

Pledge: Bill Fulton

Prayer: Don Beard

Guests: Carol Wade brought John Watrous, sales manager at Neuhooff Broadcasting. John asked for a membership application after the meetings.

February 25-Bar Stool Golf

124 teams participated in the Bar Stool Golf event. Tony Bazsis of Budweiser should have a report soon.

Scholarships

Andrew Phillips has sent out renewal letters to current scholarship recipients as well as guidance counselors or principals at all county, Danville and private high schools.

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.

Future Events

Mar 2-5 - Home Show!

Mar 8 - Symphony, Jeremy Swerling

June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

Personal Information Changes?

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

Program: Ann Goodwin Elder Abuse

Ann Goodwin, elder abuse investigator with CRIS, spoke about the Break the Silence program to encourage senior citizens to speak up about abuse. Abuse can be physical, mental, sexual and the most common is financial.

Goodwin works with banks to be on the lookout for forgery and exploitation. Indications of physical abuse are bruising, dehydration, malnutrition, palor, hair loss, soiled clothing. Financial may be indicated by unpaid bills or increased bank activity.

The #1 concern of seniors is to be placed in a long term care facility. They will not tell on family members who abuse them for fear of being put in a nursing home and the threat is enough to keep them quiet.

Typical victim is a white female in her mid 70s with some impairment that requires assistance.

Victims are generally 60 or older, in a domestic setting, there has been an allegation in the past 12 months and the abuse is known to the victim.

We can help by being observant and reporting even suspected abuse.

Often the victim and abuser are co-dependent: one needs care, the other financial support.



Summer Sounds

If your business is interested in being a sponsor, 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

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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