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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: Lon Henderson

Prayer: Jeff Saylor

Guests: Craig Cummings, Karen & Jim Wagner, Megan Wagner

#### Meeting Notes

Hey, AMBUCS, if you are wanting to participate in our Summer Camp, please drop Melissa Bodensteiner a note at melba103@yahoo.com. She's also interested in knowing your ideas and would be very happy if you decide to join her committee. Lori Lyons and Paula Wolfe are on-board again this year as camp counselors.

Megan Wagner won our Advocate of the Year and Donna presented her with a \$500 scholarship award. Megan graduated from Danville High School in May. Her parents, Jim and Karen, were on hand for the presentation.

Bob Richard updated the progress on the new pavilion to be built at the Playground for Everyone. The project will cost \$28,800, which includes labor, excavation and extras and should be finished and ready for use around July 12. Also, a Community Day has been planned for July 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come out and support the playground and let the community meet we AMBUCS—it's good for everyone.

Our newest committee, the Public Relations Committee, will hold its first meeting on June 20 from 6-8 p.m. at O'Leary's Pub. During and after dinner, members will brainstorm with Chairman Euan Fernsler (or is it Chairman Mao) at streamlining our communications outside of the club (and our newsletter). Remember, folks, AMBUCS is not an organization where you write a personal check ending your obligations. We are active and involved.

#### Summer Sounds Concert Series

Our next concert is June 28 with The Britles for a British Invasion. Last week was a blowout, so don't miss it! For more information, visit [www.summersounds.org](http://www.summersounds.org)

#### Installation of Officers

"Everyone who's had our water has died eventually," said Craig Cummings, executive vice president and general manager of Consumers Illinois Water Company, Vermilion County Division.

Cummings' tongue-in-cheek comment grabbed the assembled AMBUCS, because he was speaking the truth. That's right, everyone, we all will die and, he could of implied, not from drinking the water.

Danville has had a water supply that's been 'challenged': not only by silt building up in the lake thus lowering the amount of water it can hold, but from various forms of pollution. The problems, though, have been addressed fairly effectively. Catfish at Lake Vermilion are now healthy and off of a watch-list, not the case just a few years ago. Since the gates at the dam have been raised the lake can now hold about 3 billion gallons of water (the same amount when it was constructed in 1926). In addition to improving the quality of water in storage, Consumers has been working on keeping shoreline erosion at bay.

Now the order of the day is to work on infrastructure. Consumers spent \$25 million on a new water treatment plant (located below United Samaritans Medical Center's Logan Campus), even upgrading the filtration system to clean out the dreaded nitrates that can harm the very young and very old.

Cummings warned that neglect of infrastructure would be felt nation-wide, citing New York City's aqueducts are about 150 years old and will need replacing—imagine their rate increases! Thanks, Craig, for helping to keep us an informed public.

Oh, one more thing: AMBUCS Playground for Everyone uses 80,000-100,000 gallons of water per day during the hot season for which Consumers picks up the tab. Thanks, Consumers for being a great partner in a great project.

#### Future Program

6/19 Ron Neufeld - City Comptroller

Lunch will be Teriaki Chicken.

6/26 Picnic at the Playground for Everyone

#### Board Meeting

July 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 if you can rather than in front.

#### National News

##### Niagara Falls Information

Not everything at the conference has to be AMBUCS (yeah, I know, I'm cursed).

Niagara has a lot to do. Lots:

[www.nfcvb.com](http://www.nfcvb.com),

[www.niagarafallsstatepark.com](http://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com),

[www.niagara-usa.com](http://www.niagara-usa.com),

[www.maidofthemist.com](http://www.maidofthemist.com),

[niagaranet.com/niagara/aquarium.html](http://niagaranet.com/niagara/aquarium.html),

[www.niagaratrain.com](http://www.niagaratrain.com),

[www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org),

[www.city.niagarafalls.on.ca](http://www.city.niagarafalls.on.ca).

#### Nomenclature

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#### Membership Corner

Michael Boyd Member 1999

Phil Ferguson Member 1977

Thomas Wagner Member 1998

If you would like more of your information listed in the newsletter or on our web site, let us know: [info@danvilleambucs.com](mailto:info@danvilleambucs.com).



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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