

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Pledge: Patty Clutter

Prayer: Don Beard

Guests: Nathan Henderson, Erick Henderson, Marie Tanquary, Cecilia Padfield, Bill Warren, Jackson Stockdale-Wilson

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!

Slate of Officers & Board

Please read and comment

President: Pat Owens, President-Elect: Curt Ellis, Vice President: Phyllis Busey, Secretary: Cathy Reardon, Treasurer: Todd Davis, Past President: Donna Carlton-Vish

Board Members: Euan Fernsler, Carol Wade, Lynn Osborn, Mary Meyer, Eric Bolser, Millie Wilson

Playground Update

Bob Richard

Bob ran through the power point presentation he gave at National. There were few surprises to anyone who has been to the park lately, but there were a few interesting notes.

Apparently the water park is what is really driving children to the playground more even than the cool noisemakers. The boat swing (now fully operational) is one of only 5 in the U.S. There were over 50 news articles about the playground in the 24 months it took to build the park. The reason the pre-school structure is more accessible than integrated is to avoid small fingers being run over by support devices.

The playground is being used more heavily than ever expected. When Bill had a birthday party there, his child had to share the pavilion with 3 other birthday parties. The Bills and Bob plan to talk to the board about building a second pavilion by the water play area to help resolve the problem. It would provide shade for the families of children playing there as well as provide another place to host parties.

We continue to get positive press locally and nationwide. The Bills field phone calls from other organizations looking to build their own parks through Boundless Playgrounds asking for help and advise. Go AMBUCS!

Meeting Notes

Terry Coyle announced that his practice, Coyle Chiropractic, raised \$345 at the home show doing posture screenings for the AMBUC general fund. He even had a check - thanks Terry!

Future Program

- 4/10 Get to know your AMBUCS
Lunch will be Chicken Stir-Fry
- 4/17 Mike Cleary - Drug Program
- 4/24 Pack the Place!
- 5/1 Phil Ferguson - Investing in the Future.

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

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