

Pledge: Jeff Saylor  
Prayer: Pat Phillips  
Guests: Dale Carlton brought a business associate for his monthly visit to AMBUCS. The suggestion was made to sign him up as a Friends member.

#### **February 25-Bar Stool Golf**

Donna Carlton Vish presented \$38 in donation to AMBUCS taken at the Bar Stool Golf event.

#### **Home Show**

The Advocates made \$800 at its concession stand during the Home Show.

Attendance was 4,000 by the clicker. Gross income was \$32,014. Thanks to Curt and Melody Maxwell for chairing the event and volunteers and to Carol Wade, our event coordinator, for a job well done.

#### **Lose the Training Wheels**

The AMBUCS Board voted to begin a one-year trial run of sponsoring a Lose The Training Wheels Camp in July at the arena.

Bob Richard and Bill Fulton have agreed to serve on the events steering committee, which will be paid for by a group known as the Danville 100.

Bob Richard made the motion to add this service project to our list, Andrew Phillips seconded and the motion carried with no no votes.

#### **Summer Sounds**

Summer Sounds concerts are set: Now, all we need is sponsors. Night sponsors are \$300, supporting sponsors \$150. Sponsors receive acknowledgment in local newspaper ads, on Neuhoff Broadcasting stations and on banners at the concerts as well as beverage tickets for night sponsors.

If your business is interested, contact Jeff, 446-5711 or Michelle, 443-3886.

#### **Program: Jeremy Swerling Danville Symphony Orchestra**

The Symphony has a concert March 11 featuring soloists from the regular symphony and no guest artist. Music is by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Swerling gave a little history of the symphony which started as the Danville Area Community College Symphony with about 30 local volunteer musicians. Now the size of the orchestra depends on the music selected for a concert.

Musicians, ranging from professionals to undergraduate students are all paid stipends for rehearsals and the performance. They come from Vermilion County but also Chicago, Indianapolis, Bloomington, IL and IN and elsewhere.

The symphony operation runs in the black and hold four concerts per season, three with guest artists, plus two children's concerts for VC 4th and 5th graders and an Arts in the Park concert.

It sponsors a young artist competition in January, a Let the Music Speak essay contest, sends a violin teacher to help South View students with violin technique and hope to eventually begin master classes for high school symphony musicians.

#### **Future Events**

3-15: Jeanie Cooke, NJCAA at DACC.  
3-22: Vicki Haugen, Vermilion Advantage  
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.

#### **First Citizen Banquet**

Pat Phillips will handle the honors again this year. She needs volunteers to handle sending out invitations to past honorees and this 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.

Banquet to be scheduled in conjunction at the ultimate winner's pleasure in April.

#### **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**

**Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities**

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