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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: Pat Phillips
Prayer: Pat Phillips
Guests: Sharon Goers, Central Region director; Dorothy and Louis Badger, Tuscola AMBUCS; Mike Puhr; and Kailyn Gleichman, daughter of Tom Gleichman.

Announcements

Mike Puhr wore two hats. First the Knights of Columbus and gave the club a \$500 donation from the organization's Tootsie Roll drive to be donated to the upkeep of the Playground for Everyone.

Second, from the Turtle Club, he reminded us of available Turtle-wear. Al Runner has Turtle Club 50/50 Raffle tickets. The group sold \$1,017 worth of tickets at the Home Show. The Turtles have donated \$9,530 to AMBUCS since 2000.

The 2006 Nadine Schramm, Mother Turtle, Memorial Race is set for June 10 at the KofC.

Puhr also made donations to Lon Henderson for the We Can Do Anything Club at DHS as well as the TMH, severe and profound classes through District #118 and to Angie Carlton for the Cerebral Palsy Clinic.

We celebrate the two donor groups generosity and the fact that AMBUCS are active in their professional and other community services roles with children with disabilities.

Louis Badger said Tuscola AMBUCS are selling their Furniture Raffle tickets. \$10 each for a chance to win a \$2,000 shopping spree at Kelsey's Furniture in Tuscola.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to Pat Phillips at tanquary@cooketech.net and she will put you in touch. The raffle is April 1. No foolin'.

Program: Jeanie Cooke Convention & Visitors Bureau

Danville will welcome around 800 youth wrestlers for a tournament the weekend of March 18 and 19. The following week is the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship. Community colleges across the country have banners in their gyms that read "Road to Danville" as the team goal.

These tournaments are good news for the economy of Danville. While the basketball tournament is the largest event bringing out of towners to Danville, it is the hardest to get sponsors for. Businesses don't see the value, but the value is that these "tourists" are helping our community by participants and followers spending their money here.

The bureau keeps a running calendar of events in the area. People can consult it online to see what is happening and, if scheduling an event, see what will conflict.

The Website, www.danvillecvb.com is being revamped and has virtual tours of many Vermilion County possibilities.

Future Events

3-22: Vicki Haugen, Vermilion Advantage
June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

AMBUC of the Day

Donna Carlton Vish was AMBUC OF THE DAY. Donna is a wife, mother, balloon pilot and now retired from Heritage Development, but still active with the business owned by her family.

The business buys, renovates and leases commercial properties. Donna and her husband, Don Vish, have a blended family of 7 children and 5 grandchildren.

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.

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

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.

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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