

Fall Convention Recap - Andrew Phillips

Nominations for various awards from the preceding year (2005-2006) are presented by each Chapter to be considered for District Awards. Past President Pat Phillips was happy to announce that Andrew Phillips was chosen District Member of the Year and Melissa Rome District Project Manager of the Year and each was presented with a plaque. Congratulations!

Other First Place awards that our Chapter received included Community Service, Newsletter and Charitable Contributions. These nominations will now be sent to National for consideration at the National Convention in San Diego in July 2007.

Andrew Phillips gave us further updates from the Fall Convention held in Decatur. Five Danville members were among 78 registered attendees along with Regional Director Sharon Goers, National President Jack Feltman, National President Elect Connie Oltman, National Big Hat Chairman Linda Mask and National AmTryke Coordinator Sue Haywood.

Saturday was filled with lots of great speakers and informative sessions, including the 2004 National Therapist of the Year winner who now teaches children with disabilities to dance. AmTrykes were also awarded, which is always a delight to witness. New programs announced were the Big Hat ASK 10 Membership Contest and a Membership Marketing Kit developed by Linda Fischer-Stine, National Marketing Chairman. Carol Wade attended the President's Caucus where they discussed membership vs. active participation.

Fall Raffle

The \$15,000 Benefit Raffle is set to go on Thursday. Pat reported all tickets are out and asked that stubs and money be turned in ASAP. Plans are to put the Challenger Baseball CD on a screen for everyone to see before and during the dinner, due to the gracious donation of a projector by Jeanie Cooke and the DVCB. Larry Pasquale graciously repaired both our ticket board and barrel and Curt and Rhonda painted the barrel. Thanks!

Branding Time

Branding Time is a National membership drive from October 1 to November 30.

In brief, 1 Point for Attendance for every Noon meeting attended; 2 Points for bringing a prospective member to a meeting; 5 Points (+ a Spur from National) for sponsoring each new member; 10 Bonus Points (+ Branding Iron and a BIG HAT from National) for sponsoring 3 new members (that's 25 Points for 3 members); and 50 Points for asking 10 people to join (and be eligible for National Contest via web form).

Small Prizes will be awarded each week to the member who brings a guest and to each guest in attendance. The member with the most points on November 29 will be given 1 year free membership from June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 to correspond with their current membership type. Each new member will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

Prizes will be awarded during the December 6 meeting. Good Luck, Everyone!!! Start asking your friends and business associates to join AMBUCS, the best community service club in Danville!!!!

Holiday Parade of Lights

The Holiday Parade of Lights will be November 16. We would like to get some volunteers to be in the parade, particularly a truck to pull the trailer and a few kids to ride AmTrykes along the route. AND we will have an impromptu social on Wednesday, November 15, with food and drinks for a minimal cost to decorate the trailer with lights, location to be decided later.

Guests

Kayla Gleichman, daughter of Tom, was the first guest during Branding Time. Both received a small gift.

Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard is soliciting volunteers to be on the Committee. Your job, in part, will be to help raise funds and be involved in the final design process. Signup sheets will be available at the next few meetings or you can call or email Bob and let him know.

General Announcements

Challenger Baseball was a "hit" during the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago and was the winning entry during the Saturday morning session.

Mayor Eisenhower and his wife Amy did a fantastic job at promoting the program and it was the talk of the weekend. We should be getting some feedback from many communities. Members of the IML Board will be coming to Danville soon to present the award.

Official announcements regarding some of our Challenger Baseball program and the upcoming spraypark will be made at the beginning of the October 17 City Council meeting at 6:00. It should only take a few minutes so please try to attend.

Polar Express

Bob Richard is again organizing the Polar Express during the Festival of Trees. LOTS of Elves are needed for November 11 & 12 and costumes will be provided. Signup sheets will be distributed during the Noon meetings or give Bob a call. year will show off for us. Make plans now to invite a prospective member to the noon lunch.

Pack the Place

"Pack the Place" is scheduled for October 18. A child who received an Amtryke earlier this year will show off her skills!

Other Upcoming Programs:

October 11 - Melissa Ronto, Provena USMC
October 18 - Pack the Place!