

### **Spring Training**

Central Region Spring Conference was attended by Euan Fernsler, Donna Carlton-Vish, Dean Carlton, Launie Morgan and Janis Hecht, with Bob Richard & Bill Fulton making a presentation on Lose the Training Wheels Camp during the General Session. Each reported on what they learned from each of the training sessions.

- President & Vice President Session - Euan said Danville is ahead of others in having a good structure for providing various programs for our Kids.
- Newsletters Session - The basics of a newsletter should include 1) Calendar of Events and Activities; 2) List of Officers; 3) District, Region and National news; and 4) interesting stories from speakers, AMBUCS, etc.
- Membership Session - Donna was the facilitator for this session, which included noise makers, funny hats, games, candy, and lots of loud voices. The four R's of Membership Development include: Relationships, Recruitment, Retention and Rewards.
- Awards are given by National to recognize the efforts of Clubs and their members. Chapter awards include AMBUC of the Year and Project Manger of the Year, which in turn is submitted to District and on to National.
- Scholarships for Therapists Session - National has developed a new Powerpoint presentation to explain the history, dollars collected and importance of giving to the Living Endowment Fund, i.e. to provide funding for students in their Junior and Senior year of study in the physical, occupational or speech therapy field.
- Secretary/Treasurer Training - Launie explained how she has had a fear all her life about taking Minutes for any organization but after attending this session, she said taking Minutes is the least of the Secretary's worry!
- Friday Evening Events - Dean attended the District Governor's Training for our incoming Governor. The District Treasury is in good shape and plans are to purchase new equipment and upgrade the AmTrykes for the Mobile Demo Site Trailer.
- National News - National has really stepped up the development of new designs for AmTrykes and is now making interchangeable parts. A Mentor for Success program is being developed where therapists are matched with students studying therapy fields.
- The 2007 National Conference will be held at the Westin San Diego (formerly the Wyndham) in San Diego, CA, on July 11-14, 2007. Deadline for registration is MAY 5.

### **74th Annual AMBUCS Citizen of the Year**

First Citizen of 2006 Bob Richard thanked everyone who worked on the banquet to make it such a success and for the tremendous honor bestowed upon him. Those who weren't able to attend the banquet Monday evening missed seeing Bill Fulton present Bob with a bib to make sure he didn't spill food on his clean white shirt, as he does during our lunch meetings.

However, Bob brought his bib with him to lunch and wore it, just to be on the safe side. Mike Clary stated he has attended many First Citizen banquets in the past 25 years and feels this year's was the best one yet! Our thanks to "wiser" Bill Fulton for his great introduction of Bob, to Chairman Donna Carlton-Vish and Committee members Pat Phillips, Jeff Saylor, and Janet Myers, to Bill Garrison for announcing the names of the Past First Citizens, to Patty Clutter for working the front door and to all the other volunteers who made this a great event.

### **Sprayground for Everyone update**

Bill Fulton reported that Raj Karinattu donated \$50 in honor of First Citizen Bob Richard; \$50 was received from William & Jean Bowers in memory of Pat Phillips' mother; and Julius Hegeler presented a check for \$25,000 during the First Citizen Banquet.

### **Notes**

Michelle Darling with Korora was guest of Euan Fernsler.

WELCOME new Friend Member Kerry Hall, sponsored by Lori Lyons. Kerry works at VASE as a School Social Worker and is currently assigned to Westville High School and Rossville-Alvin Grade School.

She enjoys spending time with her husband, Justin, and their son, Logan, who will be 2 in June. She has worked with several of our special needs children and came last year to watch during Challenger League.

### **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 it that?

### **Slate of Officers for 2007-2008**

Past President - Janet Myers  
President - Carol Wade  
President-Elect - Euan Fernsler  
Vice President - Bill E. Fulton (wiser)  
Secretary - Terry Coyle  
Treasurer - Donna Carlton Vish  
Sgt At Arms - Dean Carlton  
2nd yr Directors - Launie Morgan, Larry Pasquale, and Melody Maxwell  
1st yr Directors - Larry Owen, Melissa Rome, \_\_\_\_\_

We need one more Director for the two-year term of 2007-2009. Please call Carol Wade if you would like to fill the spot.

### **Summer Sounds**

If your business would like to sponsor one of the Concerts, PLEASE contact Jeff Saylor or Pat Phillips as soon as possible.

These were a huge success last year and you won't want to miss out on all the advertising exposure!