

### ***Navajo Reservation at Tuba City, Pam Dempsey***

Pam spoke about living on the Navajo reservation at Tuba City. Her parents moved there from Nashville when she was 13 and they still there today, serving as missionaries from Church of Christ. She married a full-blooded Navajo and then found out "just how white I really am." The reservation is an entity unto itself with its own laws and policies. Her husband and his family deal with a number of daily problems through ceremonies. Pam moved to Danville to improve her writing skills, but her husband remained in New Mexico working a security job.

### **Highlights from the December Board Meeting**

New members officially accepted into membership include Heather Bladel, Dr. Shawn Bladel and Wendy Barnes. We also added Dave Prall back on our roster as he was inadvertently deleted from membership a few months back. (Sorry Dave!!! And welcome back!!) A mass Induction Ceremony will be held in January for all new members since June. President Janet will contact each new member with the exact date so we can be sure to have everyone there.

Approved a free-will offering be collected for our Hostesses as a Christmas gift.

Approved the continued support of the YMCA Strong Kids Annual Campaign in the Banner Division by pledging \$1,000.00 for 2007.

The Board will be working on a few issues that the Auditor has suggested by done for better accounting practices. One of those is to get all outstanding Dues balances paid to date. Invoices for the 3rd Quarter (Dec-Feb) were sent out a few weeks ago and are due upon receipt. The Board respectfully asks that you try to get these paid by the end of the year. If you feel there is a discrepancy PLEASE contact Donna Carlton-Vish immediately and provide her with what your records indicate. Thank you all for your understanding in this manner.

### ***Dues***

Do you know what your Dues goes towards? As a Progressive Member, you pay \$35.00 per Quarter (plus you pay \$8.00 for lunch when you attend). Of that amount, approximately \$16.50 is sent to National for National Membership Dues and \$10.00 goes to National for Living Endowment. Living Endowment Funds are used for AMBUCS Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists, AmBility Program (AmTrykes) and Cornerstone Fund (new club building, growth and development).

About \$1.44 goes to our District for Membership Dues and the balance of about \$7.00 is kept in our Treasury for operating expenses. The balance totals about \$28.00 per year per member that is used for local operating expenses. As you can see, the Club pays out National and District Dues quarterly per member whether or not you've paid. That is why it is important to pay your dues on time.

### ***Guests & Members***

Each member present received a little gift, a baggie with a marshmallow and a note: "You've been naughty, so here's the scoop. All you get is snowman poop."

### ***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 last week 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?***

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