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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: Michelle Young
Prayer: Betty Carlton
Guests: Cheri Hand

Spring Training

April 27 at the Springfield Prairie Capital Convention Center is the home of this years Training session. The training is for current and new board members as well as any AMBUC interested in leadership roles. The club pays a flat fee regardless of who shows, so the more the merrier!

Summer Sounds

Our former president and regional governor Jeff Saylor has agreed to chair the Summer Sounds Committee. The first meeting of the concert committee will be held at the Downtown Danville, Inc., 7 E. North St., on April 6 at noon. Pizza will be served to the committee attendees. Members will help contact sponsors to get them on-board for this year's concert series.

The Summer Sounds will be held at the Kresge Lot. 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 \$1,200 for the club.

Sponsorship letters have been mailed. Contribute and make sure the music continues to brighten our summer evenings.



Danville School Foundation

Cheri Hand

"She's a shining example of what volunteerism is all about," said District 118 Superintendent Gary Tucker as he introduced Cheri Hand, head of the Danville Community Public School Foundation fund raising effort.

Hand has taken over the reigns of the 'Brick by Brick' campaign that will use custom engraved brick pavers to be part of a plaza at Danville High School. So far, 410 pavers have been sold at \$100 each, five benches have been purchased at \$5,000 each and several trees running \$1,000 apiece will be planted. The plaza will be located around the clock tower.

Money from the plaza brick sales will be used in the form of grants to teachers to help fund 'extras' for projects that are not part of school budgets. As an example, Mrs. Hand pointed to the 30 violins that were purchased for students at Cannon Elementary School, or to the \$1,500 donated to have a piece of music written specifically for the Symphonic Band at the high school. The author of the piece also was present to work with the students prior to their performance in addition to conducting the concert.

As state and local budgets are being slashed eliminating many school programs, the fund-raising effort on the part of the foundation becomes more important to the health and well being of our educational system.

The foundation's mission statement may say it best, "To encourage, aid, and promote innovative and creative educational activities of every kind and description for Danville District 118."

Future Program

4/3 Bob Richard - Playground for Everyone
Lunch will be Chicken Stir-Fry
4/10 Get to know your AMBUCS
4/17 Mike Cleary - Drug Program
4/24 Pack the Place!

Board Meeting

April 8 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, let Donna know so she can make sure there's enough lunch for all. Please park in the lot - Clifton-Gunderson needs the parking against their building for their clients - THANKS.

National News

Therapist of the Year

If you are going to nominate a therapist in our area for the Therapist of the Year award, the submissions must be in by April 30th. For more information, contact a member of the board, or Donna.

Nomenclature

Therapist of the Year

A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding therapist in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an application to the AMBUCS resource center. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

Membership Corner

William E. Fulton 1971 (Guess which one!)
Lon Henderson 1996, Big Hat in 1998
Kathy High 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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