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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: Chuck Cannady
Prayer: Dee Douglas
Guests: None!

Downtown YMCA

Lou Ann Horton, Director

Lou Ann Horton, the new executive director of the Downtown YWCA, reminded us that the YW has many dimensions, not just exercise or swimming.

The YW runs many programs that help untold hundreds of people. The organization, which has been at the same location since 1910, has a domestic violence shelter for women and children, aid for the homeless with over 400 people receiving help last year.

Horton, who replaced the former director Ellen Morris, began her term on Oct. 1, 2003. Through it all she has been very grateful for the support of the community.

Their day-care facility at the downtown facility and another at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center provide care for 140 kids ranging in age from 6-weeks-old to five, most of whom are subsidized by the state. There's also a thrift store, health club and pool.

The programs at the 'Y' are funded by the federal and state governments in addition to private sources and employs 100 full and part-time staff.



AMBUCS Notes

The third annual Bar Stool Golf Tournament was another event for the record books. Somewhere around \$7,000 was raised by the event and will be presented to our club. Thanks again to our benefactor, Gaudio & Sons Distributors, for helping the club.

Oh, in case you're interested, the team headed by Norm Burton won the tournament with a score of 79.

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.

The public service advertisements produced and aired by Neuhoff Broadcasting and sponsored by Vermilion County McDonalds will be run over the public address system at the Home Show.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts: Tom Jones, who visited with us recently, is ill and Larry Brown's daughter will undergo surgery soon.

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.

And, 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

March 3: Famous People Speeches
March 10: Challenger League
March 17: DHS Athletics
March 24: Danville Mayor
March 31: Big Hat Day!!

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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