

Pledge: Richard Woodard
Prayer: Don Beard

Guests: Sharon Gore (of Decatur - running for Regional Director), Rhonda Ellis and daughter, Lauren.

Future Programs

June 2: Danville Gardens

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

June 14 at noon at Clifton Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Challenger League

68 players have signed up for the new AMBUCS Challenger Baseball League. Looks like the program will be a huge success.

Remember, mark your calendars for each Saturday morning in June to come out and volunteer in some capacity.

Friend in Education Award

Lori Lyons awarded our club the Friend in Education award for 2004 - from the Vermilion County Handicapped Cooperative. She cited our work with the summer camp, playgrounds and Challenger Baseball League (which she chairs) as the reasons.



AMBUCS Notes

The playground structure is in at the new AMBUCS Independence Park, located at Lincoln Park. Sidewalks and some ground cover will be installed as soon as the weather cooperates. So far, \$97,538 has been paid out for the project without picnic tables and unforeseen cost overruns, which means we still need to raise about \$3,200 for project completion.

AMBUCS volunteers are needed for the HALO Painting Blitz to be held on June 12. Remember, AMBUCS, HALO (through Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation) has come up big for us through a \$20,000 donation to the new AMBUCS Independence Park. So come on out and donate a few hours to help someone's home get a new coat of paint.

Donna reminded us that Fall Training will be held at Eagle Creek on October 14 & 15. More info will be available.

Curt Ellis

Curt Ellis presided over his last meeting as presidente. It was a day filled with a bunch of awards, pats on the back, and many standing 'O's'.

First, Our club, under Curt's direction, received a national award for adding 108 new members, although our retention rate came in @ 86% (we hoped to keep that at 90%), which is much above the national average anyway.

An armload of awards (plaques) were handed out: Bob Richard (leadership), Jeff Saylor (Summer Sounds), Bill Fulton the Elder (Meals on Wheels), Phil Ferguson (AMBUCS Raffle), Pat Phillips (Raffle), Janet Myers (Children's Christmas), Cathy and

Curt Ellis (continued)

Kathy High (Adult Christmas), Sheri Haus (AmTrykes), Patty Clutter (Barstool Golf), Richard Woodard (Homeshow), Phyllis Busey (First Citizen), Lori Lyons (Challenger Baseball), Angie Carlton (Scholarship), Bill Garrison (Orientation), Euan Fernsler (Webmaster), Chuck Cannady (Newsletter) and Millie Wilson (Weekly Programs).

Curt also gave Sarah Stuhr, Lynn Blazaitis and Todd Davis pins and attaché cases (Sarah is our club treasurer, Lynn is the secretary and Todd is the president-elect).

While Curt was on a roll, he awarded the President's Choice Award (this is a new one) to our most senior member, Don Beard. His lifetime achievement award was given for his 45-year membership in the club, and, most notably, he founded the Home Show. In addition to the award, and our club's fondness of Mr. Beard, there will be a tree planted in his honor at the new AMBUCS Independence Park located at Lincoln Park.

Lori Lyons also was awarded our 'Project Manager of the Year'. She has taken the idea of the Challenger Baseball League and run with it. Instead of the projected 40 players, there are 64. It looks to be a superior project for the club. She also runs our Summer Camp.

Last, but certainly not least, is the 'AMBUC of the Year. This year the award went to Richard Woodard for his total involvement, both financially and through volunteer hours given. Surely a deserving awardee! Congrats to all for helping to keep our chapter of AMBUCS visionary and relevant to the needs of our community.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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