

Pledge: Sheri Hous
Prayer: Todd Davis
Guests: Auston Surprenant, Bev Rudisill, Noah Siemon, Chris Denton and Lori Mershon

Becky Osbourne

DACC Student Support Center

Becky Osborne, director of Danville Area Community College's Student Support Services Center, provided information on the college's support services.

The idea behind the program is to help people with disabilities successfully navigate their way through the college and to help foster independence and self-sufficiency. The center also helps the disabled with their course work and help them to transition to a four-year university setting. The staff of the center helps about 100 students with disabilities, or about one-third of those in need at the school.

When talking about disabilities, they mean: hard of hearing, visually impaired, those with physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, psychological and learning disabilities.

Student peer tutor Chris Denton gave a Presentation on the Athena Club, part of the support services. The club, named after the Greek goddess Athena who represents wisdom and strength, is designed for and about students with disabilities and to help raise awareness about opportunities available to them.

Ms. Osborne mentioned that the program she administers segways perfectly with AMBUCS because of our mission statement: 'Where our mission is helping people with disabilities, especially children.' She is committed to helping her students not fall through the cracks in our society.

AMBUCS Notes

Bob Richard requested that anyone who still has their copy of our national AMBUCS magazine please bring it to the meeting and donate it to the Danville High School Advocates Club. They were featured in the magazine.

Jeff Saylor told us that the Summer Sounds sponsorship spots are filling fast.

Curt Ellis refused to don the really funky hat that both Cindy Marks and Donna Carlton-Vish wore (a black fedora a la Blues Brothers) to remind us that we are in the midst of our annual membership drive. Bring friends and acquaintances to the lunch meeting's and let them see what we're doing as a club.

Visit the Children's Health Fair to be held at the Village Mall on April 7. Sheri Hous will be showing off the AmTryke.

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

Membership

The membership committee is currently updating the membership list, you will be getting a call soon to review your data. Once it has been updated it will be available via email or printed document. For more information contact Richard Woodard woodard@soltec.net or Donna Carlton Vish donna@heritagedevelop.com.

Future Program

4/9 Mystery Guest

4/16 Pack the Place, Don Resh, ATA

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

Therapist of the Year

A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding therapist in their community. There are both local, and national Therapists of the Year.

AMBUCS History

1960's under Bill Pearson

National Executive Secretary

Pearson's first days on his new post were anything but tranquil. He remembers working out of a building off Old Thomasville Road in High Point for a short time because the new High Point headquarters wasn't quite ready.

Once settled in his new quarters, Pearson was a workhorse. One of his first official duties was to develop a new officer's manual and then purchase the office equipment to produce it!

Pearson conducted Spring Training, along with training for governors, directors, and club officers. Thus, continuity was upheld because Pearson conducted all the training.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities