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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: Richard Woodard
Prayer: Dee Douglas
Guests: None

Field Trip

A note to all members: Our meeting on January 16th, 2002 will be a field trip. We will meet for lunch at The Deluxe, 21 W. North St. Please mark your calendars.

Homeshow

"There's more cash coming in and we're moving along," according to Carol Wade.

80% of the vendors from last year are already confirmed for this year. Wow! Carol Wade also asked that anyone who still has any of the corrugated signs from last year, would you please bring them back. They can change the dates on the signs saving us some of the cost of creating the signs.

Note that the homeshow dates have changed to March 8-10. Contact Tonya Johnson, Carol Wade or Phyllis Busey for information on the AMBUCS Home Show.

Barstool Golf Outing Fundraiser

Our local Michelob Light beer distributor has asked that our club be the benefactor of a new fund-raising effort.

There will be 9 taverns involved in the event, which will be held on Feb. 23, 2002, from 12:30-6:30 p.m. Each tavern will be responsible for creating a miniature golf hole in the establishment, and then each foursome will play the hole and move on to the another participating bar for the next hole.

We supply 18 volunteers to act as judges at each bar (that's 2 per bar) for the duration of the fund-raiser. Our club will receive \$60 of each \$80 foursome entry fee. They hope to have 50 teams playing.

John and Betty Cordes Organ Donation & Transplant

John and Betty Cordes know a thing or two about organ transplants: he's had a heart transplant. Their topic: 'It's about Life.'

The Cordes' travel anywhere in the state to spread the message about organ donations and due to organ transplantation he's still alive.

He was diagnosed with cardio myopathy as a result of a staph infection. This was the beginning of a long, somewhat painful, journey for the couple. He was diagnosed as having a silent heart attack in Feb., 1995, he received a heart transplant in Peoria in June, 1995. His surgery took three hours and convalesced four days in the hospital's intensive care unit and within 10 days he walked out of the hospital. Mr. Cordes had to take 31 pills a day, which he still does.

He has also met the daughter of the heart donor and, with tears in his eyes, described how she wanted to hear her mother's heart beating in his chest. The two have struck up a friendship.

They told us about 80,000 U.S. citizens are waiting on organs to become available for transplantation, while 4,600 wait in Illinois.

They present speeches and programs on transplants for the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois (ROBI). The bank's web site is www.robi.org if you would like more information.

We AMBUCS should all be organ donors—it's the right thing to do.

Meeting Notes

Donna, our esteemed president, wore sunglasses throughout our lunchtime meeting. She said she had a cold, but Lt. Bob Richard was suspicious. As Donna tried to defend herself from the inquiring cop, the ever sharp-tongued, sharp-witted Carol Wade simply added, "Gee, I had a cold like that once in college." She brought the house down. Way to go Carol!

Future Program

1/9 Tomas Darby - Firefighters in NY
1/16 Tom Jones - Handicapped Athletics
NOTE: 1/16 meeting is at the Deluxe
1/23 Liya Hussman - Juvenile States Attorney
1/30 BIG HAT DAY
2/6 Awards Program
2/13 Craig DeArmond - Special Olympics
2/29 Hank Norris - Renaissance Initiative

Board Meeting

January 14 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, let Donna know so she can make sure there's enough lunch for all.

National News

Scholars Program
AMBUCS National Scholarships for Therapists applications will be available on-line from January 10 to April 15.

Nomenclature

Scholarships for Therapists
Locally our chapter awards approximately \$5,000 in scholarships to students in Vermilion County who will be going to college and entering physical or occupational therapy, speech pathology, or hearing audiology as a field of study. For more information, visit our web site.

Membership Corner

Robert Huffman 1998
Carolyn Grant 2000
Curt Ellis 1998

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

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