



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: Megan
Prayer: Dee Douglas

Guests: Craid DeArmond

Vermilion County 911 Vic Vanesse

911 has been in effect in Vermilion County since 1982. In 1986, Hoopston and Rossville were added to the county network, and in 1989 the county passes a referendum to add a \$.75 cent surcharge to phone bills to pay for the enhanced 911 service. Enhanced 911 service includes a system that automatically alerts operators to the address from which your call originates. This caused the need for mapping out all the rural addresses in the county with x and y coordinates. Even the enhanced 911 system has faults though. Exact location cannot be determined in the case of cellular phone calls and calls from within large campuses, plants or factories.

The county now has 2 dedicated 911 trunks for cellular phones, instead of using the old sheriff's office number and rolling it over. A July 1999 bill will regulate assessment of the 911 charge on cell phones to a standard \$.75. This will also help in requiring cellular phone companies to enhance cell phone details to include the name of the cell phone owner and details of it's location.

Lt. Bob and Vic stressed the fact that the 911 office is separate from the police department. It is regulated by the Danville Public Building Commission, and is a neutral governing body that is paid for in halves by the city and the county.

Other Club News

Congratulations to Dale Carlton and Leatherneck Hardware for being chosen a business of distinction (BOD) in Vermilion County.

Euan Fernsler has gotten an email from a woman in Philadelphia who is looking for someone to correspond via email with an 18 year old girl with Cerebral Palsy. Contact Euan (efernsler@korora.com) if you are interested or know someone who is. The woman would like someone to be a peer to this child, and help her through her teen years as her parents have kept her quite isolated.

Janeen, the woman who makes sure your tea glass is bottomless, your tables are neatly cleared away, and Lt. Bob and I never go hungry, is up for the Red Rose of Excellence award. As a club, and as individuals, we are truly lucky to have Janeen Rife's services and friendship. If you would like to show your support, please attend the awards ceremony on Wednesday November 1, 7:30am at the Bremmer Center at DACC. The Red Rose of Excellence is presented to outstanding persons in the service industry, and we can all attest to Janeen's outstanding service above and beyond what her duties require.

The advocates will be on WDAN's "school time" program tonight from 5pm-6pm. It is a call in show, so feel free to torture, I mean, inquisition, I mean offer praise to our Advocates! It's tonight on 1490 AM WDAN. Call in at 431-1491. (I'll pay my dollar on Wednesday.)

Awards

A plaque was presented to the Danville Advocates.

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. I understand we have chosen a theme.

Playground News

Summer Sounds netted the club \$2,905.50. Way to go!

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.

Upcoming Program

Gary Wright with the Village Mall safe shopping at holiday time.

Home Show

We have hired Tonya Johnson as our promoter this year. Initial contact letters have been sent and several booths have already been booked. With the help of the vendors, we expect a multi-faceted show!

Fall Convention

Central Regional Fall Convention is November 3-5. Contact Jeff if you would like to go.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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