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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: Chuck Cannady
Prayer: Frank Young
Guests: None (Although Richard Woodard did answer back, "We're all cool.")

AMBUCS Fall Raffle

Pat Kuchefski reports money has been collected for 164 of 290 tickets checked out to members for the AMBUCS Raffle. Only 300 tickets are available which leaves 10 for purchase. Ms. Kuchefski, forever the salesperson (even though she works as a journalist), will help members sell their remaining tickets, just give her a call with the names of interested parties and she'll make the call. Remember, Pat is not shy.

Also, she reminds us that there will be volunteer sign-up lists to help out on raffle night, Oct. 4 at The Beef House. 37 volunteers are needed to help with the festivities. If you are volunteering then you will eat dinner early-Please check with either she or our president, Donna Carlton-Vish.

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 ste.

Heart Walk

Carol Wade walked endlessly last Saturday to raise money on behalf of the AMBUCS for the American Heart Association. Carol-we know your heart is in the right place. About \$44,000 was raked in for the cause.

Playground Correction

The Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation has donated \$10,000 to the playground, which helps to extinguish the club's remaining \$6,500 debt from the construction phase and adds \$3,500 to the maintence fund. Mr. Hegeler had previously donated \$25,000 for the construction. Please excuse the reporting error in the last newsletter.



Euan Fernsler

Internet

Our own AM-geek Euan Fernsler gave us a look inside the Internet; its history and its intended use to what we use now.

The original 1969 concept was initiated by the Department of Defense to develop new technologies, which, in their way of thinking, would be done at universities. Euan provided a flow chart outlining the connections between the schools.

Danville District 118 School Superintendent Dr. Gary Tucker, chimed, "Is this the Al Gore design"-alluding to the former Vice-President's claim to have helped invent the Internet. The 1969 Internet had four or five schools connected conducting research, and Mr. Gore was in Vietnam.

It wasn't until the 1980's that the medium started to change significantly. In 1986 it was still a very cumbersome and slow method of transmitting information, then around 1988 the government started changing the backbone infrastructure.

The World Wide Web (a/k/a, www) was born in 1991, which business quickly realized could mean increased sales and profits but in 1995 the government de-commissioned portions of the web and let business take over.

Euan views the Internet as a big mess that's become a value-added service provider. He touched on security issues-for instance, he feels more secure buying on-line than in a store. Encryption codes used for security are very hard to break-taking sophisticated hackers a year or more to break. That's why he has to buy new encryption certification yearly for his web development business.

User traffic exploded in the late 1990's. Estimates indicate around 30 million web sites are viewable at any given time.

Homeshow

Preliminary plans for the AMBUCS Home Show are underway with letters nearly ready to be sent out to last year's vendors. Here's another chance for our club members to help out-volunteers (a bunch) will be needed at the show. More info will be offered in the coming months.

Future Program

- Oct. 3--Kevin Kegley/ Project Success
Oct. 10--State Sen. Judy Myers
Oct. 17--Dr. Ron Serfoss/ Chittick Eye Care
Oct. 24--Cathy Reardon/ Festival of Trees

We will be having Scalloped Ham on October 3. If you would like to suggest a menu, or comment on one, please contact Euan Fernsler (efernsler@korora.com).

National News

Branding Time!

Branding time will begin Oct. 1. Members stand to win prizes for helping to recruit new members (possibly free admission to the next AMBUCS convention to be held at Niagara Falls). Hey, you even get a branding iron pin for your large cowboy hat. Yee-haaaaaa, ride'm cowboy.

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.

Go to www.heroesconvention.com.

Nomenclature

Top Spread Club

A chapter that increased their net membership by five or more members during the Branding Time membership drive.

Membership Corner

- Donald Beard, forever, Big Hat since 1966.
Tammy Graham, 1996, Big Hat since 1996.
Stacey Vredenburg, 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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