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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: Gayle Mason

Prayer: Gayle Mason (double duty!)

Guests: Karen Monson, Quemarii Williams, Doug Barnette, Ron Neufeld, Jackson Stockdale-Wilson, Sarah Stuhr, and Christel Powell

City Comptroller Ron Neufeld

In his 23 years with the city Ron has seen a lot of dollars and even some sense. He is particularly proud with the current budget and all the people who made the difficult decisions on what to keep and what to loose.

Danville has had a \$2.5 million shortfall mostly due to economic difficulties. It has fallen two years in a row and if it doesn't correct itself (the economy that is) we will feel it even more deeply.

Mr. Neufeld also pointed out, through a very thorough handout, that the taxes we complain so much about, go all over, not just to the city. In fact the city only gets around 20% of your property taxes. The largest payouts are to the Police and Fire Departments which make up over 36% of the budget.

Membership Corner

Euan Fernsler has been a member since 1999, is on the board, and works for Korora.

Carol Wade has been a member since 1999, is on the board, and works for D102.

Pat Phillips has been a member since 1991, earned her Big Hat in 1995, is a William L. White member, Life Member, Ambility Ambassador, has held a number of local and national offices and works for the News-Gazette.

We are going to include more information on our members in our newsletter and on our web site. On our web site we will list your AMBUC details and your place of business. For the newsletter, watch for Richard Woodard's emails and phone calls.

HALO Paint Blitz

2 houses, 25 volunteers from AMBUCS, Rotary, Kiwanis, and the Girls Volleyball team, lots of paint and four hours. The result, two very happy homeowners, and a whole bunch of very content volunteers. Word is: "It was a great time all around, and with so many people, the time flew by!"

Playground for Everyone

New Pavilion

Julius W. Hegeler II has done it again! We were over-budget and planning some fund-raising. Julius heard about it and refused to write a check for less than the full amount of the pavilion structure! Once again, we thank you for your generosity and vision Julius W. Hegeler II.

Summer Camp

Summer camp is upon us! Camp runs the last week of July and first week of August so it's time to help out. Sign-ups went around but if you can't make a meeting and would like to help out, email info@danvilleambucs.com and we'll get your name in there!

We will be joining the campers for lunch as part of our regular meeting July 31 (also a Big Hat day!) and August 7.

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

Not only do we make a little money from these concerts (we split any proceeds with Downtown Danville), not only does it give us an opportunity to give something to the community, not only does it put the AMBUC name all over town, it is also our summer social - so come out and enjoy the sun and fun!

Future Program

6/26 Picnic at the Playground for Everyone
We will have box lunches from Java Hut while we enjoy some of the fruits of our labors.

7/24 National Convention Report

7/31 Summer Camp & Big Hat Day

8/7 Summer Camp at the Grotto

Board Meeting

July 8 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, but please park in the lot.

National News

Canes for the Community

The Hereford, TX chapter has been providing canes, crutches and walker sot people who need them since 1996 when then chapter member Pat Michael became acquainted with a local woman with a need.

Top Volunteer

The top volunteer in the nation has been selected, as has the runner up. Remember all those volunteer hours we filled in last year? They total them all up, and throw our names in a Big Hat (one chit per 10 hours) and select the winner in a random drawing. While none of our members won this year (Susan Jackson's the lucky one this year), our very own *Bob Richard* did win runner up! Go Bob!

Nomenclature

William L. White Member

A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the Living Endowment Fund.

History

In 1977 the Living Endowment reaches over \$1,000,000 in contributions and by 1979 has awarded more than 2,500 scholarships totaling \$1,300,000



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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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