

Pledge: Todd Davis
Prayer: Donna Carlton-Vish

Guests: None.

**Marla Hill
Danville High School**

Many childhood learning difficulties can be overcome, and many are with the help of a great teaching staff, according to Marla Hill, assistant principal at Danville High School and who oversees special programs at the school.

Hill also brought along two teachers and two students to drive home the point. Teachers Wendy Barnes (American Literature and learning strategies) and Catherine Ingram (English and learning strategies) and students seniors Chelsea Pruitt and Rachel Scott.

Pruitt had trouble with the inversion of numbers while Scott had the most difficulty learning to read and spell. After identifying the problems, along about the third grade, the teachers were able to work with the students to overcome their problems and become successful students. To that point, Pruitt will be attending Indiana State University next fall and Scott will be going to Danville Area Community College.

After much discussion from the students and teachers and answering a bunch of AMBUCS questions, it became clear that these folks know their business and have deeply touched the lives of the young ladies and helped them to gain a grip on their difficulties.

Our hats off to a caring group of professional educators in our midst for which we are exceedingly grateful.

AMBUCS Notes

After a unanimous vote of the assembled AMBUCS, it was agreed upon that our club will donate \$3,000 to the building of the National AMBUCS Resource Center (our headquarters). The donation will take place over the next three years.

As is the AMBUCS tradition, Jeanine (our luncheon hostess) was presented her annual tip from the club. Please donate some funds to help the club offset the cost to the treasury. Isn't she a great, albeit very quiet, lady?! And couldn't think of a more deserving person. Come on folks, dig deep!!

The annual AMBUCS Christmas parties held on Dec. 6 went off without a hitch and all had a superb time. The adult party attendees consumed forty pizzas and the left over cookies from that party were later donated to the Women's Shelter.

A friend of Don Vish's, Don Spreacht, will be making a donation to our club. Spreacht, 54, has decided to run the marathon held annually at Disney World in Orlando. He has pledged \$10 per mile with the proceeds being donated to AMBUCS. There is also a sign up sheet being circulated at our lunch meetings for those that would like to pledge even more. We would like to extend our collective 'Thanks' to Spreacht for making his donation and for being proactive in helping to take care of the needs of others!

The Danville Area Food Pantry needs donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to help restock its shelves. Bring canned goods to our Wednesday meetings, and they will be forwarded on to the Pantry.

Future Program

12/17 Don and Deanna Wetzel

12/24 Get to know your AMBUCS

12/31 No meeting!

Board Meeting

January 12 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

AMBUC Health Report

John Grinestaff who was a very good AMBUC in his healthy days, and made an honorary AMBUC to avoid dues, has passed away. Visitation is from 4 to 8 this evening (Friday) with services at Sunset at 10 a.m. Saturday.

John suffered from complications from diabetes and the last I knew had lost most of his eyesight over the years. He was a great jokester and while he could see very little, at the time, would come to the Home Show and manage the hospitality room keeping everyone in stitches.

He lived his last years at one of the nursing homes. (from Pat Phillips via email to AMBUCS membership).

Nancy Runner, wife of Al, is 'doing better' after suffering an aneurism about a week ago. 'Notes' will keep you, the membership, informed of her condition in upcoming columns. In the meantime, our prayers are with Al and the rest of the Runner family.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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