

Pledge: Phyllis Busey  
Prayer: Dee Douglas

Guests: Karen Anaya, Penny Hinderliter.

**Joe Copeland**

**National Executive Director**

Joe Copeland, AMBUCS national executive director, came to visit with us all the way from Highpoint, N.C. Copeland, a member of the Piedmont chapter, wanted to let us know what national is up to—which is quite a bit.

The areas he covered were AmTrykes, our new national headquarters, and scholarships.

AmTrykes were the brainchild of AMBUCS in Longview, TX in 1990. Presently, there are four styles of AmTrykes available from toddler to a large scale tricycle. Another aspect is the Mobile Demo Site. Physical or Occupational Therapists will operate the trailer and conduct screenings and help to educate the pediatric community on the advantages of using the tricycles (as Copeland put it, motion is therapy). Since the AmTrykes are being produced in Taiwan, we will be bringing the price down to around \$200 per unit—which means AMBUCS will be able to give away more.

AMBUCS has 125 chapters in 28 states - just thought you'd like to know.

Our new national headquarters should be completed in the summer.

Let's not forget scholarships. AMBUCS annually gives scholarships to young people who've chosen to enter the physical therapy or medical fields. 240 scholarships were awarded last year totaling \$150,000.

**AMBUCS Notes**

Nancy Runner, wife of AI, suffered an aneurism in late November, 2003. She has had two operations and presently is in Champaign undergoing therapy. Our prayers are with AI and the rest of the Runner family.

The Danville Police Benevolent Association announced, through Lt. Bob Richard, that they will sponsor a team in our newly created Challenger Baseball League. Our hats off to the brave men and women who make up the association and a heartfelt 'Thanks' to all!

Carol Wade reported that all is going well with our annual AMBUCS Home Show. Preparations are well in hand and there are 8 new vendors who'll be at the show. Mark your calendars—the show will be held March 5, 6, & 7, 2004 at the David S. Palmer Arena. Again, volunteers are needed for all aspects of the weekend.

Our own Terry Coyle tried out for 'Survivor 9' last Friday during a casting call held at the Village Mall. Don't know how he fared, but rest assured 'Notes' will keep you apprised.

Here's a 'shout-out' to our President - Curt Ellis. He will become a dad (for the fourth time) in August. We are all very happy for the Ellis clan and offer our collective congratulations!!



**Future Program**

- 1/14 Er., I can't remember!
- 1/21 New Voting Machines
- 1/28 Tom Jones' new book

**Board Meeting**

February 9 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

**Barstool Golf**

It's nearing the third annual Barstool Golf Outing time. This year's event will be held on Feb. 21 and will run from 11 a.m. until completion (around 6 p.m. or so). There will be nine participating taverns in the event. Chairperson Patti Clutter informed us that she would like to run two AMBUCS volunteer sessions—10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. until the finish.

Just to tweek your memories, our local Bud distributor designated our club to be the beneficiary of proceeds from the event - last year to the tune of about \$8,000. So, there's room for everyone to come on out and volunteer to be judges and have a great day of fun. To volunteer, give Patti a call @ 554.1354.

**National Fund Raising**

There's a national fund-raising campaign underway to help build the new national AMBUCS resource center. AMBUCS Calendar for 2004 is on sale now for \$25. Not only to you get the calendar, but are entered monthly in a raffle or could win one of three trips or other prizes.

Call Richard Woodard @ 446.2765 (home) or 446.3362 (work) to get your calendar today.

**Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn**

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