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

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Pledge: Robin Ferguson (with application!)
Prayer: Pat Phillips

Visibility Month-February

Our club has many activities and opportunities to show our AMBUC pride. Wear your Ambuc clothing often and take advantage of the opportunities listed below.

February 3-Souper Bowl party

Volunteers are needed Thursday evening and Friday from 10:am-2:30pm. Call Andrew Phillips at 497-4235. The 'Souper' Bowl luncheon is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Franklin St. The lunch is a choice of three 'hearty' soups plus dessert and a beverage.

February 11- National Visibility Day

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. Go cheer for our kids!!!

February 18-Hockey Game

The hockey team and cellular one are going to present AMBUCS with a donation check. They will give free tickets to any members and guests would like to attend the game (call Pat 446-7170). This will be the social event this quarter so get the date on your calendar and bring your family!

February 25-Bar Stool Golf

Sign up for a shift to help with this project from 10:30am to 2:30 or 2pm to 6:30pm. 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.

Future Events

Feb 1 - Adam Aull, Public Works
Feb 8 - Colby Riggle, County Health Dept.
Feb 13 - Board Meeting at Java Hut
Please contact Pat for reservations
Mar 2-5 - Home Show!
June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

Program: Ricky Williams Boys and Girls club

The new Executive Director of the Danville Boys and Girls Club is Ricky Williams. Being a native of Danville he is happy to be able to come back to his hometown. He gave us an overview of the programs, building and goals for the club.

The club focuses on helping the kids do well in school and they give lots of positive reinforcement. Homework is done during the power hour immediately after school. Some of the other programs are Smart Moves, World of Difference, and Charm, Style and Grace.

The facility has a state of the art computer lab, kitchen, cafeteria and gym that is used by anywhere from 90 to 120 children each day. The club is open from 3pm until 8pm Monday through Friday and District #118 runs buses from the schools to the club.

We have a wonderful facility but it cannot function without volunteers. Ricky invited all of us to use any talent that we might have to give some time to the club as a tutor, coach, referee, room monitor, baker, or share a unique skill that we may have.

AMBUC of the Day: Chuck Cannady

Chuck worked for the Commercial News about 26 years when he decided to jump off the cliff and go into business for himself.

He says that he has been on quite a ride ever since. He shoots photos on location and does all kinds of photography. He can make prints or the photos can be posted to a web site where they can be downloaded for your needs. He does both family and commercial work.

He is married to Lynette and has two children, Jen and Brad. With the two children grown they decided to adopt a puppy. He spends some of his volunteer time reading to children at the local schools.

Induction of New Member

President Pat Phillips installed new member, Jim Crose. His sponsor, Andrew Phillips assisted. We welcome Jim!

Announcements

GCC Raffle-March 11-This is a fun night and a very good meal. Held at the Laborer's Union Hall, 108 Anthony Drive, Urbana. 6pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner & drawing.

Tickets are \$135 and include one dinner. Dinner tickets are \$35. Contact Ray Griest 367-4091 or Bud Mesker 367-0989.

First Citizen Banquet

Pat Phillips indicated that we need a past president to be the chairperson for this event. We are planning to host this in April. Call Pat and volunteer.

Finance Committee

Dean Carlton reported that this committee met and will be putting together some club guidelines to help ease the transition from one year to the next.

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.

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.

Our club contact is Gary Dyar, Big Hat Chair for this year. Proceeds benefit the AMBUCS LEF and AmTrykes. The date of the race will be available once NASCAR releases the 2006-2007 schedule.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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