

ATA Blackbelt Academy - Jen Kruger and Don Roesch

Jen Kruger and Don Roesch gave the history of the ATA Blackbelt Academy which began in Danville in 1965 and serves children ages 2½ to adults over 60. For several years, ATA has sponsored various events with proceeds going to AMBUCS including 'Kick-a-Thons' during the annual Home Show and this year is no exception.

Programs, which are designed to strengthen physical and mental ability, will be modified for each student so that they can participate with other able bodied students. They will also be able to compete for the various degrees. Jen explained that children with little means to pay for the classes can be given scholarships.

Sprayground for Everyone update

Patty Clutter with First National Bank of Danville presented the Club with a check for \$2,500.00 for the Sprayground. THANK YOU!!!

Bill Fulton announced that Millie Wilson joined the Century Club - CONGRATULATIONS! We also received \$100 from Jeff Casto (Bob Richard's Retirement Manager) and \$500 from Heatcraft. Thanks to all of You!

ALL MEMBERS are asked to consider donating at least \$100 to the Sprayground for Everyone and be included in the Century Club. We can even make it easier for you by billing you quarterly. Just send a check to our PO Box 266 with a note stating that you want to be a Century Club member and that you want to be billed quarterly. How easy is that!!!

Bar Stool Golf

Our Budweiser sponsored fundraising event, was again another success on Saturday, February 17. It snowed AGAIN but it didn't keep the players or the volunteers away. There were over 110 teams signed up, with only a few cancelling at the last minute. Dale thanked Donna for taking over as he had to be out of town and to all the volunteers who stepped up and helped out.

Check out the new special section of our web site for the event, and contact Euan with corrections, additions or stories! www.danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/barstool_golf.html

First Citizen

Nominations will be requested soon, so be thinking of someone you would like to nominate. Chairman Donna Carlton-Vish asked all Past Presidents to be on the Committee, as well as those who previously volunteered. News articles will be published about mid February and a Committee meeting will be set soon.

Update from the February 12 Board Meeting

- Officially accepted into membership Heath & Dr. Shawn Bladel, Wendy Barnes and Dave Prall (as the Board failed to officially act on their applications in January!) AND officially accepted into membership Amy Russian.
- Discussed a request from Elder-Beerman, who donates \$ when coupons are sold for their store merchandise, and DMI Fundraising, who donates \$ for sales of candy and other items, for fundraising ideas. Since the schools and many youth organizations do these same fundraisers, the Board decided not to use either.
- Agreed that since the Club already voted to donate \$1,000 to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign this year, to hold off donating for the Capital Campaign until the YMCA is closer to getting the dressing rooms completed. We will then decide on the amount and if we want to donate towards equipment that is adaptable for wheelchairs.

Notes

Megan Drake was guest again of Donna Carlton-Vish and Jen Kruger and Don Roesch were our speakers. We also embarrassed Patty Clutter, Terry Coyle, Dale Fathauer and Lori Lyons by introducing them as 'new members' after a long absence - Welcome Back!

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.

Homeshow (March 2-4, 2007)

VOLUNTEERS are needed!!!! 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, Martin Lipa and Lowe's will all provide information about home improvement - including a couple of kids' workshops.

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!

National AMBUCS Visibility Month

There are still a few more window cling-on decals if you haven't received one yet. Come to a meeting to get yours!

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 28 - Your Family Resource Center

Central Region Spring Conference

Coming up April 20 & 21 in Champaign. Visit our web site for more information - right on the home page!

Personal Information Changes?

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