

Pledge: Bob Richard
Prayer: Bill Fulton the Younger
Guests: Tammy Hay and Sasha Fitzpatrick.

Danville Mass Transit

Richard L. Brazda, director of Danville Mass Transit, presented the essentials of our local public transportation system. Presently, the system operates 10 routes within Danville with nine busses.

Last summer, a new route was added between Danville and Georgetown, servicing all point in between and CRIS Senior Services handles special needs handicapped riders. Fares run \$.75 per ride with reduced rates hovering around \$.35.

In the spirit of the Inter-Urban trolley that traversed between Danville and Champaign, a new route will be added either in the late spring or early summer between the two cities.

Generally, the new route is geared for the low-income rider who's commuting for a job, but anyone will be able to ride. Fares for the new route have yet to be set and will be made possible by a two-year federal grant.

Personal Information Changes?

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AMBUCS Notes

The City of Danville has proclaimed February as "AMBUCS Month" and during a city council meeting presented President Curt with the proclamation.

Received a thank you note from the Marine Corp League for our help with their annual 'Toys for Tots' program. The League distributed over 3,000 toys during the Christmas season.

Booths are sold out for our annual AMBUCS Home Show. Great job to our coordinator Carol Wade! 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.

Also, Richard Woodard, co-chair of the home show, announced that sales have exceeded last years. In addition, we all spent a good portion of the meeting signing thank you notes to be sent to our participating vendors.

Donna Carlton-Vish, District 4A Governor, reported that AMBUCS has shown great growth recently with the formation of five new clubs nationwide. Also, the Central Region (including our club) has shown positive membership growth.

Our fall convention will be held at the Eagle Creek Resort with the Sullivan club hosting the event. The convention will be held Oct. 8-10, 2004.



Future Program

Feb. 25: YWCA Exec Director
March 3: Challenger League
March 17: DHS Athletics
March 24: Danville Mayor

AMBUCS Independence Park

AMBUC members present at our lunch meeting voted to donate \$25,000 toward the construction of a new playground - this time at Lincoln Park.

The project is being spearheaded by Bill Fulton the Elder, Bill Fulton the Younger and Bob Richard - our fearless playground trio. Julius W. Hegeler II has agreed to match our donation and Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation is in for \$20,000!

How's that for a beginning of a new project! The park will be named AMBUCS Independence Park and will be a Boundless Playground (to be denoted a Boundless project there has to be 70 per cent handicapped accessibility).

The City of Danville will prepare the site by removing the old equipment and clearing out the pea gravel. The playground costs will not exceed \$100,000 and will be completed during the coming summer. This is a much smaller project than the Playground for Everyone, and will not have a water feature but is needed in that section of city.

Board Meeting

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

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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