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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: Connie White
Prayer: Mike Cleary
Guests: Shirley Harris

AMBUCS Fall Raffle

This years raffle was a great success! Pat will fill us in on the details at our next meeting, but all tickets were sold, and sold early. The dinner was a packed house and everyone had a lot of fun - especially the winners.

There is some preliminary information up on our web site already if you just can't wait until wednesday. www.danvilleambucs.com.

Heart Walk

Carol Wade raised about \$75 on behalf of the AMBUCS for the American Heart Association.

Playground

The water has been shut off for the season and they have started planting grass seed around the perimeter.

Christmas Parties

The annual AMBUCS Christmas parties have been set for Dec. 8: The children's party will be from 9-11 a.m. at the Day's Inn, while the adult party will be in the afternoon at the Palmer Arena. Oh, by the way, committee co-chair, Cathy High is a new grandmother, as is Dee Douglas.



**Kevin Kegley
Project Success**

Project Success director Kevin Kegley (known as Carol Wade as 'Mr. Big Hat, right there,' referring to her enlistment of Kegley into the club, earning her the coveted, large cowboy hat) gave us a view of the program and its impact on county.

Project Success is a state-wide program designed to help prepare children for school with the objective of alleviating barriers in a child's path to learning. The Project programs center on counseling and tutoring with an umbrella of services like Teen REACH, Communities for Youth, Parent Mentors, Family Centered Services and Safety at School.

The project is completely grant-funded with donors like the United Way, Illinois Power Co., and recently a one-time grant from Sen. Dick Durbin's office of \$250,000.

The project was begun 15 years ago with a \$15,000 grant at Daniel School, now sporting a yearly budget of \$600,000, and a staff of 10. It serves school-aged children in Danville and Vermilion County from Hoopston to Georgetown.

We at AMBUCS wish Mr. Kegley good fortune with the Project, because we know the at-risk children of Vermilion County need your help.

Homeshow

Preliminary plans for the AMBUCS Home Show are underway with letters stuffed, being readied 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.

Contact Tonya Johnson or Carol Wade for information on the AMBUCS Home Show—you'll be glad you did.

Future Program

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 Soup and Sandwiches on October 10. 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 runs throughout October. 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
Trail Boss**

A title the club president receives for achieving a net gain of five members during the Branding Time membership drive.

Membership Corner

Leland Blanchard, 3/23/01
Linda Bolton, 11/6/96
Lori Burnett, 4/24/96, Big Hat 5/31/96

If you would like more of your information listed in the newsletter or on our web site, let us know: info@danvilleambucs.com.

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Euan Fernsler won \$9. The prize was donated by Mr. Fernsler to Project Success.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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