

Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard proposed partnering with the City of Danville and Aqua Illinois Water Company again to build a spray park on property north of Garfield Pool to offer opportunities for families who have children with disabilities to participate in water activities. The spray park would be fenced-in, becoming part of the Garfield Pool facility, and would be monitored by the pool staff.

In order to ask for grant money, AMBUCS needs to commit to some dollars up front. The Board discussed and voted at the August Board meeting to commit \$20,000.00 to the project. Bob, Bill E. Fulton and Bill T. Fulton have volunteered to Chair this project.

The full membership must now agree to this project before proceeding. A sheet was handed out asking for approval of the project and members present signed their name. The proposal will be sent out to all membership asking for their vote. The membership being 99 members to date, a vote of 50 members in favor of the project must be received. Let your wishes be heard - every vote counts!

BIG HAT DAY

...is Wednesday, August 30!!!! All Big Hatters should be present wearing their Big Hat. Chr. Cindy Marks will be in charge of the meeting, so bring LOTS OF MONEY. It's all for a good cause.

Pack the Place

"PACK THE PLACE" is tentatively scheduled for October 18. This will be a time to bring prospective members as our guests to hear what AMBUCS is all about. We'll try to present an AmTryke to a child or have a child present who was given one this past year to see how they are progressing.

Child Restraints

Our very own Melissa Rome, Sandy Heffern and Vermilion County Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Heckerson gave a presentation on the laws of child restraints.

All are certified Safety Seat Technicians of the Vermilion County Red, White & Blue Child Passenger Safety Team, a program of the Illinois Department of Transportation. FREE Car Seat Checks are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 3-6 at Danville Fire Station #3 on Griffin, by appointment only due to demand.

Parents/guardians are instructed on the proper way of securing child restraints and no child is allowed to leave without a proper child restraint device. The program is financed by donations, with Provena USMC, Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and St. Francis Hospital in Peoria provide assistance for their special needs, and HALO is a major sponsor.

One of the amazing facts is that special harnesses and car seats are available for children with various disabilities from 20-168 lbs for ages 2 years to adult, but the cost can range from \$120.00 to over \$1,000.00 each! (Sounds like a new fundraising project for the future, doesn't it?)

Volunteers are always needed. Certification Classes are being September 29-30 and October 6 & 7 and if you volunteer for the Car Seat Checks, Vermilion County will take care of the \$60.00 fee.

Personal Information Changes?

Will anyone who has changed names, addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses, please contact Pat Phillips, 446-7170 or tanquary@cooketech.net.



Change to the Newsletter???

...we fear change

As you may have noticed, I've been running late in getting out the newsletters - Janet usually gets them to me the next day! It takes a little time to get the HTML and PDF versions put together and posted to the web site along with the minor edits, spell checks, etc. that go along with it.

It would help if I could just do a PDF version. We need the PDF more (for fax and post) - the HTML version is better for lower bandwidth connections.

So, after 7 years of doing both nearly every week - I'll have just the PDF version available for a little while. If you really miss the HTML - please let me know and I will bring it back! But if no-one steps up and says they miss it, it'll go the way of the dodo...

Also, we are in the process of redesigning the web site. I would love to add new content - particularly images. Please send me your thoughts, images, videos, or just about anything: efernsler@korora.com

2007 Raffle

Tickets for the \$15,000 Raffle on October 5 are NOW available - come to a meeting or call Pat Phillips. Pat mentioned a few changes to the tickets, such as the stub now asks for a Contact Phone # and the ticket holder must give their desire for Options to Split.

The price of the raffle ticket is \$130.00 and a guest meal ticket is \$35.00. Your support in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated by all our "Kids".

All AMBUCS are encouraged to purchase a raffle ticket and join us for a very entertaining evening. All volunteers are asked to purchase a meal ticket if you're not able to purchase the full raffle ticket.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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