

Pledge: Sara Stuhr
Prayer: Terry Coyle
Guests: Mark Neil, who's completed his membership form!

Dave Johnson

UofI VP of Sports Information

Dave Johnson, vice-president of sports information at the University of Illinois, visited with us again, but quickly turned the show over to the university's play-by-play announcer, Brian Barnhart.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Barnhart said referring to his job as the voice of the Illini. He had worked broadcasting minor league baseball before moving to the Anaheim Angels. In his second year with the U of I, Barnhart considered this job as his dream job. He grew up near Tolono and had shown sheep at the Georgetown Fair as a kid.

Both Johnson and Barnhart, along with Mike Hulvey, station manager for Neuhoff Broadcasting (i.e., WDNL-FM, WDAN-AM, K Rock) and WDNL-FM program director and on-air talent Carol Wade, to promote Vermilion County Day at the opening football game of the season at the U of I (Sept. 6) versus Illinois State University beginning at 11 a.m.

Johnson mentioned the university had 'Community Days' and wants to recreate the program, such as the Vermilion County Day.

Barnhart fielded several football and basketball questions from the ever Illini-friendly crowd. He's a walking encyclopedia about the various programs at the university, only because he studies and creates a database for each game he announces. As for criticism of the officials or anything other than the game he's calling, "I leave it to the analysts."

AMBUCS Notes

AMBUCS Raffle Tickets have printed and are being cared for by President Curt. Tickets will start being handed out at our next lunch meeting. They are \$130.00 each and the raffle will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. at the Beef House. We also need folks to donate door prizes to be given out for every 10th ticket called.

Our community service project—helping at the March of Dimes 'Toast to Life' auction—helped raise \$8,000 for their project. The first year of the event was considered a success.

Tickets are available to the University of Illinois football game versus Illinois State to be held on Sept. 6 with kick-off set for 11 a.m. The game is part of Vermilion County Day at the game in which our county will be the focus of celebration. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased at Neuhoff Broadcasting, 1501 N. Washington. Only 300 tix are still available at the reduced price. Danville shuttle astronaut Joe Tanner will be at the Vermilion County tail-gate tent beginning at 9 a.m.

The last of our Summer Sounds Concert Series will be held on Friday, Aug. 22. It's Zydeco night with the party led by Hurrican Gumbo—their third appearance at sounds. Come on out and join in the fun—oh, bring your Mardi Gras beads.

Dr. Terry Coyle will perform 400-500 spinal adjustments as a donation to the World Trade Center Foundation. He's participating in a cross-country motorcycle ride to raise funds for the foundation—he's adjusting, not riding. The event will take place at 1 p.m. at Gutteridge Harley Davidson, when the riders will be stopping by on their way east.

Future Program

8/20 Curt Ellis recap Nat. Convention
8/27 Jack Delzell with PACE

Board Meeting

September 8 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot. Welcome new Board Members!

Fall Convention

AMBUCS 2003 Central Region Fall Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Bettendorf, IA titled 'Mardi Gras on the Mississippi.' The convention will feature all kinds of fun activities centered around the Mardi Gras theme to be held Nov. 7-9.

Make your plans now, for more info and registration please visit their website at www.QCRiverBUCS.org. If you prefer phone numbers, then call Sarah @ 309.292.1731 or call the Holiday Inn directly @ 563.355.4761 (ask for special AMBUCS block rate: \$62/night).

Fall Raffle

Tickets may be available starting at the August 20 meeting, so bring y our checkbook!!

Personal Information Changes?

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