

### ***Dynergy Power Plant - Bob Kipp and Liz Rainwater***

Bob has been in the power business for 22 years and started for Illinois Power at the Wood River Station. Dynergy purchased the Illinois Power Plant west of Danville in 1998 after deregulation and is now the wholesale supplier to the entities who sell to retail industry.

The local plant is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and several historical photos were shown. The plant is currently undergoing major construction to upgrade to make the facility more efficient, economical and more environmental. With 65 employees of which only 9 are management, the company is very proud of its history of having no lost-time injuries since May 2003 and only 1 doctor treated incident since October 2005.

The company is donating 1,135 acres of land on the east side of Middle Fork River, between Kickapoo and Kennekuk parks, to IDNR for expansion of Kickapoo Park.

### ***Branding Time*** (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 an 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).

### ***Holiday Parade of Lights***

It's right around the corner on Thursday, November 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participants are still needed. We'd like to have a few kids ride an AmTryke or two along the route and others to be in the parade. Volunteers are asked to wear a Santa hat and to put AMBUCS on it (glitter glue, iron-on, etc) to identify us as members (bring your hat to the impromptu social on Wednesday and Janet will do it for you!)

THANKS to younger Bill Fulton for the use of a generator, to Donna Carlton-Vish for the vehicle to pull the trailer and to Pat Phillips for offering to drive.

ALL ARE WELCOME to come to the *impromptu social* to decorate the trailer on Wednesday, November 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Heritage Development on E. Voorhees, even if you don't want to help decorate. We'll have food and drinks for \$6.00. Dress warmly, bring a lawn chair and BYOB.

### ***Christmas Parties***

Breakfast with Santa for Children with Disabilities is Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 at Days Inn, with volunteers arriving at 8:00. Invitations went out, Santa & Mrs. Claus are on their way, DJ Dean Carlton & Family will provide music and several Gao Grotto Clowns are on tap to entertain the masses. Shopping for gifts will be Sunday, November 26 at 2:00 at Walmart, with gifts wrapped during our lunch on Wednesday, November 29 (bring scissors and tape). Volunteers are being solicited so drop Melissa Rome a quick email at [melba103@yahoo.com](mailto:melba103@yahoo.com).

The Christmas Pizza Party & Dance Adults with Disabilities is Saturday, December 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 at Turtle Run Golf Club, with volunteers arriving at 12:30. DJ Dean will also be on hand to provide the entertainment and Richard has been busy getting donations for gifts and food. Richard is looking for volunteers so email him at [rwoodard@woodardscomputing.com](mailto:rwoodard@woodardscomputing.com).

### ***Personal Information Changes?***

Please contact Sasha Fitzpatrick at 446-2564 or [sashapage@yahoo.com](mailto:sashapage@yahoo.com).

### ***Guests***

Debbie Crose was guest of Michelle Blanchard and Phil Kruzich was guest of Al Runner.

Jim Crose was welcomed back as he recovers from a bad automobile accident while out of town recently. Never leave town, that's the ticket.

### ***Sprayground for Everyone***

Bill reported on more donations received. If you haven't received your letter to become a member of the Century Club, give Bob or Bill a call - better yet, send in a check and you will be added to the list of contributors!

### ***General Announcements***

New Member Dinner & Orientation will be Tuesday, November 28 at Days Inn. If you became a member in 2005 & 2006 and did not attend the last orientation in July 2005, you are highly encouraged to put this date on your calendar. Sponsors of these new members, if you don't get a call from Bill Garrison in the next few weeks, give him a call to make sure you and your member are included.

Pat Phillips announced that DDI (Downtown Danville, Inc) is selling desk calendars for \$10.00. Since they are a co-organizer of the Summer Sounds, members are encouraged to support this fundraiser.

With Home Show is just around the corner, Larry Owen has accepted to be Chairman of the event along with co-chairmen Curt & Melody Maxwell. Carol Wade has been busy since the last event securing vendors and checks have been coming in for some time from vendors to guarantee spots. It should be another successful event!!!

### ***Upcoming Programs & Events:***

- 11/15 - Vermillion Advantage  
- Trailer Decoration
- 11/16 - Holiday Parade of Lights
- 11/28 - New Member Dinner
- 11/29 - Big Hat Day & Xmas Wrap
- 12/6 - Branding Time contest winners