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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: Phyllis Busey

Prayer: Don Beard

Guests: Debbie Roberts, Helen Eldridge, Janie Nelson, Mary Aruger, Sarah Stuhr, and Luanne Freed

Luanne Freed - Art in Motion

Thank you to Janie Nelson for bringing the gift of song to our lunch meeting.

In art, the artist is never wrong, according to Luanne Freed of Art-in-Motion. The not-for-profit program was begun last year to help give kindergarten through high school students an outlet for their creative, artistic notions.

The kids involved are given a chance through the program to be creative and to take pride in their community. The program's projects are designed to help a child's personal expression and to give them hope as they move from site to site around Danville creating original art

Last year's project was a mural at the Danville Municipal Pool at Garfield Park which racked up 1,000 volunteer hours from public and private school participants, in addition to Vermilion County Probation Department probies who needed community service hours. This year's project is creating a mural for the band shell at Lincoln Park.

Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members!

Helen J Eldridge is sponsored by Marcea Williams, works at the YWCA, and is interested in the Playground, Christmas Party, and Summer Sounds committees.

Renauee M Westfield is sponsored by Marcea Williams (there's a pattern here!), is a student, and is interested in the Home Show, Raffle, and Summer Sounds committees.

Sarah M Stuhr is sponsored by Richard Woodard, owns Arnold's Office Supply, and is interested in the Welcome-Program, Summer Sounds and Social committees.

Sadly, *William Donahue* and *Peggy Johnson* are going to step away from the club for a while. Peace and safe journey!

Presidents Message

The first month of my term is over and what a month it has been! We have received a governor's home town award for the playground, started Summer Sounds, and Summer Camp preparation is underway.

We do need some committee co-chairs for the Children's Chirstmas Party, the Home Show, and the Welcome-Program committees. These are co-chair positions, so step up and have some fun!

Playground Appreciation Day

Community Appreciation Day will be held at the Playground for Everyone on July 20 from 11am - 1pm. Bob Richard estimates we will need 10 volunteers to make the day work. Hot Dogs with fixin's will be served along with soft drinks. Volunteers will be needed from 10:30am - 1:30pm

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 July 12 with El Conquistador on Salsa Night. For more information, visit www.summersounds.org

Special Announcement!

Phil Ferguson (that's Polaris Financial Planning for you money seekers) has generously donated a pair of Bears tickets to be raffled off at the end of the Summer Sounds Season. The tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5 and can only be purchased at a Summer Sounds Concert. The game is against New Orleans, September 22 at Memorial Stadum in Champaign.

Future Program

7/10 Laura Williams will give us the scoop on Big Brothers and Big Sisters while we enjoy a little Lasagna.

7/17 Andrew Phillips - Volunteerism

7/24 National Convention Report

7/31 Summer Camp & Big Hat Day

8/7 Summer Camp at the Grotto

8/28 Orientation & get to know AMBUCS

Board Meeting

August 12 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

National News

Noon Network AMBUCS

This Salina, KS chapter celebrated its 10th anniversayr in April. The chapter still has two of its original charter members and has grown more active and stronger each year.

Nomenclature

Welcome-Probram Committee

This committee is responsible for entertaining us every week and greeting us at the door. From making change, to selecting the best speakers, this committee is one of the most important factors in our always-successful meetings! They are currently looking for a co-chair to join Millie Wilson in the running of this committee.

History

The Jacksonville, IL chapter's main project in 1981, the annual AMBUC Auction, riased the most money ever that year. The total was \$19,000, and the money went to Pathway School in Jacksonville, a school for retarded children and adults.



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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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