

The Pledge was led by Dale Carlton and the Prayer by Cindy Marks.

## || **Announcements**

**Sons of Silence 2nd Annual AMBUCS Ride for Kids** - William Beavers from Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club told us about the Ride event they had last weekend. They rode 80 miles and made 5 stops, had a 50/50 raffle and raised \$1,092! Julie's Shooting Star added another \$200, for a total of \$1,292 raised for the Challenger League.

**HOG Rally "Puttin Around the County" Golf** was June 2 at Turtle Run Golf Club. Thanks to Euan Fernsler and his wife Karen, Al, and Patty for selling "club links" to help the golfers get closer to the hole. They raised \$90 at the event and they all received a free sunburn!

**Kelley's Sign Shop** is giving AMBUCS a \$100 discount on lettering for the new trailer.

**Kid Enterprises Vending** sent in \$106.28 for gumball sales.

**Danville Rotary Club** donated \$200 to sponsor a child for Lose the Training Wheels Camp.

**Danville Light Orchestra** donated \$25.00 to the Sprayground, in honor of Pat Phillips' mother.

**Ronald McDonald House** donated \$10,295 for the Sprayground, thanks to the efforts of Don and Deanna Weitzel, owner of Vermilion County McDonalds. Thank you!

## || **Updates and Volunteer Opportunities**

**HALO Painting Blitz** is right around the corner! Bob Richard still needs a few volunteers to help clean paint brushes after the Painting Blitz on June 16, from 1PM - 3PM at the HALO office on Fairchild.

**Challenger League** - The first game was June 2. Most of the kids showed up, and everyone had a good time. Bill still needs help, especially for the 2nd and 3rd games. Lots of volunteers and players were bailing out due to the heat by the third game.

**Lose the Training Wheels Camp** - Bill Fulton says 18 kids are coming to camp from June 18-22 at Palmer Arena. Volunteers will be needed to help run along with each of the participants as they learn to ride a bike. Lots of fun and free exercise! The shifts for volunteers are 1.25 hours each, and start at 8:30 a.m. Please call Pat O'Shaunessey or Bill Fulton to sign up for a shift.

**Summer Sounds** - Jeff Saylor reported that the first concert with "Renegade" rockin' Temple Plaza was a huge success. There wasn't any beer left over! (Is that how we measure success?) The numbers weren't in yet, but more sponsorships are definitely needed for the season. Also, we are badly in need of food vendors for our hungry concert-goers. A few volunteers will be needed to sell and someone is needed to be cashier at each concert. Next concert is Ann McWilliams on June 15th.



## Board of Directors

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## Members and Guests

Guests included William Beaver from Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club, Jim May (who was given an application), and Carol Wade's daughter May Grace (who brought her baby doll as her own special guest, even though the doll wasn't feeling well). That's dedication!

Welcome back to reinstated member Terry Smith. He is a lifetime resident of Vermilion County. He is not only a past AMBUCS member, but was also a board member, and Big Hat member. His spouse retired from teaching in 2005 and he is self-employed in the investment and insurance industry. Both his children live out of the area. He is a believer in Vermilion County and the organizations that contribute to the county (ie AMBUCS).

## Personal Information Changes?

Please contact Sasha Fitzpatrick at 446-2564 or email her at [sashapage@yahoo.com](mailto:sashapage@yahoo.com).

## || Guest Speaker

### **Eric Turner - Relay for Life**

The annual Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held on June 16-17 at Ellsworth Park. This is the 13th year that the event has been held. Vermilion County ranks 15th in the state, and Illinois is one of the strongest states in participation. This year, there are over 45 teams signed up, for about 600 relayers. This year's goal is \$80,000.

Eric got involved with Relay for Life after he watched his grandfather die a miserable death from cancer. He became passionate about the cause when he thought about how cancer hits people of all ages.

He encouraged us to form teams and participate if we haven't already, to help raise money for this worthy cause, as well as to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer, and honor cancer survivors. Teams are 10-15 members. Registration starts at 2:30 pm on Saturday, and the relay starts at 4 pm and runs until 6 am the following morning. If your team wishes to set up a tent or camping area, they would like that completed by 2 pm on Saturday.

Even if you are unable to commit to being on a team, you are still invited to join in the fun. There will be great food, live music, and karaoke, as well as performances by TKD Karate and Marilyn's Dance Academy.

The Luminaria Ceremony will be held at 9 p.m. on Saturday. This is a special time of remembrance. There will be bags lit with candles all along the track, with each bag representing a person who either lost or won their battle with cancer. The bags are available for a \$5.00 donation. Seven bags were purchased by AMBUCS members after the meeting. Please contact Cameron Borchert at 217-304-9438 for more information about donating.

## || Awards, Thanks, and Prizes

Dale Carlton was presented with a plaque for his work organizing Barstool Golf in 2007.

Judy Woodall won \$7.00 in the 50/50 drawing, and donated it to the Sprayground.

Last Minute Announcement:

The Greater Champaign County AMBUCS are having their 3rd Annual Golf Outing on June 15th. Please contact Janet Meyers or Euan Fernsler for more information.



Final Note of Sarcasm:  
Jeff Saylor won the "Cell Phone Ringing During the Meeting" award, much to everyone's surprise.

Coming up!

### **Summer Camp**

July 30-Aug 4 & Aug 6-11

Note that the camp is starting one week later than normal. Plan on lunch at the Grotto on Wednesday, August 2 and August 8.

### **National Convention in San Diego**

July 11-14

Now is the time to finalize your plans to attend this year's National Conference in beautiful San Diego California. All regular registrations must be received (or postmarked if sent by mail) by June 15. After June 15, all registrations must be made on site at the Westin San Diego hotel at a cost of \$265.



### **Challenge Grant: Mission Accomplished!**

AMBUCS is pleased to announce that we have successfully reached the amount required to earn our matching Challenge Grant for a second consecutive year!

This time, our organization was presented with a goal of increasing our total AmTryke giving to \$475,000. That amount was \$75,000 more than last year's total. By AMBUCS now reaching that lofty mark, the foundation has agreed to match our giving with an additional \$75,000. That will be used to purchase trykes for children on the national wish list.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all our members and volunteers who helped make this major accomplishment possible. Truly a job well done!

*Join us for lunch, Noon Wednesdays at the Days Inn*

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