



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

*Pledge: Al Runner , Prayer: Dean Carlton  
Guests: Steve Glasgow guest of Euan Fernsler*

## Announcements:

**Richard Woodard:** There will be an All-Star Baseball game Sept. 20 at Winter Park. 20 to 30 children from the C-U Challenger League will participate as well. We will probably use two fields and need lots of buddies.

**Dean Carlton:** The 2nd Annual Balloonathon benefiting Children's Charities and Riley Hospital in particular is held during the upcoming Indy Air Show. Dean asked members to sign up for cash donations, blood drives, CPR and first aid classes, list if they were an organ donor and to estimate the number of volunteer hours they would do in the next year. Dean was matching cash donations up to \$250.

**Melissa Rome:** Walmart is remodeling under its new manager. When it holds its grand re-opening to show off the work, it wants to recognize certain charities at that time. AMBUCS is up for a grant for its Christmas parties and Melissa is hoping that we will again get the \$1,000, we used to get.

## Committee Reports:

### **Summer Sounds: Euan Fernsler**

A report meeting will be held at noon Aug 29 at Vermilion Place for the Summer Sounds 2008 season. On Sept. 3, preparations for Summer Sounds 2009 begin. A meeting that will take as long as it takes and will feature pizza will be held that day at Downtown Danville Inc., 149 N. Vermilion St. The new committee will consist of 3 representatives from DDI and 3 from AMBUCS. If you have any interest in being one of the three, contact Euan at [efernsler@korora.com](mailto:efernsler@korora.com) immediately.

### **Sprayground for Everyone: Bob Richard**

The Sprayground is 98 percent complete. A pre-inspection is scheduled on Aug. 26 with the state inspection to follow the next day. The water was test on all but a few elements and worked. Bob said that if members see Steve Lane or Doug Ahrens, they should thank them profusely for all their help in making this project happen. The plan is still to open for one day during the Labor Day weekend and then hold a grand opening with the beginning of the Danville Municipal Pool season next year.

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**Meals on Wheels: Patty Clutter**

Is in the second week of its two-week summer assignment. Everything is going well. Volunteer positions are covered. Oct. 1, the club begin participating in the new CRIS Senior Services plan for delivering Senior Adult Meals. We will be responsible for Route 1 on Mondays for the following 52 weeks. Route 1 has less than 10 clients and takes between 30 and 40 minutes to complete. It currently includes South one on Collett Street, one on Bryan Avenue, one on Florida Avenue, one on Texas Street, and four on Perrysville Road. Mondays are a one meal day and meals are not delivered on public holidays, so our commitment will actually be for fewer than 52 sessions. Patty Clutter is in charge of scheduling the first 26 with Bill E. Fulton taking the second 26 weeks.

**\$15,000 Raffle: Pat Phillips**

Pat Phillips is again handling raffle and guest dinner tickets. As of Aug. 20, 198 are distributed or spoken for to sell. Please contact Pat if you need tickets at 260-0717 or 446-7170. The raffle is Oct. 2 at the Beef House. Millie Wilson will handle door prizes. If you have items that can be given away or can help Millie solicit door prizes call her at Coldwell Banker. Twenty prizes are needed for the main raffle along with a few for guest tickets. Prizes that are easily taken with the winner or can be used by almost anyone are preferable..

**Program:**

**Rose Henton, executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Vermilion County.**

Rose gave a little of her own background then explained the need for mentors. The organization has shifted its focus just a bit in that the children in the program while considered at risk are generally from a single-parent family, perhaps a bad part of town with a lack of role models and suffer from a lack of time with a caring adult. School-based mentors spend one-hour per week while school is in session with their child and traditional mentors commit to 2-3 hours per month with their child. For more information, call the BBBS office at 446-6601.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Aug. 27: Melvia Russell on New Directions, a counseling and rehabilitative service.

Sept. 3: Special Agent Matthew McWilliams who is with the Department of Homeland Security, US Secret Service. Matthew guarded the President George Herbert Walker Bush and has some wonderful stories to tell. He also assists with logistics on any detail involving Secret Service guarded persons traveling with a certain radius of Champaign-Urbana where his office is located.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$8 to Dean/Millie who donated it to BBBS.

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**Information Changes?**

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