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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: Don Anderson
Prayer: Donna Carlton-Vish
Guests: None

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.

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.

We supply 18 volunteers to act as judges at each bar (that's 2 per bar) for the duration of the fund-raiser. Our club will receive \$60 of each \$80 foursome entry fee. They hope to have 50 teams playing.

**Don Anderson
Gentle Reminders**

Don Anderson spoke briefly about his new residence in Las Vegas. He intended to semi-retire but was then talked into opening a new branch bank in Henderson, NV. The new banking facility, Marine Bank, will open Jan. 7—so much for retirement. Anderson is also actively trying to initiate a new AMBUCS chapter in Las Vegas with our club as its sponsor. Recently he had a meeting with the national AMBUCS president Joe Copeland in Las Vegas and is trying to have a demonstration site opened there. The demo site will be for various care-givers to evaluate each child's capabilities with the AmTryke and can act as a springboard for drawing new members into the club. We'll keep you posted on the progress. Anyone up for a road-trip?

Gail Anderson, our club's first female president, now works for a hot-shot attorney there.

Lucia Stegemeyer stopped by to make sure we members of AMBUCS know that 'each and every one of you are an asset to the club.'

She and her husband, Perry, had a child in 1988. Andy was born with low muscle tone which has severely affected him. They spent the first three months of his life in Reily's Childrens Hospital in Indianapolis where they got a crash course in dealing with the medical community.

She reminds us that our club built them a ramp at the home they were renting and later when they bought a home. Our club has tried to help the Stegemeyer family have as normal a life as possible under the conditions—and the ramps certainly helped.

"Look at the endless possibilities right before your eyes," she said to the AMBUC members there. Then recounted the many deeds the club has performed through the years, of course, kicking off with the Playground for Everyone and summer camp to name a few.

"To say thank you doesn't seem to be enough," she said. (Hey, Lucia, no need to thank us—we're happy to have helped).

Future Program

Jan 2: Surprise!

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)
- Scholarship, membership, rosters: Janice Blankenship (janiceb@ambucs.com)
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- Magazine, web site, public relations: Laura Guido (laurag@ambucs.com)
- All the tough stuff: Joe Copeland (joec@ambucs.com)

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

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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