



CLUB NEWS LETTER

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Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.
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Pledge: Dianna Kirk
Prayer: Dee Douglas

Members: 38 present
Guests: Tiffany Jones, of Larmar Advertising, turned in application. And Angie Springer who was a big help with getting prizes donated for the \$15000 raffle.

Program **Pat O'Shaunessey** **Festival of Trees**

The Festival begins with the Nov. 10th Gala, a thank you for the sponsors of the event. Since 1997 97% of sponsors have returned to support the event.

The Festival of Trees is held Nov. 11th- 15th at the David S. Palmer Arena. A huge attraction of the event is the Teddy Bear Breakfast, and tickets for this event go on sale on Oct. 23rd. The Festival hosts children's tours from area schools and expects 1500 kids to tour the event this year.

The Gingerbread village will return again this year, along with the Festival Gift Shop and Ladies Luncheon. Saturday night will feature a "Dessert among the trees" theme, and this year the county market will offer "Friends of the Festival" tree ornaments at both locations to help support the event.

The November meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held among the trees on Tuesday Nov. 14th. The festival boasts 77 trees, 66 wreaths, 6 showcases (12x10 miniroom) and requires about 560 volunteers.

Playground News

Tom Dolan's Karate For Kids program raised \$5,120 for the playground. A big thanks to Tom and an even bigger thanks to all the kids who got the pledges, broke the boards and put so much effort into our cause.

Teepak has donated \$1000 to the Playground, Jack Carlson has donated \$250 and Berry's Garden Center will do all landscaping, donating labor, equipment, and materials, to make the playground beautiful.

Century Club

Anyone interested in participating in the Playground for Everyone Century Club can pledge \$100 to be billed monthly through dues or quarterly if a non-member.

It's a great opportunity to be a part of the playground.

Night of Lights

A committee is forming to perfect our involvement with the Downtown Danville Night of Lights Parade. Contact Linda Murphy if interested in helping out.

\$15,000 Raffle

We did it! In the crunch we sold out all 300 tickets. The last ticket was sold by 6:30pm that night! Thanks to all AMBUCS who stepped up on this one.

A big thanks to Curt Ellis for gathering the prizes, and to Chris Cottell, Jeff Saylor, Donna Carlton-Vish, and all the others on the committee who made the event successful.

There will be more information on the event at our next meeting (October 11).

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\$20 donated to the playground by Dale Carlton.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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