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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: Pat Kuchefski
 Prayer: Gary Tucker
 Guests: Joyce DeBoer, Tony Baszis

Meeting Notes

Tony Baszis, from our local Budwiser distributor, attended our lunch meeting and presented the club with a check for \$5,040. The check represents the proceeds from the Bar Stool Golf Outing, which the distributor sponsored, and AMBUCS was the benefactor. He gave us a run down on how the event fared: community feed-back was great but a couple of items will change, like the taverns will be located closer together, be able to make the hole in one putt, and will change the winners prize from golf bags (for those who played but aren't golfers) to jackets or some such. Also, a limit of 100 four-somes will be set, 89 participated this year. It was quite successful and AMBUCS is humbled by the generosity.

Carol Wade said that \$21,600 was sold in booth space at the Home Show. We were down 6-7 booths this year (which translates to about \$2,000 in booth sales). This was attributed to the Champaign-Urbana Home Show held the weekend before. About 3,000 people attended our event, but the numbers aren't in yet on the rest money raised by the show after expenses.

OOPS—we didn't have an AmTryke presentation at this meeting. It will take place at the April 2 meeting.

Summer Sounds

Our former president and regional governor Jeff Saylor has agreed to chair the Summer Sounds Committee. 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 and is great PR.

If you are interested in selling sponsorships, there will be a meeting April 5 at Noon at the Downtown Danville office. Pizza will be delivered for lunch.

**I Sing the Body Electric
 Joyce DeBoer**

Joyce DeBoer now heads a new program called 'I Sing the Body Electric' sponsored by the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation.

It doesn't involve singing or dancing, rather the program title has been derived from a poem and the former television series, "Fame." The focus is to mix the arts with a prevention message created by high school students for high school students, fifth through eighth graders, families and communities in Vermilion County.

Currently, DeBoer is conducting an extensive survey of Danville and area high school students to help determine their overriding health behavior issues. The data gathered will be handed over to the University of Illinois for analyzing, which will then help guide the prevention message.

The projects students can create involve music, creative writing, visual arts, video presentation, theatre or other options. Students will be given mini-grants to begin work on projects based on one of the topics pinpointed by the survey. In order to obtain the grant, they have to prepare a proposal to present to the foundation. Upon acceptance and completion of a project, it becomes part of 'I Sing the Body Electric Tour' from which the student or student group will receive presentation fees, even if they are graduating.

This is a great program for our high school students, helping them to look seriously at health and their own behavior. Thanks, Joyce, for caring.

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!

Future Program

- 3/27 Cheri Hand - District 118 Found.
Lunch MAY be Meatloaf
- 4/3 Bob Richard - Playground for Everyone
- 4/10 To be announced
- 4/17 Mike Cleary - Drug Program
- 4/24 Pack the Place!

Board Meeting

April 8 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, let Donna know so she can make sure there's enough lunch for all. Please park in the lot - Clifton-Gunderson needs the parking against their building for their clients - THANKS.

National News

Therapist of the Year

If you are going to nominate a therapist in our area for the Therapist of the Year award, the submissions must be in by April 30th. For more information, contact a member of the board, or Donna.

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

- William E. Fulton* 1971 (Guess which one!)
- Lon Henderson* 1996, Big Hat in 1998
- Kathy High* 1999

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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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