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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: Al Runner

Prayer: Betty Carlton

Guests: Dave Wright, Becky Osborn, Marla Hill, Rey Alvarez, and Amre Carey

Marla Hill, Danville High School

It was as emotional a meeting as we have had, even rivaling some AmTryke Give-a-Ways!

Marla Hill, VP of Attendance, supported by students Rey Alvarez and Amre Carey spoke to us today about Special Needs programs in our school district.

Problem areas are identified as early as Kindergarten through testing and teach recommendations. Students who are flagged as having potential problems (usually in reading, math or language areas) are supported throughout their scholastic career by a variety of programs and support staff.

Amre and Rey were excellent examples of that system working. They both had problems reading that were identified in grade school. They certainly proved to us that they are 'special', but not in any negative way.

Said Larry Brown, "Thanks for doing what you're doing. You've given me a renewed vision of where my daughter is. You're breaking down the walls of those who come after you."

Members Corner

Dave Prall joined in 1983.
Angela Springer joined in 1998.
Don Vish joined in 1997.
Cathy Reardon joined in 1998.

Activity Reports

Melissa Bodensteiner put out a call for AMBUCS to join in the Heart Walk to be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Village Mall. The day will kick off at 1 p.m., walking starts at 2 p.m. with 1 to 3 mile walks on tap. Those interested please e-mail melba103@yahoo.com.

The Homeshow committee will begin meeting soon (after the meeting in fact). If you have something you want to say, or you would like to get involved, please contact co-chairs Phyllis Busey or Richard Woodard.

If you are interested in serving on the Christmas Party commites, please contact Pat Owens. We're getting close on this one too!

Fall Convention

Looks like we'll have more than a half-dozen Danville AMBUCS at the fall convention in Springfield November 8th through the 10th. If you'd like to help us reach an even dozen, contact Pat Owens!

Fall Raffle

We have started selling tickets for our fall raffle, 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

Future Program

9/25 Dave Johnson UofI Sports

10/2 Rita Garman, IL Supreme Court

10/16 John Spezia, DACC Basketball

10/23 Festival of Trees

10/30 Big Hat Day!

Board Meeting

October 14 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

Nomenclature

Therapist of the Year

A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding therapist in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an applicatoin to the AMBUCS Resource Center. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

History

Logo Changed in 1961

The association's emblem was changed for the third time in 1961, and officially adopted at the National Convention in Dallas. The emblem, in black-and-shite, was printed with the words, "AMBUCS", "American Business Clubs", and motto, "Shoulders Together".

The diamond-shaped emblem is unique to the association, and has a surefire purpose, according to a 1961 newsletter. "It can be identified even driving down the road at 55 MPH", says the newsletter.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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