A signup sheet was passed around.

Progressive Dinner

Will be held on January 7th, beginning at 5pm at Donna Carlton Vish and Don Vish's house. Dinner will be at Cloud 9 at the airport. A signup was passed around. Those attending should bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange/exchange.

Homeshow

Bookings for the home show are steadily coming in. We'll have an official report from Event Promoter Tonya Johnson in a few weeks.

Upcoming Programs

12/27 Danville Wings Hockey/Josh Mervis, Coach



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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