

Pledge: Chuck Cannady  
Prayer: Donna Carlton-Vish  
Guests:

**DACC Basketball - John Spezia**  
Danville Area Community College basketball coach John Spezia dropped by to give us a view of his year-long sabbatical as a professional coach in England.

After coaching for 30 years, with 19 of those at DACC, he felt like he was in a rut so he decided a change was due. He asked for, and received, a year's leave. Then sold his home here and moved to Derby, England, a town of about 100,000. There he took over the helm of the Derby Storm, one of 13 teams in an English league.

The job was more business than coaching, he said, as he had to hustle to help raise cash for the team. He had a great deal of fun in his coaching assignment, but the basketball there is not up to U.S. standards (since the English tend more towards soccer, rugby, hockey, cricket, etc.). Moreover, the culture shock factor was huge. It's a left-handed world over there: driving, doors, etc.

#### **Home Show**

Home Show plans are also moving along. Letters have been sent to last year's vendors in hopes of their participation again this year. Also, we need volunteers for the project, contact Phyllis or Richard for more info. The show will be held on March 7, 8 & 9, 2003 at the David S. Palmer Arena.

#### **Activity Reports**

A simple little thing like collecting plush (a/k/a, stuffed) animals to donate to the annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation, grew into a battle of the sexes at our last lunch meeting.

Gary Tucker pulled out a \$50 bill and challenged the guys to ante up; they did, to the tune of \$223. The girls, alas, only could muster \$110. The challenge will culminate at our Oct. 30 meeting—so the girls will have a chance to even the score. If they don't (according to the bet—from Mrs. Phillips) they will serve the guys dessert. It will be the other way around if the guys lose.

Remember all, it's for a good cause—the purchase of the furry, soft little critters for the big tree. Any size or kind will be accepted, but, please, make sure they are in good condition, in fact, new ones would be appreciated.

Christmas parties for both kids and adults are being planned. John Monson is in charge of the kid's party, which will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Kathy High and Cathy High are running the adult party, which will be held in the afternoon in the community room of the Old National Bank.

#### **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**

10/23 Festival of Trees

10/30 Big Hat Day!

11/6 Adri-Anne Trammell, Ambility

11/13 Fall Convention Report

11/20 George Chin, Danville Wings

#### **Board Meeting**

November 11 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

#### **History**

##### *The Beginning, part third*

Others quickly caught Whit's dream and 23 chapters of the American Business Clubs were chartered that first year. These clubs weren't confined to Alabama, they were also started in Nashville, TN; New Orleans, LA; Savannah, GA; and Amarillo, TX.

Birmingham was also the site of the first National Convention, held May 28-29, 1923. This convention was devoted to organizational matters. There, White was named Honorary President of the national association he started. C.B. Samuel was elected as National President.

More and more caught the dream. At the second National Convention in 1924, members saw a 400% gain in the number of clubs and members. It was this year that a long-running controversy began, a proposition to change the association's name. This controversy wasn't resolved until years later...

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