

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

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Pledge: Phyllis Busey  
Prayer: Dee Douglas  
Guests: Judy Myers and Connie Oltman

### AMBUCS Fall Raffle

Pat summed it up well when she said, "We sold 'em all!". The meal was excellent, maybe the best ever. Everyone had a great time and there were three winners. Thanks to everyone who helped! Special thanks to Joe Glick who sold 51 tickets.

There is information up on our web site:  
[danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/Raffle.html](http://danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/Raffle.html).

### Playground

Amy Barzack's book is out, *Accidental Courage, Boundless Dreams*. Apparently we are in the book! There are a few copies floating around, but you can probably purchase your own copy from the Boundless Playground Website.

### Christmas Parties

The annual AMBUCS Christmas parties have been set for Dec. 8: The children's party will be from 9-11 a.m. at the Day's Inn, while the adult party will be in the afternoon at the Palmer Arena. Oh, by the way, committee co-chair, Cathy High is a new grandmother, as is Dee Douglas.



### Judy Myers State of the State

Well, it's bad economic news and more everyday. There's been a statewide freeze on hiring and expect some vetos of current plans in the November Veto Session. Still, the plan is to sit tight and see what happens. Hopefully things will improve faster than anticipated!

Judy also talked about some of the things the Legislature is doing like Telecommunications and School Funding Bills as well as the new district mapping project. The Democrats won the coin toss this year and so, like the Republicans 10 years ago, there is a lot of redistricting going on. There are some lawsuits pending over some of the early map redraws so Judy wasn't able to get into specifics.

She also talked about The Heroes Fund Benefit Auction and Concert. It's on Sunday November 4th at 1pm at the Palmer Arena. A Beatles tribute band will play and there will be an auction to raise money for the Widow's & Children's Fund of the New York City Police and Fire Departments.

### Homeshow

Note that the homeshow dates have changed to March 8-10. Apparently we were trying to go at the same time as the Champaign Homeshow..and we blinked first.

Preliminary plans for the AMBUCS Home Show are underway with letters stuffed, being readied to be sent out to last year's vendors. Here's another chance for our club members to help out—volunteers (a bunch) will be needed at the show. More info will be offered in the coming months.

Contact Tonya Johnson or Carol Wade for information on the AMBUCS Home Show—you'll be glad you did.

### Future Program

Oct. 17--Dr. Ron Serfoss/ Chittick Eye Care  
Oct. 24--Cathy Reardon/ Festival of Trees

We will be having Fried Chicken on October 17. If you would like to suggest a menu, or comment on one, please contact Euan Fernsler (efernsler@korora.com).

### National News Branding Time!

Branding time runs throughout October. Members stand to win prizes for helping to recruit new members (possibly free admission to the next AMBUCS convention to be held at Niagara Falls). Hey, you even get a branding iron pin for your large cowboy hat. Yee-haaaaaa, ride'm cowboy.

### Regional News Our Fall Convention

AMBUCS Fall Convention will be held Nov. 9-11 in Bloomington, IL at the Jumer's Lodge. Also, there will be a ramp-building project. Lt. Bob Richard has suggested that a group from our club be formed to go on a road trip to help with the project and to act as a club social. Contact Bob if you would like to go on that Saturday and feel the energy.

Go to [www.heroesconvention.com](http://www.heroesconvention.com).

### Nomenclature Trail Boss

A title the club president receives for achieving a net gain of five members during the Branding Time membership drive.

### Membership Corner

Pete Blackmon, 1997  
Arminda Boyer, 2000  
Terry Smith, 1996, Big Hat 1998

If you would like more of your information listed in the newsletter or on our web site, let us know: [info@danvilleambucs.com](mailto:info@danvilleambucs.com).

### 50/50

Pat Kuchefski won \$8. She donated it to the Big Hat Club.