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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: Todd Davis  
Prayer: Don Vanzant  
Guests: Don Vanzant, Bart Hughes,  
Sparky Songer

### **Sparky Songer with War Museum**

Mr. Sparky Songer visited our group once again. He gave us some insight to several area's of our history, as it relates to what our Veteran's and American's have giving in the name our our country.

Sparky talked briefly about September 11th, 2001. He mentioned what we all saw on television what amounted to some 10-15 funerals a day for a few months. It seemed also that the funeral precessions, along with the sound of bag pipes would never end, however as in everything, they faded into history forever.

Sparky went on to talk about WW2, how we knew our enemy then, however when things happened back then we would not have known about it for days, weeks or even months, since our technology that we have today was not around then. He felt our "war on terrorism" is somewhat harder to deal with since we do not know our enemy, or where we may encounter them again.

Sparky then once again returned to the tragedy last year by reminding all of us, that yes Americans perished however we need to remember that the towers had people from more than 30 countries.

### **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.

Home Show committee will start their regular meetings soon, If you are interested in helping with the Home Show please contact Phyllis Busey or Richard Woodard.

### **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

### **Members Corner**

All these members are Life Members!  
Don Anderson joined in 1977, Big Hat in 1982. Donna Carlton-Vish joined in 1995, Big Hat in 1997. Gary Dyar joined in 1977, Big Hat in 1982. Pat Phillips joined in 1991, Big Hat in 1995.

Do you see a trend?

### **Future Program**

9/18 Marla Hill, Danville High School

9/25 Dave Johnson UofI 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**

#### *Life Membership*

Lifetime memberships, sold at conferences, allow a member to no longer pay national dues. The fee must be paid in full within one year for the privilege to take effect.

### **History**

#### *More on the AmTryke*

The Longview Chapter members presented two AmTrykes to children at the next regular meeting after they created them in 1993.

The AMBUCS Resource Center took over the responsibility of producing AmTrykes in 1996, and the special tricycles were improved. Now, a bicycle company manufactures teh AmTrykes and they continue to make improvements.



**Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn**

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