

Collecting Buttons - Cynthia Bookwalter

Cynthia Bookwalter entertained us with your stories about collecting buttons. She explained how she inherited button boxes from her mother, grandmothers and other relatives and how her children and grandchildren would play with them. She didn't realize what she had until she was searching the internet about 8 years ago for something on E-Bay and happened to see some buttons that someone was offering for sale that had quite a bit of value.

Cynthia gave a history lesson by stating prior to the 16th Century, buttons were not used to close clothing but were more for decoration. By the 19th Century, button manufacturing was in its heyday. In 1938, the National Button Society was organized, of which Cynthia is a member, with groups in every state. Buttons made prior to 1918 are classified as "antique" and those after 1918 are "modern".

Various materials have been used in button making including ivory, celluloid, porcelain, deer and cow horn, and pressed coal (also known as "jet"). Buttons are categorized by various scenes, photos, and fables. Cynthia really enjoys researching and working with her collection. She says it helps her grow and learn and stretch her mind. With so many men in the group, Cynthia was a little afraid that she would not hold their attention.

But everyone was real attentive as she spoke and really seemed interested. Wonders never cease and you just never know what you'll learn!

Sprayground for Everyone update

Bob Richard officially announced construction of the sprayground will not begin until next spring. The City is still negotiating with the property owner for the land needed for the project. All major donors have been contacted. Bob stated this will give more time for fundraising. A check for \$500 from Danville Gardens was received and Jim Crose sent in \$50 in memory of Marie Tanquary, Pat Phillips' mom. Thank You!

Challenger League

Bill Fulton announced 85 KIDS are signed up to play ball on June 2, 9, 16 & 23!!!! We'll need LOTS of buddies!!! He asked that everyone contact their church youth groups to see if they would like to help. Saturday, May 19, will be T-Shirt distribution at Winter Park and volunteers will also be needed.

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 tt?

Summer Sounds

It will be held June 1, 15 & 29, July 13 & 27 and August 10 at Temple Plaza. Pat Phillips announced all bands have been booked for the season. Four to five sponsors at \$300 each are needed per concert to help pay for the bands.

If your business would like to sponsor one of the Concerts, PLEASE contact Jeff Saylor or Pat Phillips as soon as possible. We need sponsors so please sign up today!

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

Notes

Kathy Richard and Todd Davis were "re-introduced" after a long absence. And Janet failed to "re-introduce" Richard Woodard as well. Nice to have you in our midst again - you were missed!

Guests included Frank Brunacci, WorkSource CEO, who was a speaker in December. He would like for some of his employees to be involved with AMBUCS so he brought Judy Lewis, Vice President of Programming. Judy plans to bring her membership application next week along with another co-worker. Yeh! Welcome!

New Member - Tracy Stebbins, City of Danville Neighborhood Services Coordinator and a guest on April 18, wasn't able to make the meeting today but submitted his membership application to Janet, with Bill T. Fulton as sponsor.

Tracy relocated to Danville about 18 months ago upon retiring from the Federal Government after 25 years of service. He is originally from Milford and has two grown daughters, the older one in California and the younger one in the Baltimore area. Welcome, Tracy!

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President-Elect Carol thanks everyone for their commitment to the club for this next year. An actual vote by the membership will take place on Wednesday, May 9. PLEASE come to cast your vote and show support of those who will lead us through the next year.