



October 9, 2002

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

news@danvilleambucs.com

P.O. Box 266 Danville, IL 61832

Pledge: Curt Ellis
Prayer: Gary Tucker
Guests: Alice Kirby

Vermilion County A-OK Network

This week's meeting, was all about acronyms and other things relating to getting the information out to the public on WHO, WHAT, WHEN, and WHERE.

Alice Kirby, from the Vermilion County Health Department helped us understand the need for a central location for parents to obtain information, if they are new to the area or have been here their whole life. She handed out to everyone there several quick reference cards that have information on them from "What Every Child Needs" to Medical Facilities, and Clinics, Parent Education Assistance, Recreation Activities (For Kids of Course, Stress / Suicide Help, and the list goes on.

Alice spent a great deal of time explaining the problem with all of the acronyms that we come up with and how they all mix in with each other. Such as the "CSS" this acronym can stand for CRIS SENIOR SERVICES, or CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE, or DHS - which most people would say DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, however it also can mean DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, or DANVILLE HEALTH CARE. And the list goes on.

Members Corner

Please welcome our newest members!
Quewanncoii Doyle
&
Becky Osborne

Activity Reports

Pat Phillips has thrown us a challenge: she wants all AMBUCS to bring plush animals (a/k/a, stuffed animals) to the Big Hat meeting on Oct. 30. The cute, soft, furry animals will be donated to the annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Provena United Samaritan Medical Center Foundation. Any size or kind will be accepted, but, please, make sure they are in good condition, in fact, new ones would be appreciated.

Home Show - A few more Ambucs have stepped up to help in the Home Show, Chuck Cannady has offered to help with volunteers, and Andrew Phillips (our Mate down under) has also offered to help with volunteers. As I mentioned last week, the "Newbies" are getting settled in to make this year's Home Show another great success.

Home Show committee will start there regular meetings soon, If you are interested in helping with the Home Show please contact Phyllis or Richard Woodard.

Curt Ellis updated us on the Raffle. Curt indicated that the Raffle was so good that we had to turn away some people for lack of room. It looks as though the Raffle took in more than \$41,000.

As always, the Ambucs try to get a dollar anyway they can, a really nice bucket full of goodies was raffled off and took in \$580, the 50/50 raffle took in \$1430 with \$715 to the winner. The raffle winners this year were Tom Wagner, Dan Furry, Donald Rokosch, Don Crist, and Connie Carlton.

Future Program

10/16 John Spezia, DACC Basketball
10/23 Festival of Trees
10/30 Big Hat Day!
11/6 Adri-Anne Trammell, Ambility
11/13 Fall Convention Report

Board Meeting

November 11 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

National Club News

Bootstrapping

When a club assists another club with recruitment difficulties in a planned membership growth process.

History

The Beginning, part second

William L. White credits the sale of two million turpentine cups for the beginnings of the American Business Clubs in Birmingham, AL

After he graduated from Auburn University 1919, he lost no time in offering turpentine cups for sale. Soon, he put \$1,000 in profit into a revolving expansion fund. White now had the money, and this forward-thinking man founded the first club in Birmingham on May 18, 1922

This first club had 50 members and they adopted a constitution, and the motto "Shoulders Together".

More next week...



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

Author: Richard Woodard
(news@ambucs-dnv.com)