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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: Melissa Bodensteiner

Prayer: Dean Carlton

Guests: Nancy Kelley, Beth Townsend, Josh Hughes, Elzer Marx, Dean Lingley

Andrew Phillips - Volunteerism

Volunteerism is "the rent we all pay for living in our communities," according to our guest speaker/new AMBUC Andrew Phillips.

Mr. Phillips' point is well taken—there are far too many residents not paying their rent via volunteering their time and talents for the benefit of someone other than themselves. The point goes even further, service clubs and volunteer organizations often engage in a turf battle to protect their own memberships rather one club helping another. Traveling the world has imbued him with a view that all service clubs should help one another for the good of all.

"I am grateful to devote the passion I have to volunteerism," he said. So are we. The Notes must whole-heartedly agree with his assessment—we need to reach out to other clubs and help them reach their goals, much like they have reached out to our AMBUCS chapter.

Membership Corner

Cynthia Bobbett member since 1998

Todd Davis member since 1998 and our Treasurer

Kathy High member since 1999



Presidents Message

Andrew Phillips noted today that volunteering is the 'rent' we pay to live in our community. Many people are not paying their share of rent. Are you paying your share? AMBUCS has many opportunities to volunteer - simply get in touch with a board member or committee chair, or email info@danvilleambucs.com. We want you to be involved!

Meeting Notes

Nancy Kelly attended our meeting to present the club with a check for \$335 from the Danville chapter of Business and Professional Women's (B & PW) Club. They gave the money to, "help you to help the kids." Thank you all very much!

Summer Camp

Summer camp is upon us! Camp runs the last week of July and first week of August so it's time to help out. Sign-ups went around but if you can't make a meeting and would like to help out, email info@danvilleambucs.com and we'll get your name in there!

We will be joining the campers for lunch as part of our regular meeting July 31 (also a Big Hat day!) and August 7.

Summer Sounds Concert Series

Our next concert is July 26 with The Main Course for Modern Jazz night. These guys have the coolest shirts. For more information, visit www.summersounds.org

Special Announcement!

Phil Ferguson (that's Polaris Financial Planning for you money seekers) has generously donated a pair of Bears tickets to be raffled off at the end of the Summer Sounds Season. The tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5 and can only be purchased at a Summer Sounds Concert. The game is against New Orleans, September 22 at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.

Future Program

7/24 National Convention Report by Donna Carlton-Vish with Tacos! Remember next week is at the Gratto, not this week!

7/31 Summer Camp & Big Hat Day

8/7 Summer Camp at the Grotto

8/28 Orientation & get to know AMBUCS

Board Meeting

August 12 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

National News

Annual Springfest Party

The Grand Rapids, MI chapter hosted its 17th annual Springfest Party for people with disabilities. More than 500 people attended this annual event.

For many partygoers, this is the only social event they are invited to all year! The party is opened to all people with disabilities, and each guest is encouraged to invite a family member or responsible friend to attend with them.

Nomenclature

Big Hat Club

A prestige club within AMBUCS that admits members who have sponsored three members in any twelve month period. Watch next week for more information on their hats!

History

Another 'first' was seen during the National Presidency of Bob Whitney, who served from 1987 to 1988. "It was my privilege to induct the first woman into AMBUCS", he writes. Whitney also saw the chartering of 18 clubs during his term, the most ever through 1997.



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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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