

Pledge: The soon-to-be retired Dr. Gary Tucker
Prayer: Wade Adams
Guests: Bob Price and Robert Colon and Tim Dokery (both Robert and Tim have turned in their membership papers—so this is the last time they'll be listed as guests. Welcome, gentlemen!).

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.

From our AMBUCS board: Our recently concluded summer camp held at the Gao Grotto cost the club \$16,345.32. Just thought ya'll would like to know. The cost is well within the acceptable expenditures limits set by the board.

Special Meeting September 17

There will be a vote of our membership at our Sept. 17 lunch meeting to start the league so please be there and cast your vote. This is a great new program for AMBUCS that matches nicely with our primary mission, "Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities, especially children."

Tom Jones Challenger League Lori Lyons

Lori Lyons brought a great idea to our AMBUCS board, then to our membership - her plan: bring the Tom Jones Challenger League baseball home to Danville for Vermillion County kids. The proposed league will be called AMBUCS Challenger League.

The league is sanctioned by the Little League of America and has it's own set of rules. It's for handicapped (mental or physical) kids from 7 to 21-years-old. Players hit from a tee or a pitched ball, run the bases with the aid of a 'buddy' and each game lasts about an hour. Each team will be composed by 7-10 players and will need the same number of 'buddies.' Each player also takes an 'at bat' each inning.

Lori would like to see AMBUCS become the primary sponsor of the league that will play their games at Winter Park, next to the Playground for Everyone. Our financial commitment will total about \$2,000 - which will help defray the costs of uniforms, printing, a yearbook and trophies. We will need to have about 20 AMBUCS present at each game to help or be a player.

The games will be played on Saturday's in June beginning at 8 a.m. and running to 11 a.m. or noon. Lori would like to include The Advocates (our Danville High School wing of AMBUCS) and possibly students from Schlarman High School, who need community service hours that count toward graduation.

Future Program

9/17 Hank Norris
9/24 Phil Ferguson, Investing
10/1 John Bodensteiner, planting

Board Meeting

October 13 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Fall Conference

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).

Personal Information Changes?

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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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