



**November 13, 2002**

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

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Pledge: Mike Clary  
Prayer: Donna Carlton-Vish  
Guests: None today!

### **Fall Convention**

It was AMBUCS Fall Convention Report Day. The convention was held Nov. 8-10 in Springfield and, by all accounts, everyone had a great time.

A social and AmTryke races in the hall of the hotel highlighted Friday night. Saturday morning session featured national club news and president's training. There was also a district board meeting prior to free time spent touring historical sites in Springfield.

Awards were divvied up Saturday evening, with our club receiving awards for Bulletin, Home Page, Scrap Book and Community Service. Pat Phillips received the project manager of the year and Euan Fernsler our AMBUC of the Year.

Sunday was the big auction and brunch which raised \$4,345 (50 percent to Ambility, 40 percent to scholarships and 10 percent to national headquarters building fund). Also, Donna Carlton-Vish will be the Regional Big Hat Secretary Treasurer and District Ambility Chairperson.

### **Nomenclature**

#### *Regional Convergence*

A weekend conference in the fall held in each region where members and spouses participate in educational sessions, have an opportunity to exchange ideas, and have a good time.

### **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.

### **Christmas Parties**

Shopping for AMBUC Christmas party presents will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. at Wal Mart. Come on out and join in the fun as we scour the store.

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.

Don't be counted out, get involved. Keep in mind, you as a member also have an opportunity to help with the Christmas party on December 1st, 2002, This is the day that the purchase of the requested gifts from the children will be done. I remember last year, it was a great time to see what kind of toys are out there, and always saying to your self, why wasn't this toy around when I was young.

### **AMBUCS Notes**

AMBUC Gayle Mason passed around her petition to get her on the ballot for re-election to the position she presently holds as City Treasurer. All of those in attendance dutifully signed it.

### **Future Program**

11/20 George Chin, Danville Wings

12/4 Wrap Christmas Presents

12/7 Christmas Party!

12/11 Megan Puzey

12/25 Christmas (no meeting)

1/1 New Years! (no meeting)

1/8 Bob Jones

1/15 Police Chief Carl Alexander

1/22 Big Brothers/Big Sisters

### **Board Meeting**

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

### **History**

#### *Early Projects in the 1920's*

Members of the Montgomery, PA Chapter assisted the city's Chamber of Commerce with its conventions by hosting convention guests in their homes.

The Meridian Chapter raised money for a laundry at the King's Daughters Tuberculosis Hospital in 1925.

There's also the Syracuse Club, NY, which helped furnish a gymnasium for the Children's Detention Home in 1927.

And the Atlanta, GA Club, which started the Atlanta Eye Clinic in 1926. By the end of the decade, members had provided 181 clinics and given 634 treatments.



**Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn**

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