



January 11, 2006

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

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Pledge: Don Beard  
Prayer: Curt Maxwell  
Guests: Mike Puhr, Brother Turtle, and Gerry Lawrence of the Turtle Club

**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.

Gary Dyar announced that the DHS Honor Society chapter will be hosting a Winter Special Olympics for our campers. There will be six events. This will take place in the DHS fieldhouse on Feb. 11.

The Turtle club will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets again this year at the Home Show and that they are taking orders for hooded sweatshirts (\$25) and T-shirts (\$10) with the Turtle Club logo.

This year's Turtle Races will be called the 2006 Memorial Run in memory of Nadine Schramm (Mother Turtle) and Gary Dokey, long time cook for the event, who passed away in 2005.

**Future Events**

Jan 18 - Lori Burnett, Step Work  
Feb 1 - Adam Aull, Public Works

**Personal Information Changes?**

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

**Program: Chris Milliken  
GIS Planner with the City of Danville**

Chris shared results of a survey the city took last October. 380 people responded from a number of sources. Respondents liked that Danville had friendly, quiet neighborhoods the most about the city and that the road conditions were poor, the least. 2/3s of those taking the survey were satisfied with life in Danville.

They like the feel of a small town, but not the lack of shopping availability. Their greatest signs of change seen over the past few years were loss of employers and therefore jobs but they were pleased with the improvements being made in the downtown.

They thought the best place for new business without a doubt was South Danville and along the Interstate. They also believe that there should be more building of new houses in old neighborhoods rather than continuing the sprawl.

Attracting manufacturing jobs/employers and more retail shopping topped the list of wants.

**AMBUC of the Day: Larry Pasquale**

Larry is a Danville native and share his experience in the U.S. Army while stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War.

He retired from the Danville Fire\ Department three years ago after 32 years of service. Larry has taught at DACC, worked road construction. He had more to tell us, but we ran out of time!

AMBUC of the Day for Jan. 18 will be Lanette or Chuck Cannady depending on who is available.



**Bar Stool Golf**

This great fundraiser will be held February 25, 2006 10:30am to 2pm. Budweiser holds this event, we are 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.

**License Plates**

Lincolndland 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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