

Pledge: Curt Maxwell
Prayer: Larry Owen
Guests: Dale Carlton brought Ron Warwick, a business associate from Atlanta. This was Ron's second visit. He helped wrap Christmas gifts for the kids party on his last visit.

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 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

We have 110 teams signed up to golf! Sign up yourself for a shift to help with this project from 10:30am to 2:30 or 2pm to 6:30pm. This has been a very successful and fun day in the past so mark your calendars now. Dale is also looking for one person to work with Don Beard at the 610 Tap for the afternoon shift. Call Dale at Leatherneck Hardware at 442-4572.

Future Events

Feb 15 - "Loose the Training Wheels"
Mar 2-5 - Home Show!
June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

Loose the Training Wheels

A learn to ride two-wheel bicycle camp. AMBUCS may become a partner in this endeavor at the Palmer Arena. To get a head start on information about the speaker and his creative program, check out www.loosethetrainingwheels.org.

Personal Information Changes?

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

Program: Colby Riggle Vermilion Health Department

Colby's department is in charge of enforcing codes and laws regarding food sanitation, potable water and waste disposal for the county.

He focused on restaurant inspection and explained the ratings system and why certain establishments were inspected more often than others. Many restaurants who find themselves with problems will voluntarily close even before the health department steps in, but if they are officially close they can not reopen until every criteria is met to the satisfaction of the inspector and the business can qualify for an "A" rating.

In 2005, between 10 and 12 places were closed. Riggle said that they are in the business of protecting the public's health, not there to hurt a business' reputation. If a business is closed, the inspectors automatically put that business on a more frequent scheduled of inspection, however.

Top priority inspections in addition to any one that has been closed are truck stops, hospitals and franchises that have either the highest volume of turn overemployment, customer or the most susceptible customers (like a hospital).

Categories during an inspection include food; food protection; personnel practices; food equipment and utensils; water source; sewage disposal; plumbing; toilet and hand washing facilities; garbage and refuse disposal; insect, rodent and animal control; floors, walls and ceilings; lighting; ventilation; dressing rooms; and miscellaneous.

Riggle encourage people to call his office with concerns. If you use a restroom where the posted sign reminds employees to wash their hands before returning to work and there is no hot water available that is a concern. Call the health department at 431-2662 and ask for the environmental health department.



Summer Sounds

Jeff Saylor said plans for Summer Sounds concerts are progressing. If your business is interested in sponsoring, please give Jeff (446-5711) or Pat (260-0717) a call.

Specific evening sponsorships are expected to run \$300 each with four sponsors per evening (there will be six concerts) and supporting sponsorships are \$150 each.

First Citizen Banquet

Pat Phillips will handle the honors again this year. She needs volunteers to handle sending out invitations to past honorees and thie First Citizen's personal invitation list.

Letters are already formulated. Addresses for past First Citizens or surviving spouses need to be double checked.

I need a co-chair that can learn the project and act as a spokesperson since my paying job calls that a conflict of interest. Need someone to arrange for placecards, room set up, menu and flowers. Need someone to take photos of people at tables for First Citizen's scrapbook.

Home Show

Carol Wade reported that the AMBUCS Home & Business Expo is sold out - inside, outside, floor and hallways. What's Cooking? will again be doing the food. Curt and Melody Maxwell circulated volunteer sheets. Call them at home at 446-5966 or leave a message at Curves in Towne Centre at 446-8191.

Home Show hours are: 5 to 8 p.m. March 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 4 and noon to 4 p.m. March 5. This event supports our summer camp, Challenger League, scholarships and other projects.

There's an opportunity for every member to help. Please call and volunteer for the 2 to 3 hour shifts that are set up.

Pat Phillips could use a little help selling Big Hat NASCAR Raffle Tickets that day. All you have to do is sit at the table and explain what they can win, that it's a national raffle and make sure entry stubs are completed correctly.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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