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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: Bob Richards
Prayer: Don Beard
Guests: Gordon Thoennes

Festival of Trees - Gordon Thoennes

It's that time again - time for trees! The Festival of Trees is presented by Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation. This year's festival runs from November 16 through November 20 at the Palmer Arena.

It's going to be bigger than ever with 93 trees, around 90 wreaths and 8 showcases. A 22' tall Teddy Bear (who says size doesn't matter?) a Jingle Bear Pond and a Gingerbread Village (mmmmm) will all be found at the Festival this year.

The programs supported by the money they raise with this project benefits the HALO Project, Women Aware, Young Women Aware, Faith in Action, The Men's Health Forum, and I Sing The Body Electric.

For more information, call 442-6595.

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 and continued today.

A few slanderous comments aside, the battle is ON! Please bring your stuffed toys next week for the final tally!

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.

Members Corner

Don Vish joined in 1997.
Cathy Reardon joined in 1998.
Who will join this week? Invite someone to lunch today!



Future Program

10/30 Big Hat Day!

11/6 Adri-Anne Trammell, Ambility
11/13 Fall Convention Report
11/20 George Chin, Danville Wings
12/4 Wrap Christmas Presents
12/7 Christmas Party!

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!

Board Meeting

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

History

The Beginning, part last

By 1924 the association was headquartered in Chicago, and this proved to be a big asset. That's because the association's largest chapter to date - the Springfield, IL chapter - was chartered on January 19, 1925.

But alas, all was not completely smooth sailing for the fledgling association. Troubled waters erupted at the 1925 National Convention when a proposal was adopted to sell loyalty bonds to member clubs. Money went to build new clubs - plunging the association into financial chaos. Through all this the membership was resilient as they went through dark times in the years ahead.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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