

Pledge: Jeff Saylor  
Prayer: Todd Davis

Guests: Jason Rome, introduced as Melissa Bodensteiner's boyfriend.

### AMBUCS Notes

AMBUCS Raffle is now history. Stay tuned for an update on the fun.

Craig Cummings, former head honcho at Consumers Illinois Water Co., made a pledge to complete one last thing as he's pulling out of town for his new gig in Bloomington. It has been reported that he promises to paint the fire plug in front of Danville Police Lt. Bob Richard's home bright yellow. Presently the plug is painted red. Don't exactly know what that's referring to but 'Notes' will keep you, the AMBUCS membership, updated.

Please mark your calendars: the AMBUCS Wednesday Oct. 15 lunch meeting will be held at the new Boys and Girls Club, located on the east side of Garfield Park (at the Griffin Street entrance).

### Personal Information Changes?

Please notify Lynn Blazaitis as soon as possible:

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### Gardening

John Bodensteiner

Bulbs, bulbs, bulbs they were everywhere and that's University of Illinois Extension Master Gardner John Bodensteiner's doing. His presentation centered on the care of all things flower bulbs.

Bodensteiner, a loyal AMBUC in his own right, said that a bulb is basically a 'storage unit' for the plant. It needs a way to stay alive since it's only flowering a couple of months per year, then disappears. "One tulip (bulb) I brought is expecting," he said while holding up a freshly dug up bulb showing the little bulbs attached to the main one.

Couple of frequently asked questions with answers: how deep to plant the bulb - take the diameter of the bulb then plant it two to three times deeper than the diameter measurement. Another: what side to plant facing upward - usually the pointed side is up.

One more: September and October are the best bulb planting time. Some need the cold before they can grow and if you have pest problems, i.e., little creatures digging up the prized bulbs, cover your garden with chicken wire and cover it with dirt. Most little animals don't like the feeling on their feet, so problem solved.

John encourages us to give him a call with our gardening questions at the Extension office - 44.2.8615.

### Future Program

10/8 Mike Finkle

10/15 Boys and Girls Club  
--This is a Field Trip folks!!

10/22 Festival of Trees  
10/29 Big Hat Day!

### Board Meeting

October 13 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

### Fall Conference

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](http://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).



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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