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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: Richard Woodard
Prayer: Dee Douglas
Guests: None

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.

Meeting Notes

President Donna stopped by the Post Office last Friday to check on our AMBUCS mail, when what did she discover? An ambiguous letter with no identifying markings and she opened it to find a \$5,000 check from John Cooke to the club. Cooke, owner of Cooke Business Forms, also did not attach strings to the money, therefore it can be used any way the club sees fit. To Mr. Cooke: Thank You!

Dr. Gary Tucker announced a new program is being developed for Men Only. It's based on the 'Women Aware' program currently sponsored by Provena United Samaritans Medical Center as will this program. Its purpose is to cover topics relating to male health and well-being. The first program titled 'Armchair Olympians' will be hosted by Dr. Clark Iorio and will be held at Southwest Elementary School in Tilton on Feb. 6 at 5 pm

AMBUCS is once again doing our stint for the Meals On Wheels lunch delivery program. Bill Fulton (the Sr. one) is chairing our effort. It appeared that most of the delivery slots had been filled at our meeting on Wednesday, but if you're interested give him a call at 442-2404. We will be doing the deliveries for two weeks: Jan. 14-18 and Jan. 22-25.

**Thomas Darby & Tony Konieczki
Firefighters in NY**

Danville Firefighters Thomas Darby and Tony Konieczki recounted their experiences from a trip to New York City. Twenty-seven of Danville's 60 member fire department went on the trip.

Their purpose was to lend support to the stricken firehouses of the Big Apple and to act as honor guards at funerals and memorial services.

They weren't alone—firefighters from Australia, Ireland in addition to all over the U.S. were there to lend a hand with the somber duty. They attended 11 funerals and memorial services during their four-day stay in the city and tried to visit every firehouse in the city that had lost members in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

The memorial services were marked with a ladder truck carrying a casket, bag pipers, and helicopters releasing doves. They called the experience 'overwhelming.'

They went to the site of the World Trade Center where they were taken on a tour of the devastation—something they won't soon forget.

Another part of their presentation was a still-photograph tour presented in PowerPoint.

Thanks, guys, for being fine representatives for Danville and Illinois. We appreciate it.

One other item: the firefighters all paid their own way and used their vacation time to help their brethren in FDNY.

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.

Future Program

- 1/9 Tomas Darby- Firefighters in NY
- 1/16 Tom Jones - Handicapped Athletics
- NOTE: 1/16 meeting is at the Deluxe
- 1/23 Liya Hussman - Juvenile States Attorney
- 1/30 BIG HAT DAY
- 2/6 Awards Program
- 2/13 Craig DeArmond - Special Olympics
- 2/29 Hank Norris - Renaissance Initiative

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

Scholars Program

AMBUCS National Scholarships for Therapists applications will be available on-line from January 10 to April 15.

Nomenclature

Scholarships for Therapists

Locally our chapter awards approximately \$5,000 in scholarships to students in Vermilion County who will be going to college and entering physical or occupational therapy, speech pathology, or hearing audiology as a field of study. For more information, visit our web site.

Membership Corner

- Michele Young* 2001
- Deanna Witzel* 2000
- Millie Wilson* 1999

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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