

Pledge: Sherri Hous

Prayer: Dee Douglas

Guests: John Zarn, Bob Gagnon and Satish Raval

Orientation

Our orientation will begin at noon on Nov. 28 at the Days Inn. Present members please remind your new members to please be there so Bill Garrison can dazzle them with AMBUC lore. Spouses and significant-others are welcomed and encouraged to attend along with our new members.

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.

AMBUCS Progressive Dinner

It's set for Dec. 1. The traveling dinner mixer begins 5 p.m. at the Bob and Kathy Richard domicile for appetizers, then after an hour it motors to the Don and Donna Vish compound for the main course but the dessert stop has still not been set. Come one, come all for a festive evening of great food and fellowship. Contact Donna for more info.

Meeting Notes

-Cathy High was lamenting difficulties obtaining materials for the AMBUC adult Christmas party. In a matter of minutes she had raised \$95 in cash, while Richard Woodard stepped forward and offered to obtain, sans donate, stuffed animals for the party in addition to splitting the costs of a Santa suit with Downtown Danville, Inc. All of this was necessary because lower donation totals from area businesses that had helped with the party in the past. She is still in need donations of either cash or toys.

-Another Christmas party note: Athena-winner Millie Wilson has graciously taken on the task of producing artsy photo holders for the Polaroid photographs taken at the parties (film donated by AMBUC Curt Ellis—200 prints).

Toys for Tots

Bob Gagnon

"We are bound and determined to make sure every kid in the county gets one, or two, or three presents at Christmas," promised Bob Gagnon, with the local Toys for Tots program.

Gagnon, a frequent contributor to our noon meeting, gave a brief summary of the programs' history and where they are today. Danville had a Marine reserve unit based here, but it has moved to Terre Haute. Now the Marine Corp League runs the local Toys for Tots effort.

Last year the League gave Christmas presents to 1,097 children locally, and eight million toys distributed to four million children nation-wide. They need new toys only and obtain their potential donor list from area social service agencies. He also wanted to point out that every dollar donated in our area stays in our area.

We salute your effort League members. Just a note to AMBUCS: Bob said they could use volunteers, so give him a call at 442.4624 or John Zarn at 442.1594.

One more item: John mentioned that there is a shortage of presents for kids in the 8-12-year-old category. If you can don't hesitate to give them a call.

New Fundraiser

Our local Michelob Light beer distributor has asked that our club be the benefactor of a new fund-raising effort. They call it a 'Barstool Golf Outing.'

There will be 9 taverns involved in the event, which will be held on Feb. 23, 2002, from 12:30-6:30 p.m. Each tavern will be responsible for creating a miniature golf hole, and each foursome will play the hole and move on to the another participating bar for the next hole.

We have to supply 18 volunteers to act as judges at each bar (that's 2 per bar) for the duration of the fund-raiser. They are hoping that 50-foursomes will participate, but the numbers could go higher as advertising for the event kicks in. Our club will receive \$60 of each \$80 entry fee.

Future Program

Nov. 28 New Member orientation. Spouses, Significant others welcomed.
Dec. 5 Gift Wrapping for Kid's Parties.
Dec. 12 CRIS. Amy Hinkleman.
Dec. 19 Computer Musts "Could-a-should-a-DIDN'T". Richard Woodard.

National News

New Building Fund

National AMBUCS is conducting a fund-raising effort to try and secure \$300,000 for a new headquarters. Apparently it is sorely needed.

Board Meeting

Dec. 10, at noon probably at Clifton-Gunderson. If you would like to attend, please let Donna know so lunch can be arranged (everybody pays their own).

Nomenclature

Orientation

An informal meeting attended by new members and spouses to learn more about AMBUCS.

Membership Corner

Terry Coyle, 2001.
Phil Donahue, 2001.
Phil Ferguson, 2001.

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