

Pledge: Chuck Cannady
Prayer: Todd Davis
Guests: Tim Dockery and Robert Colon

**PACE
Judy Mullen**

Judy Mullen brought her passion and her unwaveringly infectious personality to our meeting. She presented a view of her organization, PACE (Persons Assuming Control of their Environment), whose end goals are much aligned with that of AMBUCS.

PACE, based in Urbana, serves 5 counties (of which, we are one), helping their clients work to achieve 'freedom from disabilities.' It is a not-for-profit organization helping handicapped people move out of nursing homes and into apartment-living lifestyle or helping seniors maintain the ability to live on their own after vision loss or teaching businesses basic American sign language to help communications with deaf employees. They also help distribute TTL units to the deaf (a teletype device used to send type-written messages via telephone lines to other units).

All PACE employees have some sort of disabilities (Mullen was declared legally blind several years ago). They even supply large print calendars, magnifying glasses, even large print playing cards.

She also told us of the national 711 telephone number. 711 is a national TTL communication line—for instance, one can call the number and the operator can then type in and send a message to the person with the TTL device.

AMBUCS Notes

AMBUCS Raffle Tickets are being distributed, so please pick up a stack and get 'em sold. The tix 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.

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).



Future Program

9/3 Jeanne Cooke, Farm Progress
9/10 Lori Challenger League
9/24 Phil Ferguson, Investing

Board Meeting

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

Nomenclature

Therapist of the Year
A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding therapist in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an application to the AMBUCS Resource Center. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

Personal Information Changes?

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Got something to say?

On a thin news week, like this one we would like to fill in with what you want to know. In the past there has been material from the national magazine, or archival material and even some member names way back.

What would you like to see here when space is available? Contact Euan at efernsler@korora.com.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

Creating Independence for Persons with Disabilities

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