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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: Don Beard
Prayer: Bill Fulton, the younger
Guests: Mimi Grey

Vermilion Advantage

Vicki Stewart, president and CEO of the new Vermilion Advantage, visited with AMBUCS to tell us of the new organization, which is comprised of the former Danville Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corp., and Workforce Challenge.

Vermilion Advantage was 'born' on July 1, 2002. The idea behind the merger was to consolidate services to existing and potential businesses and incoming residents. All of the former organizations are now divisions under the new corporation.

The corporation focuses on existing businesses, community service and leadership and workforce development. A new image campaign has begun to help get the word out.

'The Corner of Progress and History' titles the campaign with the first installment, 'Here it's still OK to be up a creek,' then in October begins, 'Some things grow better in a small town,' and in February, 2003 begins 'From Bricks to Chips.' In addition, a new Vermilion County curriculum has been developed by an Oakwood teacher and offered to all students in the county, with the hopes of informing the students about the history and features of the county.

Funding for the new program has come from local businesses, city and county governments and members.

Members Corner

Larry Brown joined in 2002.
Lynn Childs joined in 2000.
Terry Coyle joined in 2001.
Dale Fitzpatrick joined in 1996.
Murray Jordan joined in 1997.

Activity Reports

Melissa Bodensteiner put out a call for AMBUCS to join in the Heart Walk to be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Village Mall. The day will kick off at 1 p.m., walking starts at 2 p.m. with 1 to 3 mile walks on tap. Those interested please e-mail her at melba103@yahoo.com.

Larry Brown, one of our new members, received his AMBUCS pin from Donna. He will go through the orientation program next time around.

Fall Raffle

We have started selling tickets for our fall raffle, so help out! Buy a ticket, sell a ticket! For more information, check with Curt Ellis or co-chair Phil Ferguson.

As with last year, the tickets are \$130 and include a complimentary dinner. Dinner only tickets are \$25. We'll be having dinner at the Beef House again this year. The date to set aside is October 3, 2002 at 6pm. For more information, visit our web site at danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/Raffle.html

Summer Sounds REDUX

The third season of the Summer Sounds concert series held in Downtown Danville is one for the books. Apparently, there are extra Summer Sounds tee shirts left and Michelle Young will conduct a fire sale at our next meeting, Sept. 11, to dispose of them. They are only \$5 each.

Jeff informed us that dollar totals will be shared with the club at an upcoming meeting



Future Program

9/11 Sparky Songer at the War Museum
9/11 Patriotic Something
9/18 Marla Hill, Danville High School
9/25 Dave Johnson Uoff Sports
10/2 Rita Garman

Board Meeting

October 14 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

Nomenclature

National

Executive Director

Operates the AMBUCS Resource Center, implements programs of the AMBUCS' Board of Directors, plans the national conference, publishes AMBUCS publications, provides training materials and administers the Scholarships for Therapists program.

History

More on the AmTryke

Sue Haywood explained that the tricycle she was using was very costly and that it didn't do all it should for crippled children. That was all it took to get the Longview, TX AMBUCS to spring into action. They asked Sue if they could see the tricycle and perhaps alter it.

That afternoon, the AbTryke was born! This remarkable tricycle moves the patient while exercising the legs. Longview AMBUCS built a mini-factory in the rear of a member's shop. There, they worked to cut, bend, weld, grind, paint and assemble all the special tricycle's parts, except the pedals and seats.

Watch for more on the AmTryke next week!

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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