

Pledge: Chase Thurston  
Prayer: Terry Coyle  
Guests: None!

### **Famous People Speeches**

Famous people filled the dining room at our regular meeting. That's right, the students from Edison Elementary School made their annual visit, and they were great.

Fifth grade students - Sarah Crandall portrayed President Lyndon B. Johnson, Krista Mathais was Ida McKinley, and Nick Beckett played Millard Fillmore while third grade student Chase Thursdon was John 'Jackie' Robinson and Holly Kester played Laura Ingles Wilder.

We always appreciate their enthusiasm and bravery for performing their portrayals during our meeting. Great job, young people!

### **Personal Information Changes?**

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### **AMBUCS Notes**

Our most senior AMBUC, Don Beard, turned 83 on Sunday. Our best wishes for a wonderful day, Mr. Beard!

Bob Richard reported that our new park project, AMBUCS Independence Park to be located at Lincoln Park - which will replace the existing equipment, was front page news in both The Commercial-News and the News Gazette. Also, Mervis Industries has pledged \$5,000 toward the completion of the project. Pretty awesome, huh?

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 nation-wide.

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 Programs**

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.

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

**Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities**

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