

The Pledge was led by Jeff Saylor and the Prayer by Donna Carlton-Vish

|| **Announcements**

Committee Membership - Euan is compiling the current spreadsheet, various scraps of paper and scattered memories regarding committee memberships. He is going to talk to the committee chairs and co-chairs, then communicate with each and every member. The goal here is to make sure everyone has something to do, and something they enjoy. If we're lucky, the organization of this material will even help the chairs and president Carol.

Billing

Donna Carlton-Vish is emailing bills, starting with the progressive members and then the advance members. If you do not receive a bill (give her some time though) or do not wish to receive it via email, please contact Donna. Be assured, if the cash doesn't come rolling in, she will find you...

New Member Orientation June 27!!

Please join us in welcoming and orienting our new members:

Amy Russian - Vermilion County
Terry Smith - Smith Financial
Lisa Bridgens - WorkSource
Judy Lewis - WorkSource
Patricia Fuller - U.S. Army
Michelle Darling - Korora
BJ Luke - DHS Athletic Dept

|| **Updates and Volunteer Opportunities**

HALO Painting Blitz - The volunteers were there, the brushes were cleaned, all was well. Oh wait, Carol was not there. Hrm. They might have left a bit earlier...

Challenger League - The last game was Saturday June 23 more to come at the next meeting. However, Richard Woodard wrote a wonderful poem that is now anchoring the Challenger League page of our web site while we get the photos together. Please visit the web site and check it out it's worth the read!

Lose the Training Wheels Camp - We had 21 sign up, and the camp ended Friday. Tune in next week to see how many learned to ride! (clue: it was a super-majority!)

Summer Sounds - We didn't sell quite as many refreshments last week, but this week is Duke Tumatoe. Check out www.summersounds.org for more information. This show will be HUGE! Duke is one of the great blues musicians out there. Well worth checking out even if you don't volunteer.



Board of Directors

Larry Pasquale, Bob Richard, Kathy High, Launie Morgan, Larry Owen and Melissa Rome.

Our Officers

President - Carol Wade
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Big Hat Chair - Donna Carlton-Vish

Personal Information Changes?

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

|| Guest Speaker

Lynn Wolgamot, Recycling Coordinator, Vermilion County Recycling

Lynn gave us an energetic speech, followed by samples and examples of a few of the things you can buy that are almost completely recycled material including a toothbrush!!

In 1986, the Solid Waste Management Act required Vermilion County to begin a recycling program. By 1994 the county board had adopted such a plan, which would be reviewed every 5 years and improved if needed.

Well, the plan has been great! The goal of the originators was to create a sustainable economical plan. In fact, ours is the only plan in Illinois that is based first on economics. The plan is funded through dumping fees into the county landfills.

The recycling program, in the last 10 years:

- recycled 11,115 tons of material
- recycled 114 tons of computer equipment in 4 special collections
- recycled 16,309 household appliances in special collections
- recycled 75,000 tires in 5 special collections

...all at a cost of \$1.5 million, which the program generated from fees.

They also handle Household Hazardous Waste Collections, paid for by the Illinois EPA.



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!