



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

*Pledge: Richard Woodard , Prayer: Sara Stuhr
Guests: None, but welcome back Bill Montgerard!*

Announcements:

Donna Carlton Vish: Last chance to buy you ticket to win the Big Hat getaway. And she asked for sponsors for the American Heart Walk.

Committee Reports:

Richard Woodard: Challenger League All-Star Baseball games begin at 9 a.m. 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 volunteers are very much needed.

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. The new committee will consist of 3 representatives from DDI and 3 from AMBUCS.

Sprayground for Everyone: Bob Richard

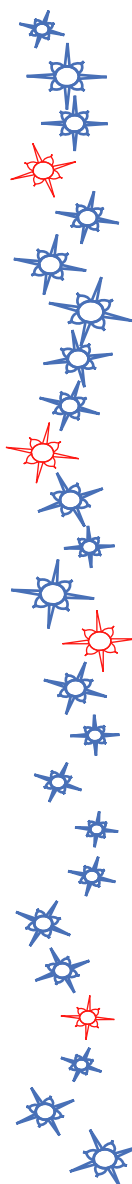
The Sprayground will open this weekend Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to give people a taste of the new facility. A grand opening will be held in conjunction with the beginning of the Danville Municipal Pool season in 2009.

Meals on Wheels: Patty Clutter

Signups have begun under the new program for Meals on Wheels volunteers. AMBUCS will deliver Route One every Monday beginning Oct. 1 for the next 52 weeks. Route one takes 30 to 40 minutes to complete. Get a buddy (it makes it easier) and sign up for a week or a series of weeks. 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. 27, 215 are distributed. Please contact Pat if you need tickets at 260-0717 or 446-7170. If you have tickets, get the money in as soon as possible. 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. As part of your membership obligation, we encourage you to buy a ticket, sell a ticket or go in on a ticket with friends, family or we'll even hook you up with someone to share a ticket.



Program:

Speaker: Melvia Russell spoke about New Directions. The agency is funded and therefore must meet requirements of the Department of Human Services. It offers drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation, anger management for adults and children. Russell abuse had permeated our community and the need is great to help people get and stay sober.

It also offers family counseling, takes referrals from the court system, offers AIDS education and Christian counseling.

Statistics find that the maximum chance for sobriety is found in a group setting where addicts can share their experiences with and be accountable to their peers.

There is currently no close by detoxification center and there is a great need for one.

Upcoming Programs:

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 Cathy Reardon who donated it back to the club.

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Information Changes?

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