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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: Chuck Cannady

Prayer: Cathy Reardon

Guests: Rose Jacobs, wife of Terry Coyle. Rose turned in her membership application—welcome aboard!

Bob Richard Danville Police

Danville Police Lt. Bob Richard filled in for Chief Carl Alexander. Lt. Bob filled us in on the DPD since new budgets were released which reflected a \$200,000 shortfall for 2003. If you're interested, the decrease cost Danville 4 police officers.

Other problems encountered were the closing of Friendly Town located at Lincoln Park. The town was used to teach generations of youngster's traffic safety (and bike safety on the streets). The DARE program also fell to the budgetary axe.

Lt. Richard also laid out how our police department is staffed: three categories—administration, criminal investigation and patrol. There were 8,900 incident reports that resulted in 4,300 arrests. About one in three reports is investigated and rated on a 'solvability factor.'

The department has many hurdles to overcome in the New Year, but we know with capable officers, like Lt. Richard, they will be successful and continue to provide the city with outstanding, professional policing.



AMBUCS Notes

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 \$6.50 each that will include food. Last week we reported \$2.50, but that's incorrect (sorry 'bout that). 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. There are only 17 of 79 booths left for sale! Please help Carol, Phyllis and Richard sell those remaining booths. The show will be held on March 7, 8 & 9, 2003 at the David S. Palmer Arena.

We are looking for a Social Chairperson if you are interested! It basically boils down to planning and implementing parties. Now who doesn't want to do that! If you are interested contact Pat Owens today!

Future Program

1/15 Big Brother/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

National Board of Directors

The executive committee and regional directors who make policy for the entire AMBUC organization.

History

1940, Big Hat Club formalized

Members wanted Russell Guin (the This occurred during the Presidency of Wilfrid B. Johnson. The Big Hat Club is an honor group within the association for members who secure three new members for their chapter in a 12 month period. These members have the privilege of Lifetime Membership in the Big Hat Club.

In recognition of this achievement, the member receives a Western Style hat, complete with a star for each member they sponsor. That's not all, they also receive a special Membership Certificate and card. Special breakfasts are also held at regional and national conferences.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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