

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

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Pledge: Connie White
Prayer: Betty Carlton
Guests: Ronald Bates, Ted Williams, and Chit Khin

Meeting Notes

President Donna informed the gathered members that Danville School District #118 has agreed to help sponsor an AmTryk demonstration site within the school district. Each of the three sizes of trikes will be on hand for therapists to use with their charges, in addition to them being made available to anyone within the area. Really great job, Donna.

George Schildt will be on hand at our May 15 lunch meeting to sell tickets to 'The Many Faces of Old Glory' by Vane Scott to be held in the DHS auditorium on May 23 with a magic show by The Zodiacs. Buy a ticket and attend.

More President Donna stuff: chairpersons please finish up your 'How To' books and return them to her ASAP.

Plan on attending our May 22 lunch for our annual meeting honoring chair-people from the '01-'02, in addition to orienting our new members.

Summer Sounds Concert Series

The sponsorships continue to sell. As part of that process and to begin promoting the event, fliers have been placed in the Chamber of Commerce mailing and letter are being sent to all downtown businesses. If you would like to help, contact Jeff Saylor!

Our first concert is coming up on June 14 with Irish Night's band Hog Eye Naavy. They were one of the favorite bands last year. For more, please visit www.summersounds.org.

Boys State

Ted Williams & Ronald Bates

Ted Williams represented the Premier Boys State Illinois program at our meeting. The program helps high school students develop the skills necessary to understand and participate in our governmental processes.

The program locally covers eight counties with 32 cities. The program is modeled after our two party system, with the Federalists and Nationalists as the political parties. The students' party affiliation is determined by an odd/even numbering system. Within the program, the young men elect representatives to all local and state offices.

Boys State Illinois participant Ronnie Bates, a senior at Danville High School, accompanied Williams to give a little flavor of the week spent in the trenches of political thought. Bates, who has been granted an appointment to West Point, said that 67 per cent of his in-coming class at the Point has participated in Boys State in their respective states. He loved his time at the week-long program, which is sponsored by the American Legion. In fact, our AMBUCS chapter awards a \$150 scholarship for a local student to attend the summer program.

In addition to the program, those attending also participate in recreational programs or can join the Boys State band.

It's a great program and we AMBUCS are happy to be offering support to help educate upcoming generations in governmental affairs—they will need it.



Future Program

- 5/15 Marrilee DeArmond - Personal Trainer
Lunch will be Beef Stir-Fry.
- 5/22 Spring Orientation
- 5/29 Big Hat
- 6/5 Installation of Officers & Party
- 6/12 Craig Cummings - Consumers Water
- 6/19 Ron Neufeld - City Comptroller
- 6/26 Picnic at the Playground for Everyone

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. Please park in the lot if you can rather than in front.

National News

AmTryke National Statistics

2001 was a busy year for the AmTryke as 755 were shipped, an increase of 49 from the previous year. Of these 383 were small, 292 were large and 80 were all terrain. National filled 110 requests from the Wish List which left only 33 not including requests for the Toddler.

Nomenclature

National Board of Directors

The executive committee (National President, President-elect, Past National President) and regional directors who make policy.

Membership Corner

- Jeff Saylor 1995, Big Hat in 1999
- Angela Springer 1998
- Gary Tucker 1990, Big Hat in 1996

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