



January 8, 2003

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

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Pledge: Tom Gleichman  
Prayer: Pat Owens  
Guests: Lawrence Tison, Scott Medlin

**Bob Jones  
Danville Mayor**

Danville Mayor Bob Jones stopped by to reminisce about his 16-year tenure as the city's mayor.

He related that no matter how much things may appear to change, they truly do stay the same. To drive this point home, he pointed out that in the 1920's the city had a mayor/aldermanic form of government before changing to the mayor/commissioner form. Then in the late 1980's, after a lawsuit forced a change, back we went to the mayor/aldermanic form.

When he ran for mayor there were 4 candidates, this year there are 10 candidates.

An economic summit was convened during his first tenure in office that helped to turn around the business climate in the city. The summit was a culmination of his effort to bring in all areas of the community, which included people from all walks of life.

Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.



**AMBUCS Notes**

Carol Wade stopped by to 're-present' our club with an award presented by her radio station, WDNL. When we received a trophy for the D102 'Best Playground', it was noticed by our president that there was a bit of an error. It read 'playground'. Carol had it changed and presented our club with the same award, for the second time.

AMBUCS are on tap for our turn at the Meals on Wheels deliveries. We'll be delivering Jan. 13-17, 2003. Please sign-up and help out. One difference, though: those routes in Danville will be picked up at the CRIS Senior Center at 309 N. Franklin, a new route is in Tilton with the food being picked up at the United Church of Tilton on Fifth Street. The deliveries begin at 11 a.m. and usually take about an hour or less.

Our own AI Runner has secured the Blue Room at the Palmer Arena for a Wing's match on Jan. 31. The hospitality room will be the club's for use during the game with refreshments and drinks. Tickets for the game will be \$2.50 each that will include food. There also will be a cash bar.

The Michelob Ultra Barstool Golf Tournament will be held on Feb. 22, 2003. We need a bunch of club members to work at the various 'holes' during the tournament. The event generated over \$5,000 for us last year.

Home Show plans are also moving along and we are in better shape than we were last year! To volunteers for the project, contact Phyllis or Richard. The show will be held on March 7, 8 & 9, 2003 at the David S. Palmer Arena.

**Future Program**

1/15 Mystery Guest

1/22 Big Brothers/Big Sisters

1/29 Big Hat!

During our Big Hat lunch meeting, set for Jan. 29, all fines levied will produce candy bars aplenty. The Danville High School chapter of the Advocates will be inducted during the meeting, in addition to selling candy bars for fines. The money will be donated to the club. Not a bad idea, huh?

**Board Meeting**

February 10 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

**Nomenclature**

*Boot Pin*

Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during the Spring Round Up membership drive.

**History**

*1935-1939, Birth of a Big Hat*

Members wanted Russell Guin (the reviver of AMBUCS) to serve another term, and the association's recent bouts with trouble kept anyone else from wanting the job!

Under Guin, progress continued and the association boasted 1,800 members in 40 clubs by the time Charles Mitchell became National President in 1939.

Keeping the momentum going, Mitchell stressed recruitment and took on a special project. He awarded a Big Hat to any member who recruited three new members in a calendar year.

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

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