

North Ridge Redcoats

The award winning North Ridge Redcoats, a group of 56 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, performed for us a few of their musical routines. They are preparing for upcoming competitions and like to do community performances to practice. AMBUCS gave a \$100 donation to help in their upcoming competition.

Second Quarter Scorecard

The Second Quarter Scorecard, which is how National assesses what each Club does throughout the year, shows we tallied 188 points this quarter. Points were given for financial assistance to other groups, organizations, community volunteerism, purchase of AmTyrke equipment for the demo site, sponsoring new members, membership retention, conducting a Branding Time contest, renewing the Danville Advocates Youth Auxiliary, attendance at the Regional Fall Convention and the educational sessions, achieving five District Awards, publishing newsletters, attendance during weekly meetings, conducting 'mission based' programs, holding socials, conducting monthly board meetings and assigning new members to committees. Changes are made each Quarter to include different activities/participation.

Christmas Parties

Children with Disabilities Breakfast with Santa was a huge success on December 2nd! Of the 123 Invitations sent out, 83 RSVP'd, and 74 attended with 219 family members, 31 Ambucs, 4 Advocates, 6 Gao Grotto Clowns, Santa & Mrs. Claus for a grand total of 262!!!!!! Wow! What a crowd. Walmart was very gracious with a \$1,000 Holiday Grant and Ambucs contributed another \$800 to purchase 85 gifts.

Special thanks to Walmart for their grant, Days Inn for hospitality, AOK and Vermilion County Health Department for coloring books and crayons, Curt Ellis & State Farm for the Polaroid cameras and film, Janet Myers for mini stockings & candy canes, to the Gao Grotto Clowns (including Larry Pasquale and Cindy Marks) for toothbrushes and balloons and entertainment, Dean Carlton & Family for music and entertainment, to Santa & Mrs. Claus (aka Russ & Malley White) and to Jason & Melissa Rome for chairing the event and donating envelopes.

The Adults with Disabilities Pizza Party and Dance was also a huge success with over 170 in attendance!!!! Special thanks is extended to Turtle Run Golf Club for providing the beautiful accommodations and to Provena USMC Foundation Festival of Trees for the donation of all the stuffed toys (which Bob Richard stated would be an annual donation). Others providing donations of gift items and supplies included CVS Pharmacy, Dana's Hallmark, County Market, Dr. Ashton, Danville Gardens, Pepsi, Woodard's Computing and McDonald's. Thanks also to Dean & Ryan Carlton for the music and entertainment and to the Gao Grotto Clowns for entertainment and to Richard & Marsha Woodard for Chairing the event. Since there were extra stuffed animals, Richard auctioned them off during the lunch meeting and \$125.00 was collected!!!! Way to go!

Guests & Members

Kerry Showers with D102 was guest of John Watrous.

Branding Time

Branding Time ended November 30 and Larry Pasquale was the winner with 36 points, sponsoring 3 new members and also becoming a Big Hat!!!! Way to go Larry! New members during the contest was Melissa Harrier, Heather Bladel, Dr. Shawn Bladel and Wendy Barnes. We also added Dave Prall (again) as he was taken off a few months ago in error. Melissa won the drawing of new members. Congratulations to the winners and a special thanks to ALL members for attending and bringing guests during this quarter.

Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard reported that the Wheeler Foundation came through with a grant bringing fundraising efforts to a total of a little over \$81,000. All members were asked to consider becoming a Century Club Member by contributing \$100. Payment can be spread out over the year with quarterly billings.

CRIS Meals on Wheels

Bill Fulton is again seeking volunteers for the week of January 15 and 22 to deliver meals to seniors and homebound residents.

Personal Information Changes?

Please contact Sasha Fitzpatrick at 446-2564 or sashapage@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

12/13 - John Mazunda, DACC student
12/20 - Frank Brunaci, WorkSource