

Pledge: Pat Phillips
Prayer: Mr. Don Beard
Guests: David Myers, Kelli and Ryan Carlton (children of Dean and Angie), and Mackenzie Murphy, granddaughter of Donna Carlton Vish.

Danville Wings

"I'd like to keep the Wings in Danville," said Josh Mervis, president of the organization. The hockey franchise has arrived at a crossroads - does it stay in Danville or move it to Champaign when a new sports facility is built?

About 900 fans attend each game, but for the team to stay in the city there will need to be around 1,600 to meet the league mandate. Mervis said that Danville is the smallest community in the nation with a hockey team as high caliber as this one. The Wings have won the league's Community Service award for five consecutive years.

In addition to the many community based projects the franchise participates in, many players graduate on to high quality college hockey programs, many on scholarships, with a few in the National Hockey League.

We AMBUCS realize what a great community member the Wings hockey franchise continues to be, and adds to the quality of life in our community. It is our sincere wish to see them stay. Stay tuned for updates.

National Elections

Donna Carlton Vish presented bios of the national AMBUCS presidential candidates. They are Jack Feldman of Georgia, Tom Loudis of Missouri and Adri-Anne Trammell of Oklahoma.

After the presentation, the club voted to support Tom Loudis. Our president Curt Ellis will give the majority of our votes to Mr. Loudis at the national convention to be held later this month in Naples, FL.

AMBUCS Notes

Our club voted to approve participation, by way of providing labor, to the March of Dimes 'Toast to Life' auction to be held at the Danville Inn (formerly the Ramada Inn) on Thursday, July 31 beginning at 6 p.m.

The program features 10-15 packages up for bid that will feature food and other items from eight local restaurants, food vendors and chefs. We will need to come up with 20-30 volunteers to help out at the auction by keeping track of the bid tables and during the silent auction. Tickets for the event will be \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door and are tax deductible. Also, those volunteering AMBUCS will enter the event and eat for free.

Sign up to volunteer, come on out and have a great time with our goal to helping promote a community project with much needed help. Pat and Andy Phillips are coordinating the volunteer effort.

The club owns 12 tents and we're looking for suggestions what should be done with them. One suggestion says that we give some of the tents to the Danville chapter of the Boys & Girls Club. Please come forth with ideas to share on who could benefit from their use.

Committees are being drawn up for the coming year. Please commit yourself and join and help out. Besides, all things AMBUCS are great fun. Join in to help.

The Summer Sounds concert series continues with the Ted Baer Orchestra last Friday. Please remember that volunteers will be needed to help set up some of the tables throughout the season, sell adult beverages and tend throngs of concertgoers. If you're going to be attending—pitch in and help.

All of the Summer Sounds concerts will be from 6-8 p.m. on July 25, August 8 and August 22.

Future Program

7/16 CRIS

7/30 GAO Grotto - Summer Camp

8/6 GAO Grotto - Summer Camp

Board Meeting

August 11 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot. Welcome new Board Members!

Summer Camp

The AMBUCS Summer Camp is nearly upon us. As she has for a number of years, Melissa Bodensteiner is chairing the committee in charge of the annual AMBUCS camp. It will run from July 28-August 8. Volunteers will be needed; so don't be shy—sign-up.

She's looking for Bingo prizes to award the adult camp members, basically anything... doesn't need to be new either. She would like to see tee shirts, hats, jewelry, etc. The prizes will be for the adult party to be held on July 30 (FYI: Dean Carlton will be the DJ for the party as he has done for many years). Also, please either donate baked cookies or contribute dollars for cookies to be purchased for the campers and help Melissa develop ideas for activities for the adult campers.

One last item: there will be a Cub's baseball game during the time of the camp that she would like to take the campers to, but would like to find the tix at a reduced price. Can anyone help? Also, activity ideas for both sessions of the camp are welcomed.

Personal Information Changes?

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