



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

Pledge: Jeff Saylor, Prayer: Marsha Downing

Guests: Brian Watson, Wachovia; Leann Carpenter, Dr. Buranakul's nurse practitioner, who found us on the Internet and Marsha Downing, Family Life Skills.

Announcements:

Member Judy Lewis is in the hospital with internal bleeding, a diagnosis hadn't been made yet. Melissa and Jason Rome are still awaiting their baby. Melissa will be induced Thursday morning, if she hasn't delivered by then.

Scholarship recipient Emily Brehm sent a thank you note.

June 18 program: Marsha Downing of Family Life Skills

Board Meeting Action:

Phil and Robin Ferguson, John Watrous, Michelle Blanchard Young and Dale Fathauer were dropped. National convention expenses, a one-year scholarship in honor of Cynthia Bobbett were approved. The possibility of installing security cameras at Winter Park was discussed.

Committee Reports:

Bill Fulton, Challenger League:

Challenger League will play a make-up game due to a rain out at 6 p.m. June 12 at Meade Parke. Usually, when there is a rain out not all kids are able to make the game and even fewer buddies.

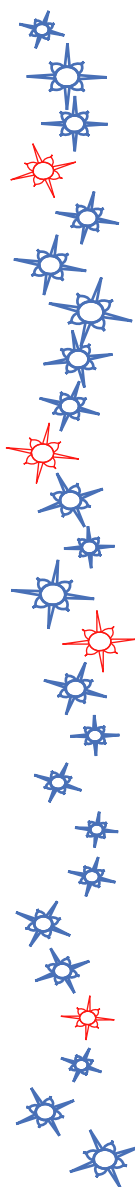
Saturday's games, barring rain, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Meade Park due to water on Winter Park.

Bill Fulton, Lose the Training Wheels:

Wednesday was day 3 of 5 for the camp. 27 kids participated. Most were up on two-regular wheels. It's going well. The camp received a \$400 donation from Lon Henderson from the District 118 special education fund

Dean Carlton, Summer Sounds:

Elsinore played Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Temple Plaza. There was a great turnout and lots of beverages sold.



Bob Richard, HALO Paint Blitz:

Bob passed around a volunteer sign-up list. AMBUCS were to clean painting utensils from noon to 3 p.m. June 14, hopefully, at the Voorhees Street warehouse.

Bob Richard, Sprayground:

Work is moving ahead on electrical, plumbing and foundation work. Bill Fulton said a second installment of \$1667 came in from NACCO on its pledge of \$5000 to be paid over 3 years.

Program:

Jean Norton, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria.

Norton first thanked the club for the Playground for Everyone, which she takes her grandchildren to when they come to visit in the summer.

Catholic Charities opened a branch in Danville in 1997. Its largest program is finding foster homes and placing children in them. It also handles open adoptions, counseling for individuals, families and groups.

It takes a systemic approach with problems in that when one person has a problem, everyone has to deal with it in some way. It also runs a program that tries to keep families intact – keep the family together on a voluntary basis. It oversees the Teen Reach program in Georgetown which has 33 teens and meets at Mary Miller Jr. High. Its Danville Area Project serves Vermilion Gardens, the New Holland Apartments and Green Meadows, offering a summer camp for kids and helps the residents take ownership of their own community with the Danville community. The organization also tries to meet unmet, emergency needs of people who just come to their door. The agency was holding a garage sale as a fundraiser from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 14 at its office, corner of North and Harrison streets.

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