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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: Phil Ferguson
Prayer: Don Beard
Guests: Jim Gilmore, Mrs. Keiser

Women in Construction

The organization was founded in Fort Worth, TX with 16 members on September 11, 1953. That day their membership swelled to 106 and they've grown to over 6,000 members in 200 chapters around the world.

Their goal is to enhance the success of women in construction. To that end they help find work and supplies, educate their members, and provide role-models for the youth of their communities. In the Danville chapter alone, they give out \$4,500 in scholarships and hold a yearly Block Project for grade schoolers.

They meet the first Wednesday of every month, often visiting nearly completed construction projects and getting a grand tour.

Membership Corner

It was Tom Wagner's (member since 2000) birthday on Wed, but due to his size, we decided not to sing Happy Birthday or spank him.

Apparently Chuck Cannady (member since 1999) has been singing Brittany Spears songs on the radio. Sadly Chuck was not there to sing to Tom. Wise man.

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.

Coyle Donation

Coyle Chiropractic donated another \$40 from a fundraiser held at their office!

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 was a great success! Special thanks to Paula and Lori, and of course Melissa Bodensteiner. For some pictures of the event, check out our previous two newsletters.

Fall Raffle

We're starting the Fall Raffle sale this week. We've had good success starting early and keeping it (more-or-less) low key. So help out! Buy a ticket, sell a ticket! For more information, check with Curt Ellis or co-chair Phil Ferguson.

As with last year, the tickets are \$130 and include a complimentary dinner. Dinner only tickets are \$25. We'll be having dinner at the Beef House again this year. The date to set aside is October 3, 2002 at 6pm. For more information, visit our web site at danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/Raffle.html

Summer Sounds Concert Series

Our last concert of the season is on August 23, with Lamont Parson's Experience for Blues night. If you've missed out so far, this is your last chance. If you've been, don't miss this last hurrah of the season! For more information, visit www.summersounds.org

Future Program

8/21 We'll be enjoying a repast of Soup and Sandwiches

8/28 Orientation & get to know AMBUCS

Board Meeting

September 9 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

National News

Fall Convention

Don't forget our fall convention is coming up! Visit the Renaissance Hotel in Springfield, IL November 8-10. To register, contact Pat Owens. For hotel information, call 217.544.8800 (\$69 per night).

Nomenclature

Orientation

Held during our regular meeting, it is an opportunity for new members and spouses to learn more about AMBUCS, and our local chapter. We have an orientation session coming up August 28th.

History

In the 1950's chapters were trying to outdo each other:

- * Bethlehem, PA took initial steps toward organizing a sheltered workshop for the physically handicapped in 1952.
- * Old Fort, along with the Women's Auxiliary, donated funds to buy a specially-designed wheelchair for a youth with cerebral palsy.
- * Augusta, GA & Richmond County sponsored a United Cerebral Palsy Telethon in 1956 - and raised over \$35,000.



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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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