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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: Arminda Boyer
Prayer: Gary Tucker
Guests: Dr. Ron Serfoss

Homeshow

"Things are going along just fine," said a sleeply, over-worked Carol Wade.

Note that the homeshow dates have changed to March 8-10. Apparently we were trying to go at the same time as the Champaign Homeshow..and we blinked first.

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.

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.



**Dr. Ron Serfoss
Chittick Eye Care**

Diabetes induced eye disease and macular degeneration are the scourges of the eye care industry, according to Dr. Ron Serfoss.

Dr. Serfoss presented his views on eye care and disease to the assembled AMBUCS at our weekly luncheon/meeting. After viewing an informative video on diabetes induced eye disease, Dr. Serfoss expounded further on diabetic retinopathy, which causes a breakdown and weakening of the blood vessels supplying the retina—which will cause blindness if left untreated. But, he points out, it is very treatable if caught early.

Comprehensive testing on a regular basis, in addition to having your eyes dilated during the test, are the best preventative measure a person can take to prevent this very serious condition. Several surgeries are available to help correct the condition.

Dr. Serfoss believes that he and other eye care professionals are seeing more diabetic retinopathy because people are living longer.

His message to everyone: Aggressive treatment of diabetic retinopathy can save the vision that has yet to be impaired, but will not improve eye sight (as with Lasik surgery). Regular check-ups are a must to combat this vision stealing disease.

Right on, Doc—keep spreading the word.

Board Meeting

Nov. 12, at noon probably at Clifton-Gunderson. If you would like to attend, meetings are open to members. Please let Donna know so lunch can be arranged (everybody pays their own).

Future Program

Oct. 24--Cathy Reardon/ Festival of Trees

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

*Children with Disabilities
Christmas Parties*

Each Summer Camp attendee or former receives an invitation to one of our christmas parties. The parties are promoted as family events and everyone gets a personal visit with Santa and a small gift.

For more information, visit our web site www.danvilleambucs.com.

Membership Corner

Cathy Reardon, 1998.
Kathy Richard, 1999.
Cathy High, 2000.

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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Tom Wagner won \$8. He donated \$2 to the Playground, \$2 to the Red Cross, \$2 to the Salvation Army and kept \$2. In the end, he donated all of his winnings to the Playground.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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