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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: Gary Dyar  
Prayer: Frank Young  
Guests: Stevie Russo

### Tom Jones Challenger League

Tom Jones visited with us again to promote his 'Tom Jones Challenger League' baseball program.

"Some parents take for granted (that they will get to see their child playing baseball), and now I get to see my daughter play," said one mother about the league.

He showed two videos promoting the program. In fact, our club will be sending 2 teams to Urbana for the games, which will begin in late May.

The league offers to skills training and playing time to all kids regardless of ability. Each child will receive medals and trophies in addition to a yearbook.

In addition, if you have children locally that would like to participate, please contact Lori Lyons (our coach) at 217.469.7633 or l.lyons@lycos.com. She will be putting together our teams.

The league will begin on May 24 for a skills day assessment, and games will be played on May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 24 and July 12 will be the All-Star game. Great program for all involved.

### Gazebo Auction

The Easter Bunny Gazebo from past homeshows is for sale! We are auctioning the 8'x8' Gazebo on our web site. Please check it out and pass the word!

[danvilleambucs.com/auction.html](http://danvilleambucs.com/auction.html)

### AMBUCS Notes

Welcome to Melody Maxwell, who turned in her membership application.

A note of concern to fellow AMBUCS: Don Beard's wife, Helen, recently fell in her kitchen and broke a hip. She's being cared for by Don and an in-home nurse. Just FYI: Mr. Beard is our club's senior member, and a super guy. All of the best to Helen as she works through her recovery period.

The Home Show is now history. About 6,000 people attended our event which yielded nearly \$28,000 (before expenses). Our vendors were pleasant and happy and 'the Carlton's came through' according to Richard Woodard, a co-chair of the event said. The show also was covered well in the media.

The Summer Sounds Committee met and has already planned on hiring Hog Eye Nevy, Hurricane Gumbo plus there will be a 'teen night', which means no alcohol will be sold, with the Advocates working the evening to benefit their club. Here's the 'Sounds' dates: 6/13-Teen Night, 6/27-British Invasion, 7/11-Big Band Night, 7/25-Irish Night, 8/8-Blues Night, and 8/22-Zydeco Night.

The committee, chaired by Michelle Young and Jeff Saylor, meets on Fridays, usually at the Java Hut at noon in downtown Danville. To help support the event, evening co-hosts cost will be a \$300 and to be a Series Supporter will be \$150.



### Future Program

3/19 Tom Dilts, YWCA Athletics

3/26 Sunset Funeral Home

4/2 Becky Osborne

4/9 Pack the Place

4/16 Don Resh, ATA Blackbelts

4/23 Rick Wenkel

4/30 Big Hat Day!

### Board Meeting

April 14 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot. We did not meet March 10 due to the Homeshow.

### Nomenclature

#### *Top Spread Club*

A Chapter that increased their net membership by five or more members during the Branding Time membership drive.

### AMBUCS History

#### *Expanding in the '50s!*

The 1950s began with an ambitious directive from Gordon Landreth, national president from '51-'52. He instructed each chapter to sponsor a new chapter which resulted in 12 new chapters in two years.

Landreth also urged chapters to establish a Ladies' Auxiliary to involve families in the social and civic activities of the association.

Landreth was also one of the few presidents of the time to visit all of the associations' chapters and 8 district conventions. He and his wife logged over 25,000 miles during his presidency. Wow.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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