

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Pledge: Dean Carlton
Prayer: Betty Carlton
Guests: None!

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!

Slate of Officers & Board

Our slate of officers was approved at the last meeting. The motion was made by Don Beard and seconded by Dean Carlton among others. The vote was unanimous!

President: Pat Owens, President-Elect: Curt Ellis, Vice President: Phyllis Busey, Secretary: Cathy Reardon, Treasurer: Todd Davis, Past President: Donna Carlton-Vish. Board Members: Euan Fernsler, Carol Wade, Lynn Osborn, Mary Meyer, Eric Bolser, Millie Wilson.

Summer Sounds Concert Series

There is a meeting of all those who wish to sell sponsorships for the Concert series. It will be held at the Downtown Danville office at Noon on Friday April 26 (that's this Friday folks!).

The Summer Sounds 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 \$1,200 for the club.



Drug Court Mike Clarey

Our own Mike Clarey started off with his experience as a Judge, "80% of the crimes I see are drug and alcohol related." He is working with a program called Drug Court which exists to rehabilitate rather than simply re-incarcerate.

The Drug Court doesn't let the drug-offenders off easily however. The program is strictly voluntary and some people choose prison time rather than the difficult program. It works by setting up benefits and penalties that take effect immediately through close personal supervision and training by TASK, the police, Prairie Center, the Probation Office, the states and defence attorneys and the Judge.

By breaking the cycle of drug abuse and actually helping the person involved (what a concept!) they have shown a high success rate in the only 10 years of the Drug Courts existence. Currently in our own Drug Court there are 10 healing addicts. They have room for as many as 24, but candidates must meet some strict requirements and volunteer for the program. Thanks Mike for helping to deal with crime humanly rather than logically!

New Playground Pavilion

We planned on doing a little fund raising, well Bob Richard was going to do the leg work, but you know what I mean. He received a phone call from our own First Citizen Julius W. Hegeler II before he could even get going. Julius had heard we might be building a pavilion to handle the heavy use at the Playground for Everyone. He decided that to ensure we built the pavilion, and built it right, he would pay for the whole thing!

Once again, thank you very, very much Julius W. Hegeler II! We owe you a debt of gratitude and appreciation.

Future Program

- 4/24 Pack the Place! AmTryke Giveaway!
We will have Fried Chicken for lunch.
- 5/1 Phil Ferguson - Investing in the Future.
- 5/8 Ted Williams - Boys State
- 5/15 Marrilee DeArmond - Personal Trainer
- 5/22 Spring Orientation
- 5/29 Big Hat
- 6/5 Installation of Officers
- 6/12 Craig Cummins - Consumers Water

Board Meeting

May 13 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

Conference Hotel Information

The Holiday Inn Select is newly renovated and within walking distance of all the major tourist attractions. For reservations - or to setup some time in the beauty salon or wedding chapel, call 716-285-3361 and be sure to tell them you're with AMBUCS!

Nomenclature

AmTryke

A therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities that can be driven by hands or feet. It improves motor coordination and increases self-esteem. Available from the AMBUCS Resource Center or by contacting any of our officers.

Membership Corner

Tessa Hile 2000
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