

Pledge: Bob Richard

Prayer: Gary Tucker

Guests: Tony Brazas, Craig DeArmond, and our very special guest Andrew Phillips

### Barstool Golf Outing Fundraiser

We need witnesses at each of the bars to make sure the competition is on the up-and-up, although bribery may enter in. Also, there will be two city busses assigned to drive golfers between holes-to help make things safer. Sign-up and have some fun while helping the club.

### Homeshow

Carol Wade has asked if you know anyone with leftover signs from last year's Home Show to please bring them to her at the radio station, D-102, at 1501 N. Washington, to have them altered for use this year. This will help save the club \$30 per sign.

The homeshow dates are March 8-10. Contact Tonya Johnson, Carol Wade or Phyllis Busey for both space - ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

### First Citizen

It's been decided by our super-secret committee and announced—our 2001 AMBUCS First Citizen is Julius W. Hegeler II. The banquet honoring the Citizen will be held Feb. 28 at the Days Inn.

Volunteers are needed to help with reservations, to keep track of the guest book and to act as hosts and hostesses. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and help honor Mr. Hegeler, who's been a great supporter of the club.

### Summer Sounds

The Summer Sounds concert series will now be held at the new Temple Park (the site of the former Temple Building at the corner of North and Vermilion Streets). There will be 6 concerts rather than 8 held last summer and more local talent will be utilized in the series. Downtown Danville will be looking better than last summer since construction has been completed. The series raised about \$2,000 for the club

### Special Olympics

#### Craig DeArmond

Vermilion County Circuit Judge Craig DeArmond brought his passion for the Special Olympics to help inspire our club members into action.

The Special Olympics were started in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver with the first competition held at Soldier's Field in Chicago. Today, the Olympics has chapters in 150 countries with over a million special-needs participants. Participants in the games range in age from 8 to 90-years-old.

Judge DeArmond coached a Special Olympics basketball team here until the team was moved to Champaign. He said studies have shown mental retardation may affect mental functions of individuals, but doesn't steal their athletic abilities. In fact, sports and athletic competition help the participants to thrive. It has been found that training and competition benefit those with mental handicaps to help motivate and inspire them to reach beyond themselves.

There are no anthems or national flags at the games and there are no administrative costs associated with participation in the Special Olympics.

We AMBUCS would like to applaud Judge DeArmond for his passion in helping those less fortunate than us.

### Meeting Notes

Our AMBUC was social held on Feb. 9 at the Wings game in the Palmer Arena. Euan Fernsler made all of the arrangements and 20 folks attended. All had a good time.

Last week Terry Coyle made a plea to the club for donations to the Oklahaven Have A Heart Program, which is a not-for-profit camp for severely disabled children. The plea went out, AMBUCS anted up \$130. This week Terry offered the club thanks for helping the program.

Pat Kuchefski reported that a sculptor she recently wrote about in the News-Gazette might be donating an animal sculpture to the AMBUCS Playground for Everyone. That's cool, Pat, and we at AMBUC Central applaud your powers of persuasion

### Future Program

2/20 Brenda Krause - Vermilion Area

Community Health Center

Lunch will be Lasagna.

2/27 Hank Norris - Renaissance Initiative

3/6 Sheri Tucker - Famous People

3/13 Becky Hanner - Lincoln's Challenge

3/20 Joyce DeBoer - Provena USMC Found.

3/27 Cheri Hand - District 118 Found.

4/3 Bob Richard - Playground for Everyone

### Board Meeting

March 11 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

#### National Service Day

In conjunction with Visiblity Month, February 16 is National AMBUCS Service Day.

### Nomenclature

#### Visibility Month

February is designated AMBUCS Month when all chapters make a special effort to publicize AMBUCS.

### Membership Corner

Lanette Cannady 1988

Donna Carlton-Vish 1995, Big Hat 1997

Michael Clary 1982, Big Hat 1987

### Farewell to Don Huber

On February 14, AMBUCS lost a very dear friend, Don Huber of Cornbelt passed away. For those of you who knew Don or may have met him for the first time at our Regional Convention in Bloomington, you will remember how dedicated and how big of a heart Don had for AMBUCS and helping people with disabilities. Don will be truly missed and please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.