

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Pledge: Don Beard  
Prayer: Gary Tucker

Guests: Tim Smith (our speaker) and Betty Carlton a guest of Donna Carlton-Vish

### Summer Camp News

We have already received 37 applications for the Summer Camps! See Melissa Bodensteiner if you are interested in helping with the summer camps this year, or if you have any suggestions for new activities, especially on the Wednesday that we have lunch with the kids at the Gratto.

The summer camps are July 30th-August 4th, and August 7th-August 11th.

### Summer Sounds

Our first Summer Sounds Concert was a huge success! Michelle has tallied the figures and this first event netted \$517 for Downtown Danville and AMBUCS! Thanks to all of the volunteers, and we'll see you all back at the Kresge lot on June 29th!

The Summer Sounds website is being hosted by us this year at:  
[www.summersounds.org/](http://www.summersounds.org/)

### Playground News

The Grand opening ceremony for the playground is set for Saturday July 21st at 10:00. Ice cream and hotdogs will be on hand from 11-1, and Ronald McDonald will also be there!

### 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.

### Tim Smith

#### Miami Indian Lawsuit

The land in dispute is the area west of the watershed of the Wabash River, about 2.6 million acres, including the property the University of Illinois is located on .

Tim has an obvious passion for the history of this case, which dates back to the 1790's. After the Revolutionary War, the British gave the old North West Territory, which is now Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, to the colonists. At that time, the land was considered to have been obtained by military conquest by the British, and the British then gave the land to the colonist government.

In 1783, the US claims ownership of this land and goes into the process of forming states. Native Americans still lived in this area, and George Washington pointed out that the Native Americans should yield a portion of their land, and that the US would rather buy the land from them than fight over it. It was declared that land would only be taken from Indians by just and lawful wars or by purchase of the land. Unfortunately the Indians did not cooperate.

Through multiple campaigns and great loss of life on both sides, the US Military eventually defeated the Indian tribe of Little Turtle, and entered into a Treaty. This "Treaty of Greenville states that any future disputes are set to be decided by the US President. So, the Miami tribe's efforts to sue current land owners have now been dismissed, and they will take their case to the federal government.



### Reason to Celebrate

National Convention is July 11th through the 14th in San Antonio!

### Program for June 20

Lon Slider with the Herb House in Covington. We will be having baked chicken for lunch.

### National News

#### AMBUCS Scholars Update

The AMBUCS Scholars program was a big success this year with over 2,300 applicants and 600 semi-finalists (300 of which were club sponsored)! The scholarship committee met June 1-3 at the AMBUCS Resource Center in High Point, NC to award scholarships.

### District News

#### Other Clubs in our District

The Champaign-Urbana club chartered in 1935. They meet on Tuesdays at 11:45 am at the Clarion Hotel. Each week for the next month or so, we'll list another club in our district.

### Nomenclature

#### Club Year

The AMBUCS year starts June 1 and runs to May 31. Most activities tracked or planned by the Nationals are done so on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

### Membership Slice

*Kenneth Gleichman* (1992) Big Hat (1998)

*Mary Meyer* (1999) Big Hat (1999)

*Richard Woodard* (1999) No Big Hat.

The membership list is on the web! Check out our web site at [www.danvilleambucs.com](http://www.danvilleambucs.com) If you would like more of your information listed, let us know: [info@danvilleambucs.com](mailto:info@danvilleambucs.com)