

Danville Food Pantry - Chuck Brooks

Chuck thanked AMBUCS for the food drive. The Pantry started in 1982 when factories were having major layoffs and some were closing. It was thought to be a temporary program but here it is 24 years later and they are still going strong.

The pantry, open three days a week, provides food items to those with an emergency need such those who've lost jobs or senior citizens who had families move back in, or any number of reasons. Recipients are only allowed to come once every 60 days. Last year, they served 2,550 families, with 548 of them new to the pantry.

Prepackaged items are given such as macaroni & cheese, pasta, tuna, cereal, peanut butter and bread. Other miscellaneous items are included when supplies come in. The Pantry is funded by a food drive by US Mail carriers, a food collection by County Market and separate groups, businesses, unions, churches and individuals. He stated Curves (Melody Maxwell) is one of their biggest donors. They also receive grant funding from FEMA to purchase food items. The pantry serves Vermilion County and West Indiana and is operated completely by volunteers. Currently, Golden K members hand out food on Friday and more volunteers are needed to help distribute the food on the other two days.

Sprayground for Everyone update

Kathy High became a Century Club member!! Thank you, Kathy! The Mervis Foundation gave \$5,000.00. THANK YOU! We have reached the \$90,000.00 mark. We still have about 4 grants we are waiting to hear, so we are hopeful we will reach our \$125,000.00 goal. ALL MEMBERS are asked to consider donating at least \$100.00 to the Sprayground for Everyone and be included in this prestigious group. We can even make it easier for you by billing you quarterly. Just call Donna Carlton Vish and she will set it up for you.

National AMBUCS Visibility Month - February

- Tuesday, February 6, Mayor Eisenhower will present a Proclamation during the Danville City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have a large membership in attendance. It won't take long - you'll be out by 6:20.
 - Saturday, February 10, is National AMBUCS Service Day. Food collected will be taken to the Danville Food Pantry that day.
 - Saturday, February 17, is Bar Stool Golf. Volunteer sign up sheets will be at the next few Noon Meetings, but you can also call Chairman Dale Carlton to volunteer.
 - Friday, February 23, a Club Social is being planned by Carol Wade and Sasha Fitzpatrick for the Danville Demolition Arena Football inaugural game. Arena doors will open at 4:00 for tailgating and the game is at 7:00 p.m.
 - Special window decals are being handed out to each member to display in their workplace and/or on their cars/homes. Come to a Noon Meeting and get yours!!
- Anyone wishing to help with one or more of these activities, please contact Janet Myers!

Scholarship Tuition Payments - Spring 2007 Semester

Sara Kennett, Senior @ Northern Illinois Univ studying Physical Therapy
Brycie Millis, Senior @ U of I studying Physical Therapy
Danielle Elder, Junior @ Butler U studying Speech & Hearing Therapy
Sarah Lyons, Junior @ Lewis Univ (Romeoville IL) studying Physical Therapy
Morgan Taylor, Junior @ Univ of Evansville studying Physical Therapy
Chelsea Wright., Sophomore @ DACC studying Speech & Hearing Therapy
Whitney Dickson, Sophomore @ Indiana State studying Speech Therapy
Marissa Clapp, Sophomore @ U of I studying Physical Therapy
Megan Binkley, Freshman @ DACC studying Speech & Hearing Therapy
Erica Rund, Freshman @ Univ of Southern IN studying Occupational Therapy

Notes

ANYONE thinking about serving on the Board should let Janet Myers or Carol Wade know as soon as possible. Work will begin soon on the 2007-2008 slate of Officers and Board Members.

Tom Gleichman was presented his Past President's pin for serving as our President in 1997-1998. Better late than never!

PLEASE do not forget to bring non-perishable food items to the noon meetings through February 7 or drop them off at Janet's office at City Hall for the Danville Food Pantry.

We mourn the loss of AMBUCS friend Joe Glick. Even though he wasn't a member he was a great supporter of AMBUCS (and several other groups) by being our #1 ticket seller for the Raffle. AMBUCS sent a flower arrangement and plans are being made for this year's Raffle to remember him and his generosity.

His family was very gracious in asking that donations in Joe's memory be sent to AMBUCS and any donations received will be used for something of lasting memory.

Homeshow (March 2-4, 2007)

Carol Wade & Larry Owen have everything under control. What's Cooking again will do the food and a Social Event is being planned for Saturday after the event closes for all AMBUCS and Vendors.

Volunteers are needed, so sign up during the Noon lunch meeting or CALL Larry Owen to get a time slot. A special display showing the design will be set up to take \$1 donations for the Sprayground for Everyone. ALL MEMBERS who have not volunteered during this past year should take this opportunity to help the Club by working a few hours during this event.

Personal Information Changes?

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