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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: Cathy High
Prayer: Bill Fulton the younger
Guests: Tim Dockery

**Curt Ellis
National Convention**

EI Presidente Curt Ellis and AMBUCS district governor Donna Carlton Vish entertained us with a rousing rendition of the events at our national convention held recently in Naples, FL.

There was plenty of AMBUCS hijinx, golfing, Everglades tours, caucuses, luncheons, dinners and on and on.

A few stats from the convention: our club is #5 nation-wide in membership, there are 126 chapters with 4,830 active members.

We took several awards: 3rd place for Community Service, 1st youth auxiliary, 2nd place for our newsletter (bullitin) and Curt took the first place trophy for the Friday golf outing. Nationally, AMBUCS gave \$144,000 in scholarships to 253 students (down from the '91-'92 season where \$259,250 was awarded to 499 students).

Donna issued a Big Hat challenge to bring in more new members.



AMBUCS Notes

AMBUCS Raffle Tickets are being distributed, so please pick up a stack and get 'em sold. The tix are \$130.00 each and the raffle will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. at the Beef House. We also need folks to donate door prizes to be given out for every 10th ticket called.

Chittick Family Eye Care donated about \$70.00 to AMBUCS collected from their 'jeans day' held every Friday at their business. The money is earmarked for the Playground for Everyone.

AMBUCS 2003 Central Region Fall Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Bettendorf, IA titled 'Mardi Gras on the Mississippi.' The convention will feature all kinds of fun activities centered around the Mardi Gras theme to be held Nov. 7-9.

Make your plans now, for more info and registration please visit their website at www.QCRiverBUCS.org. If you prefer phone numbers, then call Sarah @ 309.292.1731 or call the Holiday Inn directly @ 563.355.4761 (ask for special AMBUCS block rate: \$62/night).

Chuck Cannady, owner of Chuck Cannady Photography, has announced the launch of his website, www.chuckcannady.com, featuring his work. Please stop by for a visit, and let him know what you think.

The last of our Summer Sounds Concert Series was held last Friday. By all accounts it was a very successful season. Thanks to all who sponsored, participated and attended the events. It has become a very popular Friday evening event.

Future Program

8/27 Jack Delzell with PACE

Board Meeting

September 8 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Nomenclature

We have had such a busy summer, there hasn't been room in the notes for some education, but now here's a double!

Bootstrapping

When a club assists another club with recruitment difficulties in a planned membershiup growth process.

William L. White Member

A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the Living Endowment Fund.

Fall Raffle

Tickets are available at all upcoming meetings, so bring y our checkbook!! Take some home and sell to the neighbors! Support your AMBUCS!

Personal Information Changes?

Please notify Lynn Blazaitis as soon as possible:

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