

Pledge: Gayle Mason
Prayer: Frank Young
Guests: Sasha Fitzgerald, Mandy Cassity (both of whom are working on their memberships), Jennifer Weekley, Julie Powers.

Challenger League Baseball

"It's a go," said Lori Lyons, our Challenger League baseball program chairwoman. That's right, folks, it's another project for the club, and a very cool one at that.

The Challenger League is sanctioned by the Little League of America and is designed for the handicapped. It's purpose is to let participants experience the thrill of playing baseball, run the bases and be part of the team experience. So, get ready, a bunch of facts follow (mark your calendars, come on out and have a great time).

The games will be held each Saturday in June (that's June 5, 12, 19 and 26). Games will begin at 9 a.m. - oh, another FYI: rain outs will be played at Ellsworth Park on preceding Thursday's and will begin at 6 p.m.

So far 29 kids are signed up to play, but we're hoping for 40 to field four teams. The teams will be sponsored by Terminix, Danville Police Benevolent Association, Polaris Financial (Phil Ferguson), and Frank Young. Also, Vermilion County McDonald's and Neuhoff Broadcasting will be sponsoring the players and their buddy shirts and uniforms.

AMBUCS Notes

Patty Clutter, with First National Bank, presented a check for \$2,000 to our new AMBUCS Independence Park to be located at Lincoln Park. Patty, Bob Richard, President Curt Ellis and Bill Fulton the Senior posed for the obligatory donation photo. Hey, First National, you're great and we appreciate your trust in our club.

Donna Carlton-Vish offered congratulations to our local print media (The Commercial-News and the News Gazette) for their interest and coverage of AMBUC projects.

Bob Richard reminded us that we need to pound the pavement to encourage folks to take the leap and join AMBUCS. We've had a very good recruiting year, and this will go a long way toward making sure President Curt Ellis receives the highest marks at the national meeting and is just good for the club. We are a very active club with a growing program base, so come on, join and help those with disabilities, especially children.

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 17: DHS Athletics
March 24: Danville Mayor
March 31: Big Hat Day!!

AMBUCS Homeshow

"We survived the Home Show," was Richard Woodard's comment regarding our annual AMBUCS Home Show. He said it was a great show and that our promoter, and AMBUC member, Carol Wade did an outstanding job - so good, in fact, that before the show was over on Sunday she had in her hands 15 signed contracts for vendors to appear in next year's show. Also, Ms. Wade was hired again to promote the show for '05.

Don Beard, our most senior member, also called this year's show, 'the best show in 40 years.' - Wow! Quite the compliment. Just FYI: Richard will again chair the event next year, Carol will promote, Melody Maxwell will take care of the hospitality room. One more item: the ATA Black Belt Academy raised about \$500 for the club during the course of the Home Show - we greatly appreciate your efforts!

Board Meeting

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

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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