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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: Bill Fulton
Prayer: Don Beard
Guests: Mackenzie Murphy, Laura Williams

Laura Williams Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Laura Williams is the director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters for Vermilion County. She stated many statistics about teens in Vermilion Co. such as: 8.1% dropout rate, 561 drug arrests, and we are among the top 10 counties for teen births. Obviously, these statistics are nothing to be proud of. This is why her organization is one of utmost importance to the community. She goes around to various organizations asking for help in different areas. Currently BBBS is serving 110 in its school based program, 60 in its traditional program, over 100 in Young Women Aware, and she has 26 on the waiting list.

The bottom line is this: all kids need someone to care about who they are and what they will become in life...so get involved!

Membership Corner

Member Aminda Boyer passed away Friday the 12th. She had been in and out of the hospital for the last few months. Aminda was a strong volunteer until the last 2 years when her health began to falter.

Please extend your sympathies to her family, especially her daughter and fellow AMBUC Connie White.

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 Stadium in Champaign.

Presidents Message

As always the club is looking ahead. We are already starting to work on the raffle, Tickets are moving and the committee will be meeting soon. Printing of the tickets is on, and we think we've caught all the typos this year (yeah right!). If you would like to work on the raffle committee please contact Curt Ellis.

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

Turtles Donation

The Turtles gave a donation to the club this week, all hail Turtles! They have donated \$1,000 to the general fund and \$500 to the Playground for Everyone. Thanks!!

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 26 with The Main Course for Modern Jazz night. These guys have the coolest shirts. For more information, visit www.summersounds.org

Future Program

7/10 Andrew Phillips talks to us about what volunteerism means to him (and all of Australia of course) and we'll be enjoying a repast from the Taco Bar.

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

Basketball for AmTrykes

On March 7 the Zionsville, IN High School student council sponsored a student-faculty basketball game. All proceeds from the game were donated to the Indy, IN AMBUCS chapter for the purchase of two AmTrykes to be placed in Zionsville schools.

Rick Smits of the Indiana Pacers played on the faculty team. There is no record of who one the game, but I can guess! AMBUCS!

Nomenclature

Merit Awards

Given to clubs at the national conference who achieve excellence in performance as defined by the National Board of Directors. Awards such as Big Heart Award, Living Endowment Award, etc.

History

In the 1920s the ambitious members of the Knoxville, TN chapter led a fight to merge the city's two telephone companies, and in their spare time, members also spearheaded a drive to raise money to provide playground equipment for underprivileged youths. Lets take on the phone company!



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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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