



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

Pledge: Wendy Barnes , Prayer: Carol Wade

Guests: Carol Wade brought Dawn Goedel, a recruiter for Carle Clinic.

Announcements:

Remember July 30 and Aug. 6 meetings are cookouts at the Summer Camp at the Gao Grotto.

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

Committee Reports:

Jeff Saylor: Summer Sounds

6 to 8 p.m. July 25: Dikki Du and the Zydeco Crew at Temple Plaza. Volunteers are set.

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. sNeeded 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 Advocates took second place in the teen club division at the National Convention. Carol Wade qualified as a superior president and received a watch. The club was 100 percent Living Endowment

Sprayground for Everyone: Bob Richard

Last pour for the concrete should be July 26. Then slide goes in and then the state must inspect the completed project and issue a license. It is still undecided whether to hold a grand opening this year or wait until next summer. If all goes well, the Sprayground will be open until Labor Day. Time enough to get any kinks worked out.

Committee Reports cont.

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:

State Senator Mike Frerichs, D-Gifford, began his speech just as the Illiana Christian Women's singing began with Celine Dion's "Life Will Go On" from the Titanic. The senator made a nice segway: "Well that's a good jumping off point for talking about state government." Frerichs talked about getting an award the first day in the senate, the Baby Senator award as the youngest member of the senate. He went on to say the award was begun in 1940. Along the way, only one young senator has spent time behind bars. "The award has been pretty much prison-free," Frerichs joked.

Frerichs talked about the gridlock at the State Capitol saying that although it is frustrating for government officials and constituents alike, it is not always a bad thing. There are checks and balances in place for a good reason. The state of Illinois is required to have a balanced budget, but the legislature is not required to pass one. It is left to the governor to make things balance through his veto powers.

The power struggle between the governor and the speaker of the house/leader of the Illinois Democrat party is the basis of the gridlock. It's not a difference in ideology but who has the most power and most followers. Frerichs plans to do the best he can under circumstances while in office and hopes that the 2010 election will bring about some changes to make government work more smoothly.

50/50 Raffle: \$8 to Curt Ellis.

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