

### Guests

John Christner, owner of the Danville Demolition indoor football team, and Andrew Haines, President of the Danville Demolition, were guests of Sasha.

Janet also welcomed back Lon Henderson, Diana Kirk and Richard Woodard (with Marsha Woodard coming in later). Also, Sasha is now back after some vacation and sick time off.

### Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard addressed questions brought up by some club members regarding the proposed new project. This location was chosen mainly due to the City having the desire to expand the offerings of the public pool. Providing a completely accessible spray area will give families of children with disabilities who also have able-bodied children the opportunity to participate as a family all at the same recreational facility.

In addition, several of our Summer Camp attendees do not attend the trip to the pool due to their specific disability and/or parents concerns. The co-chairman of this project are hoping to get the required 50 votes of membership so all are reminded to email or call President Janet as soon as possible!

### Pack the Place

"Pack the Place" is scheduled for October 18. 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.

### 2007 Raffle

Chairman Curt Ellis asked everyone to get door prizes to him within the next couple of weeks. Call Pat Phillips for tickets, which are \$130.00 for a raffle ticket and \$35.00 for a guest meal ticket.



### Model Wooden Ships

Today's Program was Tom Gleichman, AMBUC of the Day. Janet introduced him by stating after all the years he has received razzing for being the only President who did not become a Big Hat, come to find out, he IS a Big Hat and has been since 1998!!!!

Tom told us about his hobbies, one of collecting coins and another of building model ships. He brought one of his model ships, "The Pinta". A kit normally runs about \$100.00 to purchase but is worth 5 times the value after completion. Patience is the key to this project, which could take a couple hundred hours for a small kit and up to 2.5 years for larger ones.

Tom has built about 7 wooden ships since starting the hobby in high school when he began building plastic models. The kits come complete with directions, which can be tricking to read with they come in Italian at times, and most come with rigging. It was interesting to learn how each small piece of wood strips had to be soaked in water and bent prior to being glued into place.

### Personal Information Changes?

Will anyone who has changed names, addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses, please contact Sasha Fitzpatrick at sashapage@yahoo.com or 446-2564.

### Notes

Bruce Huff Photography sent a donation of \$144.00 from proceeds of photos purchased from the Danville High School Honor Society's Winter Special Games held in February. Thanks, Bruce!

Gao Grotto Scramble - Todd Davis announced that the Gao Grotto will have a Scramble on September 16. The proceeds go towards their programs for children with disabilities. Anyone wishing to participate can do so for \$40.00 per person. He stated the Club usually sponsors a hole for \$50.00 and a check was handed to him.

### Challenger League Baseball

A letter from the Governor's Office was read that announced the Danville AMBUCS Challenger League Baseball has won the Governor's Hometown Award!

HORRAY!!!! Mayor Scott Eisenhauer nominated the program and Lori Lyons, Bill Fulton and several of the players were interviewed before the final decision was made. Mayor Eisenhauer, Lori, Bill and Carol Wade (and anyone else who wants to go along) will be on hand at the awards ceremony in Springfield on October 18 to accept the award.

We are also in the running for the Governor's Cup. Plans are to take a display to showcase the program. Thanks go out to Lori Lyons and Paula Wolfe for their dedication to this program (and to the Summer Camp!!!). And thanks to Mayor Eisenhauer for his nomination.

ALSO, (during the convention) President Janet will be at the Illinois Municipal League Conference touting the AMBUCS Challenger League Baseball program during the "Innovations Showcase".

This conference is attended by municipal officials from across the State of Illinois. Plans are to play the video made by Mike Clary, display the booklet by Richard Woodard and the Challenger League Banner, and have a manikin dressed in a team ball cap and t-shirt. What a great time for Challenger League!!!

### Fall Convention

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.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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