



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

*Bill Fulton led the meeting in Euan's absence.  
Guests: Tim Welch, Frank Brunacci*

## Announcements:

Lisa Bridgens has accepted the position of vice president on the Danville Chapter of AMBUCS board.

Member Gayle Brandon has been inducted into the Eastern Illinois Athletic Hall of Fame.

Former member Tim Stewart and his wife have taken on responsibility of raising their granddaughter Alexis, 3, after her parents were killed in a head on collision while riding in a motorcycle run. A benefit will be held for a trust in the child's name Oct. 4. Raffle tickets are available as part of the fundraiser. See Bill Fulton for details.

Member Don Beard's wife Helen died Sept. 16. Visitation and services are at First Presbyterian Church Sept. 18.

## Committee Reports:

Challenger League All-Star Baseball: Games begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 20. Games will take place at the Catlin Sports Complex behind Catlin High School. Buddies are needed. Scot Medlin will do the announcing.

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

As of Sept. 17, Pat still has 15 tickets that have not gone out and less than 100 have been returned with money. 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. Please return any unused dinner tickets because we will need them at the do on Oct. 2.-2238.

## Program:

### **Thom Pollock, Crosspoint Human Services**

Due to cuts to human services and withholding nearly \$1 million in Medicaid reimbursements, Crosspoint finds itself in dire straits. The organization offers services to help people in recovery from substance abuse and mental illness, trains the developmentally disabled, evaluates children, birth to 3, for developmental delays, manages services at the YFRC for domestic violence victims, homeless and runs its day care in addition to managing independent residential housing for some of these clients.

Pollock asked that everyone call state senate president Emil Jones to urge him to call the senate back to session to rule on some of these issues. Beyond that, a change needs to take place so that human services has its own dedicated line of revenue much like the lottery is for education.

