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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: Phil Ferguson!
Prayer: Dee Douglas
Guests: None!

AMBUCS Fall Raffle

Pat Kuchefski reports that nearly all of the 300 tickets for the AMBUCS Raffle are out and implores members to sell, sell, and sell. The raffle committee will soon start calling members to sell the tickets and to turn in monies collected since we are about a month away from the big day. Ms. Kuchefski also reminds us that there will be volunteer sign-up lists to help out on raffle night, Oct. 4 at The Beef House.

This years AMBUCS Children with Disabilities Benefit Banquet will be held Oct. 4th at The Beef House. Last year we raised 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/

Playground

The \$10,000 state grant money arrived for the Playground, the Carlton's reported (check in hand). Way to go!

Bill Jr. has tee shirts - buy one and support the Playground.

Vermilion County Airport

Bob Gagnon

Bob Gagnon, manager of the Vermilion County Airport, brought a pile of statistics pointing out the intrinsic value of the airport for Danville and the county. The Airport Authority was created in 1946 after a countywide referendum authorizing it to be built. He noted several common misperceptions about how the authority taxes the citizens of the county—the northern and far southern portions of the county are not taxed; rather 9 townships in central Vermilion County comprise the taxing district. The Danville City Council and the Vermilion County Board appoint the governing commission board members—3 from Danville, 2 from the county.

Gagnon predicts big changes at the airport over the next five years. Since the runways were designed to handle McDonnell-Douglas DC-3's, they have had to secure the money to upgrade the service areas to handle freight jets like DC-9's. The runways will need to be strengthened and re-paved in addition to redesigned taxiways are needed at the facility.

The economic reports indicate that the airport is best suited to a light manufacturing industrial park environment in addition to a freight transfer facility. He hopes to have 737's and DC-9's using the airport.

General statistics about the airport: The facility is worth about \$4.7 million a year to the local economy, ranks 32nd in Illinois and fourth in general aviation service (not passenger) and the airport makes \$181.00 for every plane that lifts-off from it.

Our esteemed AMBUC member, Phyllis Busey, is Gagnon's secretary. When asked how tough was it to work with her, he replied, "She's the best thing since soap."

Miscellany

Carol Wade (in abstentia) 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 10 Board Meeting at Heritage, Noon.
Sept.12 Dr. Terry Coyle - Chiropractor
Sept. 19 Tom Mellen - Africa

We will be having Beef with Noodles on September 12. 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 has 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. Contact Bob if you would like to go on that Saturday and feel the energy.

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

Lunch Invitation

An event where prospective members are invited with the express purpose of recruiting them for AMBUCS. Our club will even buy their first lunch!

Membership Slice

Marcella Kennedy, member since 2000.

Jaelyn O'Malley, member since 1999.

David Patten, member since 2001.

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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