

Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard again presented the proposal to partner with the City of Danville and Aqua Illinois Water (AIL) Company 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.

After a meeting with AIL last week, word has been received that they WILL donate the water for the park. THANKS, AIL, for your support! We still need a few more votes to get this project off the ground. PLEASE email or call Janet ASAP!!!!

Pack the Place

"Pack the Place" is scheduled for October 18. However, it may be moved up to October 4 due to a possible conflict. A child will be present who received an AmTryke this past year to show off for us. Make plans now to invite a prospective member to the noon lunch. This will be Branding Time (Oct 1 - Nov 30), so we'll get extra points and you'll get a special pin by sponsoring a new member. Ask 3 and if they all join, you'll become a BIG HAT! ASK 10 to be a guest during the year and whether or not they join, you could qualify for a National award!!!!

Janet is looking for someone to create a simple insert with our Chapter information that can be inserted into the National brochure to be handed out to prospective members and those we ask donations from. If anyone is interested, let her know ASAP.

2007 Raffle

Pat Phillips had tickets again to pass out to members. Tickets are \$130.00 each and a guest meal ticket is \$35.00. Of the 300 tickets available, 239 are now out and hopefully will be SOLD before too long. If you haven't received your tickets - or purchased one yourself - give Pat a call NOW.

Big Hat Day!

17 Members were present with no guests. OUCH - we have 99 members!!!!

There were 9 Big Hatters present: Mike Clary, Bill Garrison, Cindy Marks, Janet Myers, Andrew Phillips, Pat Phillips, Bob Richard, Al Runner and Jeff Saylor.

Our program today featured Big Hat Chairman Cindy Marks issuing fines to Big Hatters for not wearing a Big Hat and for not having all the "stuff" inside their hat and to all those not wearing a Membership Pin, as well as numerous other infringements.

She also gave a grammar test to which she fined people for not having the right answer. In all, there were lots of laughs, we learned something about grammar and the Big Hat Club raised \$80.00!!!! And when Euan won the 50/50 raffle, he donated the \$6.00 to the Big Hat Club.

NEW MEMBER Amber Oxner, City of Danville, received her Membership Pin so she wouldn't be fined.

New Big Hat Project - After hearing that the Vermilion County Red, White & Blue Child Passenger Seat Safety Program had no funding source to provide harnesses and special seats for those children with disabilities.

Bob Richard moved and Al Runner seconded that the Big Hat Club provide \$500.00 annually for the purchase of special needs seats restraints, with all Big Hatters present being in support. Bill Garrison suggested this be included in the Policies of the Club to do annually.

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

After 7 years of doing both a PDF and an HTML version of the newsletter nearly every week - we will have just the PDF version available in the future. If you really miss the HTML - please let me know and I will bring it back! But if no-one steps up, 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

Board Meetings & Conventions

District 4A Board meeting last Wednesday was attended by 10 Danville Ambucs out of 17 total attendees. GREAT turnout for Danville and thanks for the support!

Greater Champaign County continues to build lots of ramps and their Scarecrow Festival will be September 16; they are working on a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club; June 15, 2007 will be their Golf Outing; and a road trip to Nebraska is being planned for ramp training. Tuscola just finished their Furniture Raffle this past spring, they are building ramps and they plan another raffle in the early spring.

Central Region Fall Convention is September 29-October 1 in Decatur. It's still not too late to register!!!! Carol Wade, Dean Carlton, Donna Carlton-Vish, Sasha Fitzpatrick are going for sure and Gayle Brandon and Jason & Melissa Rome are considering. If you can only go for the Saturday sessions, that would be GREAT! The only cost would be \$25.00 for breakfast and lunch. If you want a T-Shirt, let me know ASAP.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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