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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: Steven Haast  
Prayer: Dee Douglas  
Guests: Liya Hussmann, Julie Ronto

### 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.

### Homeshow

Carol Wade has asked if you know anyone with leftover signs from last year's Home Show to please bring them to her at the radio station, D-102, at 1501 N. Washington, to have them altered for use this year. This will help save the club a bundle of cash.

The homeshow dates are March 8-10. Contact Tonya Johnson, Carol Wade or Phyllis Busey for information on the AMBUCS Home Show.

### February Social

On February 9, Saturday at 7pm, we're going to a hockey game! The Danville Wings are playing the Springfield Jr. Blues in the Palmer Arena and we have your tickets in prime spots for only \$5 each. We're also planning to get the Blue Room and fill it with AMBUCS, food, and drink for a small donation (probably \$5). If you are interested, please sign up at a meeting, or contact Euan Fernsler (efernsler@korora.com or 356-7672)

### Liya Hussmann

#### Juvenile States Attorney

Juvenile crime is definitely on the rise, but States Attorney Liya Hussmann does believe it will get better, though she admits it will get worse first.

In 1996 there were 85 delinquency charges filed and in 2001 it rose to 240. Though most delinquency charges are minor vandalism, shoplifting has grown due to a series of 'games' the youths play. One of the most recent was a game which challenged the players to steal more and more expensive calculators. The one with the best calculator wins.

Of course, they also win a trip to jail or prison. Jail time starts at age 10 and they go to prison at age 13. At 17 the may be held at the public safety building with adults.

Still, the office of States Attorney is working with the schools and other organizations to get a handle on the most difficult students. They have instigated a program for the greatest truancy offenders wherein they spend a weekend in jail if they miss so much as one day in the previous week. Guess what - it's working.

I think we should feel safer knowing that Liya Hussmann and others are concerned about our problem youth and are taking creative, thoughtful steps to teach them how to behave in a civilized society. Thank you Liya!

### Meeting Notes

The Program Committee Chair is Millie Wilson and Kathy Reardon is in charge of March and April programming. If you have any ideas for a program please contact one of them.

If there is an activity coming up and you wish to be more involved in it, please contact the chairperson or Donna Carlton-Vish and we'll line you right up!

### Future Program

1/30 BIG HAT DAY  
2/6 Awards Program  
2/13 Craig DeArmond - Special Olympics  
2/20 Brenda Krause - Vermilion Area Community Health Center  
2/27 Hank Norris - Renaissance Initiative

### Board Meeting

February 11 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

#### National Service Day

In conjunction with Visiblity Month, February 16 is National AMBUCS Service Day.

### Nomenclature

#### Sparkplug

Voted by a new club building team to be its key member. Though we're not a new club, who do you think our sparkplug is?

### Membership Corner

Derek Girton 1998  
Sandy Golseth 2000  
Charles Hall 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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