

Pledge: Phil Ferguson  
Prayer: Bill Fulton the Younger

Guests: None!

### Future Programs

7/14 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters

### 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

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

### AMBUCS Independence Park

Wow, the park was finished before it even began! Or so it seems. In fact, we finished this park in record time, according to Boundless Playgrounds.

### CORRECTION

Richard Woodard produced the Challenger League yearbook and Vermilion County Circuit Judge Mike Clary produced the DVD from video taken at the games. The yearbook and DVD are available for purchase at \$5 per item.

### Personal Information Changes?

Please notify Cathy High as soon as possible by phone 477.4302, email cathy\_high@oldnational.com.

### AMBUCS Notes

Don and Deanna Witzel, owners - operators of our local McDonald's restaurants, stopped by to present the club with a check for nearly \$7,000. The money was donated to help with the new Independence Playground at Lincoln Park. The local and national McDonald's donated half of the money each. We would like to issue a sincere thanks to the McDonald's crew for helping to bring the project to life...and we know the kids will love it.

There will be a \$15 per year increase in membership dues beginning in September.

Melissa Bodensteiner has asked for committee members for the AMBUCS Summer Camp - maybe 10 or so. The camp will be in two sections: July 26-30 for the younger kids, and Aug. 2-6. She would also like some ideas for activities for the camps. She says the camp planning is under control. There will be a meeting at the Java Hut on Thursday, July 15 beginning at noon to discuss plans in detail. Stop by and lend a hand.

There will be a golf tournament held in Decatur and hosted by the AMBUCS club there. It will be held on Aug. 30 and will be a four-person scramble. Call Todd for more info.



### Aqua Illinois

#### Jerry Connelly, VP

Jerry Connelly, vice president and manager of Aqua Illinois, held up the volumes of information required by the Illinois Commerce Commission before a rate increase. The company is asking for 14 per cent increase in water fees. Most of the money will be used to update infrastructure (i.e., piping, water mains, etc.).

He also took us on a little PowerPoint tour of the water company's history. It was established in 1883 and the Lake Vermilion dam was erected in 1926. Erosion around the shoreline of the lake represents one of the company's biggest concerns. They have received a 'Clean Lakes' grant that has allowed Aqua Illinois to line the shoreline with a fabric covered with riprap stone to help.

It takes 8 million gallons of water per day to operate the water plant and, through the use of computers, a single employee can operate the dam gates and water flow. All of the city's fire hydrants are yellow, except the one in Bob Richard's yard that is red. Also, the Lake Vermilion dam is for water containment, not flood control.

Last, but not least, the AMBUCS Playground for Everyone water park used 2 million gallons last year (which kind of surprised the folks at Aqua Illinois - who donates the water). If sold, the water would have cost \$7,000!

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

**Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities**

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