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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: Curt Ellis
Prayer: Pat Owens
Guests: Jason Rome, Rita Garman

Rita Garman, IL Supreme Court

Rita Garman gave our group an insight to what really goes on behind the scenes at our Supreme Court in Springfield.

Rita was appointed to take the place of a retiring supreme court justice. So Rita has been working hard covering the central Illinois region she works with. If you can believe it, Rita indicates that the Central region consists of more than 1 million 2 hundred thousand constituents. She has driven thousands of miles from one Parade to another across the state, making sure that her constituents know who she is and what she has been busy doing while in Springfield.

Rita has given all of us an open invitation to visit her at 2nd and Springfield downtown across from the capital building in Springfield. She has indicated that each of the activity's that they work on, have a direct impact on our daily lives. There are 5 districts in the state of Illinois. We are in the 4th district. Rita also informed us that all of the judges in this district live in the same area of the Supreme Court building in Springfield. Each of them have their own room's. They stay in these room's during the Term of activity's during supreme court sessions.

Members Corner

Rob Black joined in 1996.
Melissa Bodensteiner joined in 2000.

Activity Reports

Pat Phillips has thrown us a challenge: she wants all AMBUCS to bring plush animals (a/k/a, stuffed animals) to the Big Hat meeting on Oct. 30. The cute, soft, furry animals will be donated to the annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Provena United Samaritan Medical Center Foundation. Any size or kind will be accepted, but, please, make sure they are in good condition, in fact, new ones would be appreciated.

Home Show – Terry Coyle has stepped up and volunteered to be the co-ordinator for the Hospitality room. Jeff Saylor has also indicated that he will help in whatever activity's that we would need, Jeff will help to give us "Newbie's" some direction to get thru this. And this is only right. It is time for everyone who wanted to get involved, however just has not done so to get involved with activity's at Ambucs. The "regular's" need a rest. So come and get involved.

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

Christmas party planning meetings are taking place. Stay tuned for more info.

Fall Convention

Looks like we'll have more than a half-dozen Danville AMBUCS at the fall convention in Springfield November 8th through the 10th. If you'd like to help us reach an even dozen, contact Pat Owens!

Future Program

10/9 Alice Kirby, All Our Kids Ntwrk
10/16 John Spezia, DACC Basketball
10/23 Festival of Trees
10/30 Big Hat Day!
11/6 Adri-Anne Trammell, Ambility
11/13 Fall Convention Report

Board Meeting

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

National Club News

Fairview, OK Blood Drive

The Oklahoma Blood Institute enlisted the help of fellow AMBUCS in July. Despite the heat and the vacation season, chapter members not only donated blood, but also volunteered their time.

History

The Beginning

The year was 1919 and William L. White had a dream. Not just a small dream, but a dream of lofty proportions. He wanted to begin a national service organization for young business and professional men. White had the spirit, he had the initiative, but this young engineer and practical idealist lacked the funding for such a major undertaking.

What to do? Surprisingly enough, turpentine played a major role in the story. The turpentine industry was centered around Valdosta, GA, and it used turpentine cups to gather crude resin from long-leaf pines. The resin was distilled and turpentine and rosin were produced. More next week...

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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