

Pledge: Cindy Marks
Prayer: Todd Davis
Guests: None!

Senator Rick Winkel

Illinois State Sen. Rick Winkel presented his views on several important topics facing the state in the coming months and years.

Sen. Winkel, who's the father of an adult daughter and son (who's in the Army and may be deployed to Iraq), explained that Illinois' 'revenue stream is not stable.' He attributed the state's problematic revenue picture as being, in part, a result of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Winkel, a Republican from Champaign, said that the Democrats now control the governor's mansion in addition to the Illinois House and Senate—the first time in 26 years they have controlled state government. In his view, our new governor has been slow installing his administration. It is imperative that Gov. Blagojevich find his balance in his first term as governor.

On other financial fronts, the Democrats want to take out loans to help pay the state's overdue bills and invoices—which he supports. And, he is fighting to help maintain funding for our area's higher education institutions (U of I, DACC and Parkland).

Thanks, Sen. Winkel for taking the time to visit with we AMBUCS, it was an informative talk.



AMBUCS Notes

Jeff Saylor told us that the Summer Sounds sponsorship spots are filling fast and we're ahead of last year. Also, the committee may need some help with the Advocates night, i.e, what band to have play at the event. The committee meets 'noon-ish' on Fridays at the Java Hut in downtown Danville. The first concert of the season will be held on June 13.

Spring Training will be held on Friday, May 2 & 3 at the Day's Inn. For more information, visit our site: danvilleambucs.com/springtraining.html

Cathy Reardon asked for AMBUCS participation in the annual HALO Painting Blitz to be held on June 14 beginning around 8 a.m. The blitz helps lower income people to have their houses painted that helps improve the looks of their property.

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

Newsletter Author

Interested in writing for the AMBUCS newsletter next year? We are looking for someone, or someones, to help author this fine publication every week.

If you are interested, contact Chuck Cannady, Euan Fernsler, or email news@ambucs-dnv.com

Future Program

4/30 Big Hat Day!

Board Meeting

May 12 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Nomenclature

Regional Director
Trains charter club officers, responsible for the regional conference, often chairs a national committee and is on the national board of directors.

AMBUCS History

Emblem Changes
Community Service Continues!
The association's emblem was changed for the third time in 1961, and officially adopted at the National Convention in Dallas. The emblem, in black & white, was printed with the words, 'AMBUCS, 'American Business Clubs', and motto, 'Shoulders Together'.

The diamond shaped emblem is unique to the association, and has a surefire purpose, according to a 1961 newsletter, "It can be identified even driving down the road at 55mph."

In 1961, the Springfield chapter raised \$4,000 from operating a concession stand at the Illinois State Fair. The money went to programs and organizations dedicated to aiding and assisting crippled children.

The Reding Chapter expanded their Cerebral Palsy Clinic to include pre-school children and adults as well as a bus service.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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