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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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P.O. Box 266 Danville, IL 61832

Pledge: Bob Huffman

Prayer: Mike Cleary

Guests: 'We got Huffman back, that's about it', said Tom Gleichman.

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.

AMBUCS Progressive Dinner

It's set for Dec. 1. The traveling dinner mixer begins 5 p.m. at the Bob and Kathy Richard domicile for appetizers, then after an hour it motors to the Don and Donna Vish compound for the main course but the dessert stop has still not been set. Come one, come all for a festive evening of great food and fellowship.

Billing Notice

Todd, our illustrious Accountant, would like to try emailing some of our bills rather than sending the bills through the post. It'll save the club a little cash and Todd some time.

If you are interested in participating in some test runs, please talk to Todd or email todddavis@cliftoncpa.com.

Meeting Notes

-Our very senior member Don Beard offered a second round of applause for our own Millie Wilson who was recently presented with the Athena Award in addition to your president, Donna Carlton-Vish, was given the alumni award for Class #16 at the Leadership Tomorrow program run by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce. She's also solo'd in her hot-air balloon a couple of times now, and the FAA 'behind-the-wheel' test will soon follow-Right on, Millie and Donna—we knew you two were the best.

-Bob Richard won the AMBUC District 4A Project Manager of the Year. Bill Fulton's (both Sr. and Jr.) won AMBUCS of the YEAR in District 4A. Euan Fernsler won for the district's best web production. What can we say, gentlemen—You da' Men!

Fall Convention

Convention was held Nov. 9-11 in Bloomington, IL at the Jumer's Lodge. Here are some highlights from our members who attended the meetings.

Phil Ferguson: He attended 'Hero's Night' and saw Spiderman, Superman costumes in addition to a firefighter or two. He reportedly had a wonderful time at the event prior to the room being filled with fog from a machine.

Bob Richard: Bob made a PowerPoint presentation to the assembled District 4A representatives on our Playground for Everyone. He stunned the gathering.

Pat Kuchefski: The not-so-shy Ms. Kuchefski partied Saturday evening, was photographed with the photos posted the next day. She was touched at the presentation of two AmTrykes at the party - always a touching moment when the kids get the trikes.

Donna Carlton-Vish: Donna participated and became part of the 'Cornbelt Screw Crew Team.' Now, before jumping to conclusions ...She helped build handicapped-accessible ramps around Bloomington. Four ramps were built last Saturday. Just for the record: Donna donned a hard hat, carpenters belt, had yellow tape and carried a big drill for her portion of the presentation.

Finally, we conducted a quick auction at lunch of items our crew brought back from Bloomington: a crab pot with ingredients sold for \$22 to Don Beard, a bottle of wine (of the fine screw-cap vintage) actually brought \$16 from Bob Huffman.

Homeshow

Note that the homeshow dates have changed to March 8-10. Contact Tonya Johnson or Carol Wade for information on the AMBUCS Home Show-you'll be glad you did.

Future Program

Nov. 21 Toys for Tots. Bring new non-violent toys, include batteries if needed.

Nov. 28 New Member orientation.

Spouses, Significant others welcomed.

Dec. 5 Gift Wrapping for Kid's Parties.

Dec. 12 CRIS Senior Service. Amy Hinkleman.

Dec. 19 Computer Musts "Could-a-should-a-DIDN'T". Richard Woodard.

National News

New Building Fund

National AMBUCS is conducting a fund-raising effort to try and secure \$300,000 for a new headquarters. Apparently it is sorely needed.

Board Meeting

Dec. 10, at noon probably at Clifton-Gunderson. If you would like to attend, please let Donna know so lunch can be arranged (everybody pays their own).

Nomenclature

Bootstrapping

When a club assists another club with recruitment difficulties in a planned membership growth process.

Membership Corner

Tonya Blodgett, 2001.

Phyllis Busey, 1998 and our Vice-President.

Carol Wade, 1999 and a Board member.

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



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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