

Orange Krush Foundation - Eric Benz and Chris Owens

We were taught all about the "Orange Krush" from their foundation work to their seating plan.

Illini Pride started in 1977 with 300 members who supported all varsity sports teams. Now, they boast 1,500 members and are the largest student organization on the campus at the U of I. It has become not only a group of fans cheering on remarkable athletic programs, but as a group of students taking pride in the U of I and giving back to the community through the Orange Krush Foundation.

Members raise funds in a variety of ways, in particular, getting pledges of \$1-\$3 for each 3-pointer made by players. The Foundation has given various charities over \$7 millions dollars since their inception. They are also a reckoning force among many other colleges in the central area. The group is getting famous for attending away games in colors of the visitor, only to expose themselves as true Illini fans just as the buzzer sounds! What a fun group of young adults and how they get any studying done is anyone's guess!

Sprayground for Everyone update

Bill Fulton presented a check for \$2,500.00 from Terminix to the Sprayground!!! THANK YOU! Lisa Askins became a Century Club member - Thank you Lisa! Bob Richard reported that we are waiting on land acquisition by the City before we can proceed with the project, which may delay the opening.

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!!!

Lose the Training Wheels

Bob Richard reported that the Training Camp will be June 18-22, 2007 at the Palmer Arena. The cost of the Camp has risen to \$8,000 this year, but the Danville 100 will provide the funding. MARK YOUR CALENDAR now and start getting into shape! More information will follow.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for students going into one of the three disciplines of the therapy field are being solicited at each of the high schools. If you know someone who is going into or is currently a student in the therapy field, contact Andrew Phillips.

Slate of Officers for 2007-2008

President-Elect Carol Wade is working on getting a few more on the Board. If you are interested in being involved more, please contact Carol.

The Board consists of...

Past President, President, President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms, Big Hat Chairman, 6 Directors (three each for 2-year terms).

Notes

Guests included National President-Elect Connie Oltman, Michelle Darling guest of Euan Fernsler, Janet Pettice guest of Pat Phillips, Sue Garrison guest of Bill Garrison, Greg Acton guest of "wiser" Bill Fulton and members of the ORANGE KRUSH Eric Benz and Chris Owens.

A THANK YOU note was read from Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director Rose Henton for our donating \$250 to "Bowl for Kids Sake" fundraiser.

First Citizen

Award Nominations are due back by March 20 to Donna Carlton Vish!!!

Spring Round Up

It's under way now!! During March & April, we received extra points from National on our 4th Quarter Scorecard for bringing in new members!!!!

Ask your friends, associates and co-workers to come and join AMBUCS. We'll pay for their lunch the first visit !!! How sweet is that?

Central Region Spring Conference

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

Therapist of the Year

If you know of someone to nominate for Therapist of the Year, please let Janet Myers know.

Personal Information Changes?

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