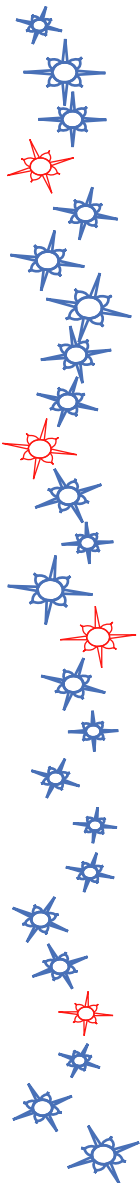




Welcome to AMBUCS, where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

## Announcements

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**The Christmas Party** will be December 1st at Turtle Run. We have had the party at Days Inn in the past, and have been very happy with their hospitality. But we have unfortunately outgrown the space, and we needed a ground level facility for wheelchair accessibility.

**\$15,000 Annual Raffle** will be held on October 4th. Tickets are available from Pat Phillips. There is a list of people who bought a ticket from Joe Glick in past years. At the next meeting, please take a look to see if you know anyone on it. We need to work hard to make up for all the effort Joe put into selling tickets.

**Bravest vs. Finest Softball Game** - "Be There or Be Arrested"

The softball tournament between the Police and Fire Departments was held on August 26th. Our Challenger League kids were honored before the game. It was a fun time! The Blue Team won.

**Downtown Danville Night of Lights** is Thursday, November 15th. We would like to get a group together to participate in the parade. If you aren't already in the parade, please contact Jeff Saylor.

**Central Region Fall Convention in Springfield** - September 21-23

Don't miss out on your opportunity for low room rate for the Central Region Fall Convention. The deadline for the \$89.00 rooms is September 7, 2007.

## Big Hat Day!

Members of the Big Hat Club receive this honor because they have recruited three new members in a 12-month period. While there are many benefits to owning and wearing a very large cowboy hat, one of the greatest incentives is.... dessert! For some, there is nothing better than gloating about your slice of creamy cheesecake while your hatless fellow members look on in envy.



Members who conveniently “forgot” their big hats were presented with a rental “not-so-big hat” from Donna Carlton-Vish. Some members got a bit creative and made a fashion statement with their little hats.

Big Hat Day is always a great time, because members charge each other with “fun fines”. Some were fined for being Cubs fans, some for whining, and Jeff Saylor was fined because his cell phone rang. Of course, that’s not exactly an unheard-of occurrence! Janet Meyers was fined for “being rude” after she pointed out that our guest, Sara, had a piece of cake even though she didn’t have a big hat. (Her dad had given it to her because he couldn’t eat it for health reasons.) Other desserts were auctioned off and then the winners were fined for accepting a dessert without having a hat.

It may sound like silly fun, but the Big Hat Club has an important purpose. Every year, they donate a minimum of \$500 to the Red, White and Blue Team, a group of Firefighter, Medical and Police professionals who provide help and information about child safety seats. Since there are only 5 AMBUCS meetings a year devoted to the Big Hat Club, the members need to collect at least \$100 each time to fulfill their commitment to the project.



Today, they collected \$134. Great job, guys!

## Donations

**The Danville Police and Fire Departments** had their annual Bravest vs. Finest softball tournament fundraiser. The proceeds will be donated to AMBUCS this year!

## Board of Directors

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

## Our Officers

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Big Hat Chair - Donna Carlton-Vish

## Members and Guests

Amy Russian brought a guest who works with her at the Health Department. Amy’s guest will be listed in next week’s newsletter.

Richard Woodard brought his daughter, Sara Woodard. Sara filled out a membership application!

## Information Changes?

Please contact Melody Maxwell at [melcurvegirl@hotmail.com](mailto:melcurvegirl@hotmail.com).