

Pledge: Dean Carlton
Prayer: Todd Davis
Guests: Mike Puhr, president of the Turtles Club, and Tammy Suprenant, who is a new AMBUC!

Board Meeting

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

Calendars

Richard still has calendars to sell. Please see him if you are interested in purchasing one - or more. January's photo is from our own Challenger League!

Barstool Golf

The 4th annual event will take place on Saturday, February 19, with 18 teams signed up so far. This year each team must have a name.

Each team must meet at their bar. Tee shirts will be provided again this year and will sport a more serious design. We are also in need of megaphones to use for the event. Please contact Dale Carlton or Patty Clutter if you have one to loan.

General Announcements

Family Readiness Group has magnetic yellow ribbons for sale with the local Army Reserve Unit. The unit is presently in training prior to being sent to Iraq. Leland Blanchard is serving in the unit (Michelle's husband).

Mike Puhr, Turtles Club president, stopped by to remind us that the annual Turtle Races will be held on June 11 at the K of C.

Janet Myers and Rachel Davis were awarded their Big Hats - yee-haa, ladies!

Keith Strinmoen

Social Security Administration

Keith Strinmoen from the Social Security Administration made his yearly visit and walked into a very frisky AMBUCS lunch crowd. You wouldn't think Social Security would engender much comment, not the case with this group.

He addressed what has been called the 'Social Security Crisis' by pointing out an article in Business Week magazine which, he says, points out in very clear terms what is going on.

Social Security, instituted 70 years ago, was to help with retirement insurance, survivor benefits and disability insurance - "never designed to produce a living wage in retirement."

Presently, there's \$1.7 trillion in the Social Security Trust Fund, but the problem comes when the administration will eventually pay out more than it takes in - with 2018 being the year it breaks even. A whole bunch of charts shows statistically that far too few workers save enough and 54 % look to Social Security to provide 90%-100% of their retirement income.

His message is to save more and rely on Social Security for help, not your entire retirement.



Home Show

Carol Wade was on hand to let us know that the AMBUCS Home Show, to be held March 4, 5 & 6 (from 5-8 p.m., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Noon-4 p.m. respectively), has been sold out.

Another nice touch: What's Cooking has agreed to sponsor the Hospitality Room by providing all of the food for our vendors and to sell to the public, amounting to roughly \$4,000 - Wow! Remember, though, volunteers are still needed there and throughout the show - so step-up and be counted.

Web Site Changes

Euan Fernsler announced that our website will be updated (because he's tired of not being #1 in national AMBUCS competition). Please stop by the site and take a look and let him know what you like/ or not like about our site.

Service Opportunities

Greeter/attendance at Front Door for February, Newsletter writer for Feb. and alert us to potential programs for March/April. Email President Todd Davis at Todd.Davis@cliftoncpa.com if interested.

Future Speakers

Feb 2 - Peer Court
Feb 9 - Boys and Girls Club
Feb 16 - Meet your AMBUCS

Personal Information Changes?

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

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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