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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: Pat Owen
Prayer: Don Beard
Guests: None!

AMBUCS Social

Our own AI Runner has secured the Blue Room at the Palmer Arena for a Wing's match on Jan. 31. The hospitality room will be the club's for use during the game for refreshments and drinks with seating close by. Just let AI know if you're interested in attending.

Megan Puzey

National Soybean Research Lab

Research specialist Megan Puzey with the National Soybean Research Lab at the University of Illinois spoke to us about the search for creating food uses for the soybean.

She recently spent time Tajikistan helping to promote a new kind of soy flour that provides those using it with all of the essential amino acids necessary for good nutrition. The flour is a mix of wheat flour, soy flour and nutrient additives. Starvation is a very real problem in that part of the world and this kind of foodstuff can help to dramatically turn that problem around.

Great research program that is on the cutting edge of helping to ease hunger and feed those in need around the world, our hats off to Megan and her work. She is the daughter of Alan and Susan Puzey of rural Fairmount.



AMBUCS Notes

Reports from our AMBUCS Christmas parties (for both the kids and adults) held on Dec. 7, were a smashing success. Every child at the kids' party was accounted for and received a wrapped gift, which shows great planning on the party committee. Twenty-one pizzas were consumed at the adult party in about 20 minutes. Great day for all involved.

AMBUCS are on tap for our turn at the Meals on Wheels deliveries. We'll be delivering Jan. 13-17, 2003. Please sign-up and help out. We only have four routes this year rather than the usual five. One difference, though: those routes in Danville will be picked up at the CRIS Senior Center at 309 N. Franklin, a new route is in Tilton with the food being picked up at the United Church of Tilton on Fifth Street. The deliveries begin at 11 a.m. and usually take about an hour or less.

It was confirmed that the Michelob Ultra Barstool Golf Tournament will be held on Feb. 22, 2003. Remember, everyone, we need a bunch of club members to work at the various 'holes' during the tournament. If everyone remembers, the event generated over \$5,000 in proceeds to the club.

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.

Future Program

12/7 Ruth Connally (Water Co)

12/25 Christmas (no meeting)

1/1 New Years! (no meeting)

1/8 Bob Jones

1/15 Police Chief Carl Alexander

1/22 Big Brothers/Big Sisters

1/29 Big Hat!

Board Meeting

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

Nomenclature

Blue Chip Goal

A membership goal for year end, assigned by the Awards Program to encourage 10% growth within each club, each year.

History

1932 - No more AMBUCS?

Smitty (Herman J. Smith) was elected at the 1932 National Convention in Springfield, where the associatoin faced the darkest of times.

Members met to dissolve the association, but they had a debt of more than \$19,000. They decided to continue meeting until they could liquidate this debt.

What were these members up against? The country was in the throes of the Great Depression, and teh associatoin had seen the loss of 32 clubs in a single year!

Proving its resiliency once again, the membership decided to establish a permanent national headquarters and employ an executive secretary.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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