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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: Pat Owens
Prayer: Garyt Tucker
Guests: None.

Homeshow

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.

In recent news Dean has threatened to sing at the event as well as spinning disks for us all.

Billing Notice

Todd, our illustrious Accountant, would like to try emailing some of our bills rather than sending the bills through the post. It'll save the club a little cash and Todd some time.

If you are interested in participating in some test runs, please talk to Todd or email todddavis@cliftoncpa.com.

Big Hat Day Halloween Festival

Some folks dressed up in costume for Big Hat Halloween today. It was also a fineless Big Hat day! Today the Big Hat club gave back (though they somehow still managed to raise over \$100).

Big Hatters were working the room selling bags of candy. Each bag also gave you a chance to win some cash (Cindy, Eric and Carol all won) or a big basket of candy (won by Gary and Dean). Before they would give you the bag you paid for you had to answer REALLY HARD questions about the Big Hat Club. Jeff would sling Smarties at the poor victim to try and help them think.

Dee and Phyllis helped to set everything up and were dressed as a Pumpkin and Crayon respectively. As Jeff put it, "Dee and Phyllis stick out like a turd in a punchbowl!". Still, everyone who survived the grilling and candy were given a homemade (and REALLY tasty) Pumpkin Cookie courtesy of Dee Douglas. Thanks Dee!

Meeting Notes

Thanks goes to Jeannine for decorating the room for us. She bought most of the decorations herself!

Bob complained about the noise. Frank denied all responsibility. 'nuff said.

Fun with AMBUCS

On December 1, 2001 we're going to have another AMBUCS travelling dinner. It is our Holiday social and open to all members and their guests. Please bring a ~\$10 gift to exchange and your appetite. More information about where to go will follow.

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

Nov. 7 - ESDA. Who are they? What do they do?

Nov. 14 - Regional Convention Report by Donna and Richard.

National News

AMBUCS Scholars

The national scholarship committee is meeting the first week of November to streamline the AMBUCS scholarships for therapists program. They plan to send the new structure to clubs in early December.

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

Merit Awards (part II)

Merit awards based on chartering a new club include New Club Building, Sparkplug and First Anniversary Award. Merit Awards based on Living Endowment include National Scholarship Fund, 100% Living Endowment Giving, Big Heart and Living Endowment Giving Plateaus.

Membership Corner

Gary Dyar, 1977, Big Hat in 1982.

Patty Clutter, 1999.

Melissa Bodensteiner, 2000.

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



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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