

### ***Your Family Resource Connection - YFRC***

Leslie Sconce and Tonya Courson spoke about the various programs are offered by YFRC, including Day Care Services, Y's Buys Thrift Store, Homeless/Residential Program, Domestic Violence Services, Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Gymnastics Center, Aqua Tan/Hydromassage Bed, Health Club and Pool & Aquatics. Programs have expanded since 1910 when the former YWCA was created to house young women.

They highlighted the R.E.A.C.H. program that stands for Recovery Education Advocacy Counseling Hope. They have assisted people from age 8 months to 89 years old. They have seen an increase in child abuse and are trying to educate the public on this prevention.

A 24-hour hotline is available: 217-443-5566 or 1-888-549-1800 Leslie invited everyone to support the work of the YFRC by telling others about their services, giving out the hotline and volunteering when able.

### ***Sprayground for Everyone update***

Bill Fulton announced the following donations - Landmark Credit Union - \$100, Applewood Foods - \$100, Jim Anderson/First Midwest Bank - \$1,000. He stated we are at the \$98,000 mark. Members joining the Century Club include Cathy High \$100, Phil & Robin Ferguson \$100 and Carol Wade and family -\$500. Hey! Hey!

Bob Richard announced that another grant application has been sent to the Ronald McDonald Foundation at the request of Deanna Witzel, local McDonald's owner, since the spring grant cycle has once again been instituted. Keep your finger's crossed!

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!!!

### ***American Heartwalk***

Euan Fernsler has joined the American Heartwalk Team. He announced an Executive Sponsorship Luncheon on March 6 at California Catering and invited everyone to attend to support the event. More information will follow for the September event. Donna Carlton-Vish also stated that in some of her research, she has found that one out of every woman will suffer a heart attack! So we need to make women more aware of this so that they can begin prevention early.

### ***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.

### ***Notes***

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.

The Greater Champaign County AMBUCS Raffle was held on Saturday, Feb. 24, and several members attended. Al Runner won a certificate at Eastland Suites, the Vish's won a party at Jillians and Larry Owen was one of the final 5! Then, one of the 5 decided not to split and Larry was the next one out - BUT Larry did win \$200!!!

### ***Homeshow*** (March 2-4, 2007)

The AMBUCS Home & Business Expo is all set to begin this Friday. What's Cooking will be doing all the food for the vendor Hospitality Room. Larry Owen was getting the volunteer sheet filled out and told everyone to come on down and work an hour or so.

### ***March Social***

The Club Social will combine with the Vendor Social on Saturday night at the close of the Home Show from 6 PM to 9 PM in the Hospitality Room. There will be food and a cash bar with DJ Dean Carlton providing the music.

### ***Upcoming Programs***

- Mar 7 - Danville Light Opera
- Mar 14 - Orange Crush Foundation

### ***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?***

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