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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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P.O. Box 266 Danville, IL 61832

Pledge: Donna's Pick

Prayer: Betty Carlton

Guests: Betty Carlton (finally a signed application!), and Phil Ferguson (another signed application!).

AMBUCS Fall Raffle

Pat Kuchefski reports that 269 of 300 tickets for the AMBUCS Raffle are out and implores members to sell, sell, sell. If people are shy about selling the tickets and know someone who wants to buy, please let her know because, as we all know, Pat is NOT shy and will be happy to make contact and conduct the sale for you.

This years AMBUCS Children with Disabilities Benefit Banquet will be held Oct. 4th at The Beef House. Last year we rised over \$17,000 to fund a variety of efforts most especially our two week Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities.

Again this year we will sell only 300 tickets at \$130 each for a chance to win \$15,000 in cash. The ticket price includes a sumptuous meal at The Beef House complete with door prizes and a TON of fun. 'Meal only' tickets for the banquet will be available and can be purchased for \$25.

If you would like a ticket, come to any meeting, contact Pat Kuchefski or Curt Ellis or email info@ambucs-dnv.com. For more information, or to download a ticket order form, check out the Fall Raffle section on our web site.

Summer Sounds

Hog-eye Naavy will be our last Summer Sounds concert of the season. It will be held on Sept. 8. at 6 p.m. at Kresge Park. The Irish band will also perform at O'Brien's Pub, on east Main Street, after the downtown show.

The Summer Sounds website is being hosted by us this year at: www.summersounds.org/



Big Hat Day!

It was Big Hat day and the fines flew. Our esteemed, near Big Hat member, Carol Wade (who, for some reason, has been forced to wear a Goofy hat with floppy ears) won the whining award (rewarding her with a candy pacifier).

Jeff Saylor, our Big Hat chair, passed out a load of candy, gum, etc. in addition to levying a boat-load of fines. Also, Terry Coyle was reported to have been seen at one of the Rotary meetings recently (we hope he was fined).

Big Hat members were forced to bring vital information out from the rims of their sweat-stained chapeaus. The info Master-gun slinger Saylor needed was their AMBUCS membership card, AMBUCS by-laws and, of course, the AMBUCS song (which Vermilion County Circuit Judge Mike Cleary was asked to sing-and he almost did). Also, Judge Cleary won an insulated water bottle.

It was learned that Don Beard won his spurs in 1966—way to go, Mr. Beard! The total fine levy: \$105.00.

Lt. Richard suggested the Big Hatters plant a 'AMBUCS Memory Tree' to honor members of our chapter that have passed away. The tree would be planted at the park.

Miscellany

Donna is looking for a scrapbooking person. Anyone interested, please contact her.

Next Board meeting: Clifton Gunderson, Sept.10, 2001. Noon, if you would like to attend, please contact Donna.

Carol Wade announced that Kevin Kegley has completed an application form and will soon be a member.

Carol Wade (Goofy-hat and all) reports that she needs 9 people to round out her Heart Walk team. The walk will be held on Sept. 22 at Ellsworth Park. Check-in is at 8 a.m./walk begins at 9 a.m. She would like all of her team members to secure \$100 flat rate pledges. Call her at 442-1700.

Future Program

Sept.5 Bob Gagnon - Airport
Sept.12 Dr. Terry Coyle - Chiropractor
Sept. 19 Tom Mellen - Africa

We will be having Box Lunches for lunch August 29 and Sandwiches and Soup on September 5. If you would like to suggest a menu, or comment on one, please contact Euan Fernsler (efernsler@korora.com).

National News

Mid-States Regional Convention

The Mid-States regional convention is coming up September 21st and 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Cleveland, OH.

Regional News

Our Fall Convention

AMBUCS Fall Convention will be held Nov. 9-11 in Bloomington, IL at the Jumer's Lodge. Also, there will be a ramp-building project. Lt. Bob Richard suggested that a group from our club be formed to go on a road trip to help with the project and to act as a club social.

This years Central Region fall convention has it's own web site for information and registration. While it's not quite done, you may still register there now. Go to www.heroesconvention.com.

Nomenclature

Spur Pin

Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during Branding Time membership drive.

Membership Slice

Carolyn Anderson, member since 1997.

Robert Black II, member since 1996.

Cynthia Eneyart, member since 1999.

The membership list is on the web! Check out our web site at www.danvilleambucs.com. If you would like more of your information listed, let us know: info@danvilleambucs.com

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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