



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

*Pledge: Jeff Saylor, Prayer: Dean Carlton
Guests: no guests*

Announcements:

\$15,000 Raffle: Pat Phillips

All the tickets were sold thanks to Curt Ellis and Andy Phillips taking a trip to the Sportsman Inn in Westville. The two managed to sell the last seven tickets in 35 minutes. What a relief that was. There were still around 10 tickets without their payments when we were setting up for the raffle. All but one payment, which was in the mail because the couple who had also donated the sign for the Sprayground couldn't get it to us sooner, were in. That payment came the day after the raffle.

The five finalists included: Tom Wagner, Duane Fidler, Tom Heath, Tina Baker and Bill Faulstich/Steve Darling. Unfortunately, Tom Heath had neglected to express his wishes as to whether to split or name a proxy on his ticket stub, so the drawing automatically had to continue. Luckily, for the others, Tom was the first one drawn and received \$500. The others decided to split. Shirley Glick was proxy for Baker, Fidler and Faulstich/Darling had elected to split with 5 remaining and Wagner was present to represent himself. Wager, Baker and Fidler each received \$4,125 and Faulstich and Darling split that amount.

First ticket drawn was Debbie Crose who will receive a free ticket next year.

In addition to regular 50/50 side raffles two 52-card raffles were held. The five side raffles generated \$1,595. Final report will be completed when all expenses are in.

AMBUCS Expo: Euan Fernsler

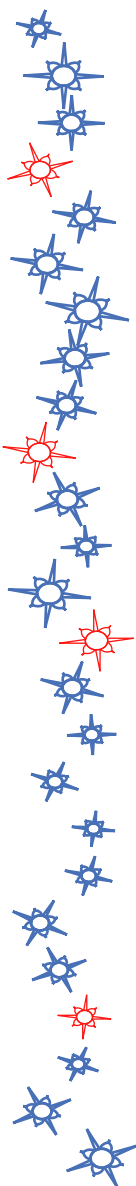
Euan announced his volunteer assistants for the Expo as Andy Phillips for hospitality/food; Carol Wade for stage entertainment and Launie Morgan for volunteer scheduling and AMBUCS booth set up. If you know of a business who would be interested in exhibiting at the Expo. Please drop Euan a note at efernsler@korora.com.

Fall Central Region Conference: Hawthorne Suites in Champaign.

Oct. 24 golf outing, Oct. 25 events all day. See Euan for details.

AMBUCS AmTryke Month: October.

Euan would like to order AmTryke T-shirts. If you are interested, e-mail him at the address above.



Branding Time:

Instead of a contest, Euan would encourage you to think about who you would like to work with on a project or fundraiser. We need new members that will be active members.

Board Meeting:

Monday, Oct. 13 at noon at Vermilion Place, 13 N. Hazel St.

Program:

Rickey Williams, Sr., co-owner of East Central Illinois Humanistics Counseling Center.

His organization specializes in the treatment of adult sex offenders and chemical dependency. He also teaches criminal justice at Danville Area Community College.

Williams is currently working on finding transitional housing and needed services for prisoners being released into the community. He said former prisoners want what every human being wants – acceptance, respect and to be loved.

He said there are tax credits available to employers willing to hire people released from prison. He is currently working with faith-based groups and mentoring programs to help keep people on the right side of the law.

Many former prisoners have good hearts, good minds but never had good direction.

50/50 Raffle: \$8 to Larry Owen

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