

Pledge: Connie Oltman

Prayer: Don Beard

Guests: Connie Oltman, AMBUCS district governor, of Bloomington, and the triumphant return of Vermilion County State's Attorney Frank Young.

Big Hat Day!

It was Big Hat Day, and we all know what that means, right? You got it, plenty of fines for the most miniscule of infractions. Over \$100 was collected with 12 minutes still left in the meeting, when even more was collected.

Home Show

Home Show plans are also moving along. Letters have been sent to last year's vendors in hopes of their participation again this year.

Also, we need volunteers for the project, contact Phyllis or Richard for more info.

The show will be held on March 7, 8 & 9, 2003 at the David S. Palmer Arena.

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!

Nomenclature

Bootstrapping

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

Activity Reports

A simple little thing like collecting plush (a/k/a, stuffed) animals to donate to the annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation, grew into a battle of the sexes at our lunch meeting held on Oct. 16.

Two weeks later the battle was over, all of the cash collected and a whole bunch of plushies were collected. The final tally was 127 of the huggable little creatures had been purchased and turned over to Cathy Reardon, event coordinator for the Festival of Trees.

Not bad, huh? Just a note: all of the animals donated to the Festival will later be given to the local Toys for Tots program at the end of the festival. The toys will eventually be distributed locally.

Christmas parties for both kids and adults are being planned. John Monson is in charge of the kid's party, which will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Kathy High and Cathy High are running the adult party, which will be held in the afternoon in the community room of the Old National Bank. The use of the room is free.

Michelle Young, executive director of Downtown Danville, Inc., presented the club with a check for \$138.67, proceeds from AMBUCS participation in the Summer Sounds program.



Future Program

11/6 Adri-Anne Trammell, Ambility

11/13 Fall Convention Report

11/20 George Chin, Danville Wings

12/4 Wrap Christmas Presents

12/7 Christmas Party!

12/25 Christmas

1/8 Bob Jones

1/15 Police Chief Carl Alexander

1/22 Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Board Meeting

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

History

Fits and Starts

Knute Rockne of Notre Dame fame was keynote speaker at the 1926 National Convention, when several propositions to change the associations name were voted down. There, members held lively discussions on the need for a national project, the first of which wasn't adopted for years.

The association ran into more trouble in 1927, when it faced serious financial trouble. Because of this, the national office in Chicago was closed, and headquarters were moved to Rockford, IL. The association's executive secretary resigned and the use of field secretaries was drastically cut. Fast expansion of chapters was discouraged, and clubs were encouraged to increase their own membership.

Still, we survived...