

Pledge: Bob Richard
Prayer: Terry Coyle (Amen, brother Coyle - good one)

Guests: Mary Lou Thomas, Dee Douglas and Sasha Fitzpatrick.

AMBUCS Notes

The annual AMBUCS Christmas parties will be held on Dec. 6. The kids party will be at the Days Inn, the adults will be at Turtle Run. Stay tuned for more info, but volunteers are always needed. So mark your calendars for a great day.

There's a national fund-raising campaign underway to help build the new national AMBUCS resource center. AMBUCS Calendar for 2004 is on sale now for \$25. Not only to you get the calendar, but are entered monthly in a raffle or could win one of three trips or other prizes.

Oh, as an aside - the Playground for Everyone is the August feature on the calendar. About 60 per cent of the proceeds from the calendar sales stays here. \$400,000 has been raised for the construction of the new national offices and the land deal has been secured (our board will soon be voting on the level of involvement supporting the resource center construction).

Imagine this - Millie's phone rang during the meeting incurring a fine. Hope she's moving that real estate.

Pack the Place Bill Dredge

Bill Dredge, past national president, and his boundless energy was with us for Pack the Place and, the most fun of all, we presented an AmTryke to a deserving recipient.

Dredge, of Loves Park, came down to share thoughts, ambitions and to bring us up to date on some national projects.

Between jumping and bounding through his presentation, he told us of \$144,000 presented in scholarships this year, how the price of AMBUCS line of AmTrykes prices will soon be lowered (due to having them constructed in the Pacific rim) and that our district is planning on purchasing a mobile demo-site (a trailer festooned with all things AMBUCS containing all the necessary materials for therapists to conduct on-site evaluations of handicapped kids).

One last Dredge item (no relation to Matt): he let us know that he just returned from Lubbock where the club there had recently built a playground - and ours is still the best, in fact, we set the bar. Really a great compliment to the work of our club and community support.

The AmTryke was presented to Andrew Juvinal, a fifth grade student at East Park Elementary School. He rode into the room on the AmTryke, said hi and promptly rode right back out. Now, there was a satisfied customer. . .

Future Program

- 11/26 Social Security
- 12/3 Xmas Party wrapping
- 12/10 DHS Students
- 12/17 Don and Deanna Wetzel
- 12/24 Get to know your AMBUCS
- 12/31 No meeting!

Board Meeting

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

Progressive Dinner

The AMBUCS Progressive Dinner will be held Dec. 12. Appetizers will be served at the Bob Richard home, Dinner with Dean Carlton family and Dessert with the Curt Ellis family. Festivities commence at 5:30 p.m. at Bob's home.

Also, there will be a White Elephant gift exchange during dessert at the Ellis home. The dinner is \$10 per attendee and the White Elephant gift should not exceed \$10.

Personal Information Changes?

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Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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