

Big Hat Day - Cindy Marks

BIG HAT DAY was attended by 11 Big Hatters. Chairman Cindy Marks fined everyone \$5 if they didn't bring in a food item today PLUS \$ for each item for those not wearing their hat and all the 'important' papers, AMBUCS pin and anything else she could think of.

Larry Pasquale was given a straw hat to wear until his Big Hat comes in. The gals and guys split up and did trivia questions - and the guys won!! Both groups were fined \$1.00 for each answer that was incorrect. Once the dust settled, the Big Hat Club collected \$100 for the Danville Food Pantry. Thank you, Big Hatters!

Sprayground for Everyone update

Bob Richard received word that we were turned down for 2 of the grants we were waiting on. We are now in need of additional grants to apply for so if you know of any, please let Bob Richard know ASAP. 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. How easy is that!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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!

Central Region Board Meeting Report

- Revisions to the Scholarship program will be detailed at the Spring Conference
- Several Clubs have voiced concern about National pushing AmTrykes and not recognizing Clubs that are doing other great things. They are listening!
- The National Website is being redesigned to be more user friendly.
- Our Club will provide AmTrykes to two children on the National Wish List in the Indianapolis area.
- Any past president who would like to be District 4A Governor should let their desire be known as elections are coming up.
- Top Spread Chapters during Branding Time were Springfield with 12 new members, Greater Champaign County with 8 new members and Danville with 5 new members.
- Spring Round Up is March and April so we'll be gearing up again to bring in more members.
- Spring Conference is April 20 & 21 in Champaign. Registration is a flat fee paid for by the Club for ANY member wanting to attend. Attendance by Officers is required.

Notes

Amy Russian, VC Director of Community Health Services, was guest of Melissa Rome - AND she turned in an application!!! Welcome Amy!

Special Guest was Ray Griest of the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS Club. He came to invite everyone to their Annual Raffle on February 24 in Urbana. Raffle tickets are \$135 each for a Grand Prize of \$15,000 OR his/hers Harleys.

The Vermilion County Red, White & Blue Child Passenger Safety Program, which is being funded by the Big Hat Club, has had two requests for special seats for children with a disability. Melissa Rome thanked the Club for providing these special restraints.

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

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.

Homeshow (March 2-4, 2007)

Vendors are all set and now what we need are volunteers. 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. Call Larry Owen @ 446-6690 or email larry@owenfinancial.com. Bob Yapp is set to give two Preservation/Restoration Seminars, which he does across the country.

March Social

Join our vendors after the doors close at the Home Show on Saturday evening in the Hospitality Room from 6 pm to 9 pm. There will be food, a CASH bar and D.J. Dean Carlton will entertain us. PLEASE COME and have a great time!

Personal Information Changes?

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