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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: Dale Fitzpatrick  
Prayer: Pat Phillips  
Guests: None!

**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.

**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. Give Pat a call at 260-0717, if you can help.

**Future Events**

- Feb 22 - A Surprise
- Mar 1 - Silent Program, Ann Goodwin
- Mar 2-5 - Home Show!
- Mar 8 - Symphony, Jeremy Swerling
- June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

**Program: Richard Klein  
Lose the Training Wheels**

Mechanical engineer Richard Klein presented the basics on a program he coordinates called Lose the Training Wheels. This camp will be held at the arena July 10 through 14 this year.

Peter Blackmon, through a grill party he began six years ago that has grown to 300 guests, with the help of other businesses, plan to raise the money to make this bike camp for children with disabilities possible.

The camp uses specially designed bicycles that gradually increase the riders ability to balance and pedal. Each child is fitted with the appropriate bike by camp workers. Bikes are furnished by the camp. Go to [www.losethetrainingwheels.org](http://www.losethetrainingwheels.org) for photos and detailed information on the program.

Children need to have the ability to sit on a regular bicycle seat and in a standing position, do a side step - the motion necessary to put your foot down to avoid tipping over and to stop.

The camp first addresses fear. Children are generally afraid of speed, falling and just the "notion of being on a bike," Children need to be between the ages of 8 and 18. Each child has a buddy who must commit to 75 minutes per day for 5 days and have the ability to run along side the bike once the kids get going.

AMBUCS is needed to supply the space, which the arena is donating, insurance and volunteers, which we will act as a liaison to acquire, hopefully through therapists, special education teachers and Advocates as well as perhaps college students studying in the therapy fields home for the summer.

These expectations will be discussed by the board, voted on then brought to the membership as a new service project, if board approved.

**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.

**National Big Hat Raffle  
Off to the Races...**

National Big Hat is holding a raffle for a NASCAR weeknd 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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