

### **Guests!**

Connie Oltman, National President Elect graced us with her presence. She thanked the Club for the support shown during the recent National elections and invited everyone to call or email her with ideas and/or concerns about AMBUCS.

Diane Schultz, sister of Donna, Dean & Dale, came for a visit.

### **Summer Camp**

Gao Grotto July 24 to 28 and July 31 to August 4. Melissa Rome handed out a volunteer signup sheet for both Wednesday Noon Cookouts to cook hamburgers and hotdogs and to serve the food, as well as for the Wednesday, July 26, Adult Dance from 5:00 – 7:30 at the Grotto.

She needs more volunteers as well as prizes, or money for prizes, for the Dance. (We made sure the money was going for prizes and not for Jason & Melissa to go “shopping”!) Those willing to cook should arrive about 11:15 a.m. There are 48 children in week 1 and 37 in week 2.

### **Challenger League Baseball**

Bill Fulton reported that Challenger League has been nominated for a Governor’s Hometown Award (the 2nd such honor with the 1st being AMBUCS Playground for Everyone!!!!)

He and Lori Lyons and a few of the players were recently interviewed by the judges and the results should come in a couple of weeks. Bill said the judges were really impressed with Judge Clary’s video and Richard Woodard’s photo booklet and they said this should be a program throughout the State!

### **SPECIAL REMINDER**

Noon Lunch Meetings for the next two weeks, July 26 and August 2, will be held at the Grotto.

### **Greg Ferris, Governor**

Greg Ferris, District 4B Governor and a candidate for Regional Director of the Central Region (that’s us), was our guest speaker.

He gave highlights of the Fall Convention to be held in Decatur on September 29 - October 1, 2006. A Chili/Salsa “cook-off” is being planned for Friday night in the hospitality room.

Physical Therapists will be invited on Saturday to train with Sue Haywood, National AmTrykes Chair, and receive 5 hours of continuing education credits. A few National Officers should be in attendance (Connie Oltman guaranteed she would be there.) A brochure should be sent out to all members very soon with all the details.

President Myers will not be able to attend due to another scheduled conference but would encourage as many members as possible to attend this event. IT IS GUARENTEED to be a lot of fun and you’ll learn something as well.

Greg then asked for our support in the upcoming election for Regional Director during the Fall Convention in Decatur (he’s the only one running so far so he has a pretty good shot) and then gave a page and a-half of credentials.

However, he was serious when he stated that AMBUCS changed his life from being “all about him” to being all about serving others and AMBUCS, especially children. He plans to continue with the programs that are already working and will try and address problems or concerns as they arise.

He deeply cares about AMBUCS’ members and the kids we help.



### **Summer Sounds**

Jeff Saylor reported that there has been great weather, fantastic crowds and the beer sales are very good. July 28 will feature “Hurricane Gumbo” for Zydaco (spelling) Night.

### **General Announcements**

Melissa Rome handed out “Parent Resource Guides” that Vermilion County Health Department distributes for free and said anyone needing more can give her a call (I think we should have fined her!!!)

A check for \$102.04 was received for the sale of Gum Balls, for a grand total of \$43,237.59 being generated to date (a lot of gum balls!!!!) For those of you who didn’t know this, a company has been giving a % of proceeds of the sale of gum balls to AMBUCS for years. The machines are located throughout the City.

### **Lose the Training Wheels**

Bob Richard reported that the program was very successful and looks forward to doing it again next year. Out of 26 students participating, 21 were successful in riding a bike and the 5 who weren’t, had no expectations of succeeding but wanted to try anyway.

He read an email from John Marrs’ mother who said he moaned and groaned about having to attend the camp because he just knew he could never ride a bike. But from the first day, he was excited to return because he found out he COULD ride a two wheeler and he’s been riding every day with his brother running along side him.

She thanked everyone for giving him this great opportunity to learn to ride a bicycle. The “Anonymous Group” donated bikes to five students and along with AMBUCS and HALO split the cost of providing special handles for some.

**Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn**

**Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities**

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