

Pledge: Dean Carlton
Prayer: Launie Morgan
Guests: Robin Ferguson

Announcements

CHANGE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION: Due to Hurricane Katrina the event has been moved to Kansas City, KS, July 5-9, 2006. The rooms will still be \$99.00 per night.

Please remember to record your Community Service Hours; this includes volunteer time for AMBUCS and other volunteer groups. Either list them on the sign up sheets at the meetings or let Pat Phillips know.

Personal Information Changes?

Please notify Cathy High as soon as possible by phone 427-2176, email cathy.high@catlinibank.com.

Future Events

Jan 11 - Chris Millikin, City Survey
Jan 18 - Lori Burnett, Step Work
Feb 1 - Adam Aull, Public Works

AMBUC of the Day: Cindy Marks

Cindy Marks was recently promoted to a Vice President's position at First National Bank. She brought a photo collage of her family. Cindy has three sons. Two of her sons have a very rare syndrome that causes developmental delay and mild retardation.

They both had to have open-heart surgery as very young infants. The doctors told her they should be put into a home. Cindy believed they could do more and became an active advocate for her own children.

She became the volunteer Special Education Parent Advocate for the entire district helping other parents get their children enrolled in the proper programs. Cindy shared with us that both of these young men are currently employed and taking care of themselves.

Program: Phil Ferguson Hybrin Cars

Saving the US, one car at a time, that seems to be Phil's motto as he picks up his second Prius soon. He became interested in hybrid cars because of our dependence on foreign countries for fossil fuels and gas-guzzlers.

A few statistics that he found on the Internet are that 50-60 % of the oil used in the US is imported from unstable countries and that 2/3 of our oil is used for transportation.

Ethanol blended or E85 is another attempt at using our own resources. The ethanol is made from corn. The new fuel station on Gilbert Street has E-85 but please check the Internet using your cars VIN number to see if you vehicle can use this fuel. Phil says the cost currently is about the same, but it stays in the US and supports our farmers. Brazil has been using ethanol for several years with great success. One acre of corn can produce about 300 gallons of ethanol. There are byproducts of ethanol and some of them are cornflower, corn meal and corn oil. (Hmmm those products sound really familiar)

The Prius, and electric-gas vehicle impresses him because it really does get an average of 55 MPG on the highway and this is not a small car. The Prius is about the size of a Camry. He notes that when it runs on electricity only that it makes no noise. That is very strange and sometimes people just walk right into his car because they do not realize that he is moving. Obviously they are thrilled with the car since they are purchasing their second one.

On a personal note Phil shared that his job will be taking him away from Danville during the week. He will come home for the weekends because they wish to keep Danville as their hometown.

Bar Stool Golf

This great fundraiser will be held February 11, 2006. Budweiser holds this event. They ask use to be the workers and for that they give us a large donation from the funds raised. This has been a very successful and fun day in the past so mark your calendars now. Dale Carlton is the chairperson. Give him a call at 442-4572 and volunteer your time. More specific information to follow.

License Plates

Lincolnland is having their fundraiser and extending it to all of Illinois. Show your AMBUC support by sporting these plates for the months of January and February. Call Pat Phillips for more information.

Home Show

Melody Maxwell is the chairperson this year and the dates are March 3-5. Plan to volunteer a few hours. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and takes everyone's help. Carol Wade has most of the booth space sold. She keeps making more. Sign up sheets will be available soon.

Meals on Wheels

Sign up by calling Terminix. We are serving the middle 2 weeks of January.

National Big Hat Raffle Off to the Races...

National Big Hat is holding a raffle for a NASCAR weekend package for the 2006 season.

For a \$20.00 donation you will be entered to win-2 tickets to each of the following: Sturday's Bush Race, Sunday's Nextel Cup Race, garage and pit passes to visit #01 Army car race team and driver Joe Nemecheck.

Plus the following: \$500.00 travel money and \$500.00 lodging allowance. The drawing will be held July 21, 2006 at the Biloxi, MS National Conference.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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