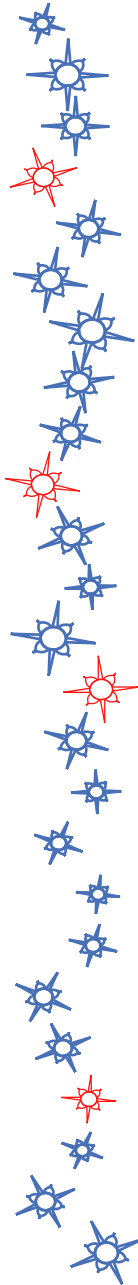




Welcome to AMBUCS, where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

Announcements



It's Branding Time - Recruit new members for a chance to win \$200 cash! (Plus we've got a great party planned, and a very special reward for anyone who "Big Hats" or "re-Big Hats" during Branding Time!

Each new member you recruit earns you 5 entries into the \$200 drawing. Bring a guest and get 1 entry. Join (new members) and get 5 entries into the drawing! Friends members get 3 entries for the sponsor and the member. Bring a "missing member" to a meeting and get 2 entries!!!

Recruit three members during branding time and you'll not only be a Big Hatter, but you'll also be awarded a coveted AMBUCS Challenge coin. These special medallions will be awarded to parents of the kids we serve, and the only other way to get one is to earn it!

But wait, there's more! Even National has an incentive for you! Each person who brings in a new member during Branding Time receives a special spur pin. Each person will receive a Branding Iron pin for every third person recruited during Branding Time. (i.e. spur for first and second member, branding iron for third.

Big Hatters--We'll be gathering at the Carlton Barn on Saturday November 3rd, for a Branding Time Blazing Saddles Barn Burner Party!! If you aren't a Big Hatter, you can still come! Recruit a member between now and the party, and you and your new member will escape fines and ridicule at the party! Don't recruit, and you better bring some money and be ready to pay a small fine and wear a small hat.

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 aren't very many left!

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.

Guest Speaker

Today we welcomed Tammy Hopper and Marcy Noel from Sunset Funeral Home. They talked to us about pre-planning our burials, as well as some living benefits that they offer. They offer free living wills and emergency ID cards. If you pre-plan your funeral today, it freezes the price at the current level, so as prices increase, you can still be assured that your family will not be burdened.

Sunset Funis unique in that they offer a program for children. At the visitation, they take the children away for some activities for the first half hour. They talk to the children about death, and then have them write down a memory of their loved one who has died. Then, the notes are placed in a balloon bouquet that sits at the foot of the casket during the visitation and funeral.

They also bake fresh cookies for the families before visitation. While they have always provided snacks, they decided to do this because of the warm, comforting atmosphere it creates.

National News

October Is National AmTryke® Month! Each year during the month of October, AMBUCS focuses on promoting the AmTryke therapeutic tricycles and the impact that they have on children with disabilities. Again this year, your chapter will receive 5 bonus points and a \$50-off coupon for a future AmTryke purchase, if you buy and present an AmTryke therapeutic tricycle in October! For more information, please visit www.ambucs.org or contact Jeff Roig at (800) 838-1845 ext 14.

Donations

Orange Crush - donated \$6,000 to AMBUCS. Bill Fulton and Michael Clary were at the ceremony to accept the check.

We received an anonymous donation of \$20.

Upcoming Speakers and Projects

10/24/07 Dr. R. Elghammer Attention Deficit Disorder

10/31/07 Big Hat Day!

11/07/07 Wade Adams Glass Safety

10/24/07 Christmas Wrap

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Members and Guests

Our guests today were Michelle Campbell (brought by John Waltrus) and TJ Morris (brought by Bill Fulton). Michelle works for Neuhoff Communications. Both of our guests filled out applications!

Andrew Phillips was present as a "missing member" after a long absence. Welcome back, Andy!

Information Changes?

Please contact Melody Maxwell at melcurvegirl@hotmail.com.

