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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: Cathy Reardon
Prayer: Gary Tucker
Guests: Sara Woodard.

Field Trip

A note to all members: Our meeting on January 16th, 2002 will be a field trip. We will meet for lunch at The Deluxe, 21 W. North St. Please mark your calendars.

Homeshow

80% of the vendors from last year are already confirmed for this year. Wow! Carol Wade also asked that anyone who still has any of the corrugated signs from last year, would you please bring them back. They can change the dates on the signs saving us some of the cost of creating the signs.

Note that the homeshow dates have changed to March 8-10. Contact Tonya Johnson, Carol Wade or Phyllis Busey for information on the AMBUCS Home Show.

Meeting Notes

Pretty sparse this week. Welcoming chairman Euan Fernsler announced that he won't be able to attend on Dec. 26-and just for the announcement received a large round of applause...Al Runner will assume Euan's duties for the day. Safe travels, Euan!

Jeannie Rife, a Day's Inn staff member and our faithful waitress, made candy for our meeting, then during a special presentation, was given a monetary gift from the club for her outstanding work during the year, a hug from our president and received a standing ovation. We don't know anyone more deserving—Merry Christmas Jeannie and wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Terry Coyle recently was crowned the winner of a Human Shuffle Board game held during a period break at a Danville Wings game. No, this isn't like dwarf bowling the Aussies practice, but there could be a similarity.

Could-a, Should-a, Didn't!

Richard Woodard

Richard Woodard, owner of Woodard Computing Services, warns that if you don't back-up your computer files, well, "Back-up information as often as you're comfortable with losing information."

Amazingly, way too many computer users don't back-up their information even though there are very affordable devices designed for this purpose. He warns us to treat information as a valuable commodity and further continues that to retrieve lost information is a very expensive proposition. He likes OnTrack, software to help finding lost info, and the Yamaha CD writer to transfer and store information on.

An interesting point: In addition to backing up information on your computer, it's also just as important to know where you've stored the information. Don't just hit 'save', but know where you've saved your info.

Viruses are an ongoing problem. The newer versions have mutated and are extremely dangerous to your computer and the information contained within. In fact, caution needs to be used when backing-up information, because the virus hidden in a file can be downloaded onto your back-up device, then destroy that too.

Woodard uses caution, caution, caution when telling us to take a few moments to back-up, because retrieval can be a costly process—if it can be done at all.

If you have queries for Richard, please don't be shy about contacting him at rwoodard@soltec.net. You'll be glad you did.

Barstool Golf Outing Fundraiser

Our local Michelob Light beer distributor has asked that our club be the benefactor of a new fund-raising effort.

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 in the establishment, and then each foursome will play the hole and move on to the another participating bar for the next hole.

Future Program

Dec. 26 Surprise Speaker.

Board Meeting

January 14 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, let Donna know so she can make sure there's enough lunch for all.

National News

Contact People

Store, Big Hat, scorecards and awards:
Dannell Copeland (dannell@ambucs.com)
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Nomenclature

Gold Star Pin

A pin given to a Big Hatter for each member he or she recruits.

Membership Corner

Don Anderson 1977, Big Hat 1982
John Bodensteiner 1977
Dan Brown 1997

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

HappyHolidays and Happy New Year!



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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