



January 29, 2003

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Pledge: Lori Burnett

Prayer: Tammy Graham

Guests: Leah Garcia, Michael Wright, DeMarko Wright (who's joined AMBUCS and given Marcia Williams her Big Hat!)

### Big Hat Day!

As inevitable as the hoards of crows that invade our fair city during the winter leaving so much of themselves behind, so it is with our quarterly Big Hat festival. The taunts, the recriminations and, as always, the fines.

There was a twist with this 'cowboy-hat-a-wearin' pick-pocket fest. The Danville High School Advocates - teen AMBUCS - were in attendance to take their oath to membership, administered by Dr. Gary Tucker.

The Advocates help fellow students at the school who are disabled to enjoy the school's social life. They have visited the Playground for Everyone, gone on a field trip to Lafayette, held Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween parties and attended various movies. All of these activities take money, which is where the Big Hat day comes in. All fines levied at the meeting were donated to the Advocates to help fund their program.

The teen Advocates at our meeting were: Andrew Burnett (president), Ashlee Graham (secretary), Ryan Hansgen (vice-president), Kristina Illich, Alison Janesky (social chairman), Callie Kreidler, Molly Kreidler, Courtney Marshall, Lindsay Miller, Ami Rakalla, Simmi Rakalla, Kayley Ryan, Sarrita Scott (absent: Carly Delzell, Sean Bush). There sponsors Lori Burnett and Tammy Graham also attended.

### AMBUCS Notes

Lt. Bob Richard suggested, and was passed by our membership, that we donate \$250 to the Danville Public Library to help them with their magazine subscriptions. The money is earmarked for magazines related to physical therapy or the medical field.

Summer Sounds committee has begun the planning for this year. Chairman Jeff Saylor met at the Java Hut on Friday for the first meeting of the committee. Contact Jeff for more info!

The Michelob Ultra Barstool Golf Tournament will be held on Feb. 22, 2003. We need a bunch of folks to work at the various 'holes' during the tournament.

We will have a one-page instruction sheet by Feb. 19. We are asking that 4 people (in teams of at least 2) work two shifts: 11:30am-3pm and 3pm-6:30pm (or until it's over). There will be two city buses to drive the 'golfers' from hole to hole. Also, we will have AMBUCS signs or AmTrykes at various locations on tourney day to promote the club and our goals.

If you wish to sign-up to participate, call or email Donna Carlton Vish at donna@heritagedevelop.com or 446.2265.

Home Show plans are also moving along. There are only 2 booths left for sale. 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.

There will be a meeting of the Super Secret Committee to determine our AMBUCS Citizen of the Year on Feb. 4 at O'Leary's Pub at 5:15 p.m. Pat Phillips will chair the meeting.

### Future Program

2/5 Melody Maxwell - Curves

2/12 Wanda Erskine Business Women

2/19 Pat Hartshorn - Sherrif

2/26 Orientation

### Board Meeting

February 10 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

### Nomenclature

#### *Spring Round Up*

A National membership drive held March 1 through April 30.

### History

#### *1942, surviving the war*

David Price was elected the association's wartime president in 1942. Because of the war, no conventions were held that year. Price was elected at a called meeting in Cincinnati.

Price believes he was elected because he started a new magazine, to replace the association's 14-page newsletter. He promised to publish six issues of this magazine, with postage as the association's only cost.

Price's theme was "Hold the Line" and that's all the members could hope to achieve.

### Membership

The membership committee is currently updating the membership list, you will be getting a call soon to review your data. Once it has been updated it will be available via email or printed document. For more information contact Richard Woodard woodard@soltec.net or Donna Carlton Vish donna@heritagedevelop.com.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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