



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

Pledge: Tom Gleichmann Prayer: Laurie Morgan

Announcements:

Janis Hecht, our Indianapolis member, has agreed to hair the Summer Camp. Janis has been coming over to help with that project for several years. Camps are the week of July 28 and Aug. 4

Reminder: We will be having lunch at the Gao Grotto on July 30 and Aug. 6.

The Downtown Danville Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets for \$20 each for a pair of University of Illinois football season tickets. Contact Dana Schaumburg at 443-3886, if interested. They will be given away at the July 25 Summer Sounds concert.

Calendar Items:

July 23: Meeting, noon, Days Inn. Speaker: State Sen. Mike Frerichs.

July 25: Summer Sounds: Dikki Du & The Zydeco Krewe, 6 to 8 p.m. Temple Plaza.

Committee Reports:

Pat Phillips: Summer Sounds

Got the extra volunteers needed through the signup sheets. Thank you everyone for helping.

Need to see if anyone can or can act as back up to Mike Mains who has been taking our bags of cans to Bryant's for recycling. The money raised from this project goes to the maintenance of the various war memorials in Danville. You need only drop off the bags of cans at Bryant's and say it is for the War Memorial in care of Mike Mains. Call Pat Phillips, if you can help 260-0717.

The Salvation Army will hold a Drop Your Drawers for the Salvation Army event at the July 25 concert. Needed are donations of packaged children's underwear and socks as well as school supplies. Bring them to the concert. Barrels will be available. A wild boxer shorts contest is slated as well.

The July 18 Summer Sounds concert beverage concession took in more than \$2,400 including \$120.50 in tips for our bartenders.

National Convention: President Euan Fernsler, President Elect Bill Fulton, Donna Carlton Vish and Janis Hecht were slated to attend the conference from July 16 through 19 in Arkansas.

Sprayground for Everyone: Bob Richard

The contractor was to begin pouring concrete on July 18 if the weather permitted in hopes the job would be completed by July 26. At that time, Gary Dyar and the crew from Shick Office Supply will install the slide, the water hook up would get finished up and at some point the city would complete the landscaping.

Challenger Fall All-Star Game: Richard Woodard

Work still in progress for this event, which will honor Tom Jones who started the program in this area and where our teams got their start. Richard hopes to be able to invite the Champaign Challenger members to participate.

Summer Camp: Janet Myers

A signup sheet for cooking and serving Wednesday lunches at Summer Camp was circulated. Also the adult pizza part needs volunteers.

Program:

Program: Gordon Thoennes, chairman of the Vermilion County Conservation District Foundation and Ken Konsis, executive director of the Vermilion County Conservation District, who presented a slide show from a conservation district program, Outdoor School, and an animated tour of the proposed multi-use building for education, receptions, conventions and more. The concept has been on the drawing board since 1995. The Outdoor School program is 35 years old and now boasts teachers bring their students who attended when they were students.

Konsis called the building concept a "gift to the community." A committee visited similar centers in the Chicago area for "green" ideas as well as included district needs. The building and surrounds would include a prairie garden on the roof with elevator access, siding the allows the building to breathe, porous parking lot to combat runoff, recycled construction materials. The engineering work has been completed with \$30,000 of a \$130,000 donation to the project, which will cost around \$4 million. It is hoped the building would also serve as the Middlefork National Scenic River headquarters. Access is expected to eventually connect Urbana to Danville through Kickapoo Park and into Kennekuk Park and continue to the Middlefork as well through a Rails to Trails project. The building would have a 500 seat conference center, breakout or classrooms for 50 each, outdoor eating area, institutional kitchen for catering needs, parking for 250, exhibition hall. It would be 34,000 square feet plus the prairie roof and basement storage. Heat/AC would be geothermal. District and foundation officials believe the conference center would pay for itself as a tourist attraction and through rentals. The Laury Barn project has already recovered the expenses of dismantling, moving and reconstructing/repairing it through rentals.

50/50 Raffle: \$7 went to Larry Owen.

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