



April 14, 2004

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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P.O. Box 266 Danville, IL 61832

Pledge: Dee Douglas
Prayer: Bill Fulton the Younger
Guests: Curt Maxwell

Future Programs

April 21: DACC athletics
April 28: Frank Young
May 5: Frank Luzenske
May 12: The Advocates!

Fall Convention

The AMBUCS 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.

Board Meeting

May 10 at noon at Clifton Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Slate of Officers

The slate of officers for the 2004-2005 year is as follows:
Past President: Curt Ellis
President: Todd Davis
President Elect: Pat Phillips
Vice President: Lynn Blazaitis
Secretary: Cathy High
Treasurer: Sarah Stuhr
Board Members:
Chuck Cannady
Kathy High
Terry Coyle
Gayle Mason
Phil Ferguson
Richard Woodard

AMBUCS Notes

Tony Bazsis, from Gaudio and Sons Distributors, stopped by to present the club with just over \$7,000. The money was contributed from the 3rd annual Bar Stool Golf Tournament held Feb. 21. There were 127 four-somes in the event. He hopes to cap next year to around 105.

Some pins, spurs and stars were awarded to loyal AMBUCS. The list here isn't complete, but Dee Douglas got an AMBUC pin, Donna Carlton-Vish, Gary Tucker, Terry Coyle and Mimi Saylor got stars, and Cathy Richard received a spur.

About 100 people were slated to attend the AMBUCS Person of the Year dinner held Thursday, April 15 at The Days Inn. This year's honoree was Harold Leisch.

Oh, just a little dis offered to Connie Oltman - who popped in with just two minutes left. Gee, glad ya'll could make it. Of course it's always great to see Connie.

Challenger League

The AMBUCS Challenger Baseball League, will be held each Saturday in June. The teams will play at 9:AM and 10:15 AM.

The games, pre-game meeting, and June 26 picnic are planned. The next Challenger Baseball League meeting will be held on April 20 at Terminix and will begin at 4:30.

Conservation District Foundation

The Danville area has the great fortune to be surrounded by georgous parks, which Cheryl Vergin, a board member of the Vermilion County Conservation District Foundation, stopped by to tell us about.

Through a very entertaining PowerPoint presentation, she drove home the point that both Kennekuk County Park, Forest Glen Preserve, Lake Vermilion County Park, Jordan Creek Wildlife Preserve and the new Wetland Boardwalk are truly jewels of natural beauty in our midst. The foundation helps to raise funds for shortcomings in public funds available for use at the parks. Oh, by the way, Kickapoo State Park is just what it says - a state, not county, park.

The valuable resources of the parks remind us of our outdoor heritage. Most sites are handicapped accessible and feature forest, prairie and wetland sites and an amazing array of wildlife. The Middle Fork River is only one of 75 nationally designated 'protected scenic waterways' in the country and the only one in a three state region (Illinois, Indiana and Iowa).

The parks are used extensively in education, whether the outdoor education classes to Kennekuk's one-room school house to a variety of other programs. The parks are our treasure, so please don't hesitate to contribute to their upkeep and operation.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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