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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: Mary Meyer
Prayer: Gary Tucker
Guests: Yolanda Harper, Najaya Dye, and Andrew Phillips

Homeshow

All the booths available for this year's Home Show are filled—Very Cool! The show will run March 8-10. We need SIGNS, SIGNS, SIGNS--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.

The signs will now cost the club \$30 apiece to purchase a small quantity, so please recycle them. This will help save the club a bundle of cash in the process.

Barstool Golf Outing

They called it a 'Barstool Golf Outing' and AMBUCS was the beneficiary. About \$5,000 was raised for the club donated by our Budwiser distributor from the event.

There were 9 taverns were involved in the event, which was held on Feb. 23, 2002. Each tavern created a miniature golf hole in the establishment, and then each foursome played the hole and moved on to another participating bar for the next hole. They were hoping for 50-foursomes; over 90 participated. Al Runner was the chairman of our effort.

Summer Sounds

The Summer Sounds concert series will be held at the Kresge Lot. There will be 6 concerts rather than 8 held last summer and more local talent will be utilized in the series. Downtown Danville will be looking better than last summer since construction has been completed. The series raised about \$2,000 for the club.

If you are interested in being the Summer Sounds Chair this year, let Donna or Euan know.

Renaissance Initiative

Hank Norris

It's a not-for-profit organization that works with the city to help alleviate eyesore housing in central Danville, according to Renaissance Initiative executive director Hank Norris.

Why should we care, after driving through certain blighted neighborhoods, that homes are in run down condition with trash strewn over the property, he asks? In an answer to his own question, he's found that homes and neighborhoods affect all of us in the form of missed opportunities to save beautiful older homes while increasing property taxes city-wide and lowering the quality of life for all of the city's residents. In some of these blighted areas of the city, drug traffic and use in addition to prostitution are the result.

The Renaissance Initiative here is based on a similar program in Rock Island. Working in conjunction with the city to purchase, renovate and eventually resell properties identified from a block to block survey they cooperatively track the progress of the revitalization efforts in a neighborhood while, hopefully, bringing up the value of all of the homes on the block. This is not a give-away program, he said.

Recently, a home in the 400 block of North Franklin Street was rehabilitated and sold to a new owner. Other projects on the plate for Norris are homes at 112 Pine and 310 N. Oak Street, which is a late-1800's Victorian style home. With the help of a number of organizations volunteering their time and talents to these projects these homes will be given a new lease on their former glory.

He invited we AMBUCS to join in on the project at 310 N. Oak, possibly designating a certain room as the AMBUCS room—which means we'll do the labor necessary to bring the room up to code.

This is a great program for the downtown area of the city. It needs a facelift and then some and—we feel—Mr. Norris is the man for the job.

For more information, please visit www.renaissanceinitiative.org

Future Program

- 3/6 Sheri Tucker - Famous People
Lunch will be Teriaki Chicken
- 3/13 Becky Hanner - Lincoln's Challenge
- 3/20 Joyce DeBoer - Provena USMC Found.
- 3/27 Cheri Hand - District 118 Found.
- 4/3 Bob Richard - Playground for Everyone

Board Meeting

March 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.

Spring Training

April 27 at the Springfield Prairie Capital Convention Center is the home of this years Training session. The training is for current and new board members as well as any AMBUC interested in leadership roles. The club pays a flat fee regardless of who shows, so the more the merrier!

National News

National Scholarship Deadline

The deadline for the AMBUCS Scholarship is April 15th. If you want to sponsor any students or know of any that are interested in applying, please make sure they apply by the deadline.

Nomenclature

Therapist of the Year

A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding therapist in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an application to the AMBUCS resource center. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

Membership Corner

- Kevin Columbo 1999
- Nina Finchum 1999
- Dale Fitzpatrick 1996

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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