

# Love Notes

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## President's Message

By Pat Hubly

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I just returned from attending the National Conference in San Diego; the whole experience has blown me away. I'm no novice at these conferences, having attended 15 or more with John, and several on my own. And even though I have been many, many times before, each is new, different and more inspiring than the previous. This year was no exception and the best yet!

I read the summer 2007 AMBUCS™ Magazine with renewed enthusiasm, interest and awe. I read it with greater insight as to what each word and article meant, to the writer, the club and the recipients, and the impact AMBUCS™ had on these people's lives. What a great feeling!

Attending Regional and National Conferences does this to you; gives a better understanding of what our organization does, how we do it and the wonderful feelings we get from helping others. We ARE doing great things and making a difference. We have a right to be proud of our club and the work we do. Words fail to fully express what one feels and what is taken away from these events. I hope *you* will be able to attend the next Regional Conference and National Conference and experience these feelings for yourself.

## Highlights of San Diego National Conference

- ❖ Dar Estabrook's 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive AMBUCS™ convention.
- ❖ Surfing machine at Wednesday night's Beach Party.
- ❖ 13 past national Presidents, including our own Bill Dredge, Presented the Awards Friday night in an Academy Awards-type Program.
- ❖ Kelly Harris inspired us with his story of the Westbrook family from Lawton, OK who were featured on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> episode of ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." He had some interesting behind-the-scene stories, too.
- ❖ 64 plus AmTrykes® given away Saturday afternoon at the AmTryke® Rodeo. Awesome!
- ❖ Connie Oltman, Bloomington, IL, installed as National President.
- ❖ A 6'8" cheerleader complete with pom-poms and tee-shirt.
- ❖ Anna Blubaugh from Enid, OK named President-elect.
- ❖ Greg Ferris from Champaign installed as the Central Region Director.
- ❖ Perfect weather; Phenomenal scenery; a Passion-filled convention.

### Officers for 2007-08 Loves Park Chapter AMBUCS

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## Meeting Notes from July 19<sup>th</sup>

**GENSLER GARDENS** Proved to be a beautiful Place for our July meeting/social as we enjoyed a guided tour by Kristen Gensler. The latest in greenhouse equipment has been installed in this facility, including an automated roof that opens wide to allow ventilation and sunshine. Hanging Plants are spaced on overhead Pipes in such a way that automatic sprinklers in these Pipes keep the Plants watered, saving time and money.

Members and their guests enjoyed tasty sandwiches and cookies from the Garden Café, served by Miranda and her staff. We received several coupons good for free items or \$1.00 off at the Café on future visits. Chris Nordstrom was the lucky winner of a large, beautiful hanging basket, compliments of Gensler Gardens.

During the meeting Portion of the evening, District Governor Dave Jahn Presented to Past Chapter President, Trish Betz, three District awards which were given at the Regional meeting in San Diego. We received recognition as an Honor Chapter also, being just 7 Points short of receiving Superior status.

Paul DeBruyne's name was drawn for the \$30.00 attendance Prize. As he was not present, next month's attendance drawing will be for \$40.00.

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## August 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our next meeting is August 9th at the home of Dave and Gloria Jahn, 4246 Applewood Court, Loves Park, IL starting at 6:30 pm. Take Applewood Lane north off of East Riverside. Applewood Court is the second left, Jahn's is the second home on the right. This is a free meal and includes beverages. Please e-mail Dave at [d.jahn@insightbb.com](mailto:d.jahn@insightbb.com) and let him know you will be there. See you on the 9th!



## Notes from the Treasurer

*By Dick Larson*

I am often asked "Just where do our dues go?" For each member, the dues go as follows:

National Dues	\$66.00
District Dues	24.00
Living Endowment	40.00
Meeting Meals	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$230.00

But wait, you say, my dues are only \$230. That's right; the club does not make money on the dues we collect. We make up the shortfall from our various fundraisers

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## District Governor News

*By Dave Jahn*

Wow! I can't believe it is August already. National Convention is over, and it was great. A lot of free time to enjoy the San Diego area, even Mexico. Next year's convention is July 16-19 in Rogers, Arkansas. Hopefully, we can get a caravan going down there.

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## Big Hat News

*By Bill Dredge, President*

**HEY, BIG HATTERS---**

I just finished talking to eight fellow Ambucs from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Kansas, congratulating them on having recruited a new member to their respective clubs. Their excitement was infectious! I know they are making a difference in each of their clubs. How about if we try to muster up some of that excitement for our club! I have a great idea for a place to begin.

I am inviting and need all Big Hatters to attend a round table discussion on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:30 at the new restaurant/microbrewery, Granite City, next to Cherryvale mall. Your meal is free, but you will have to cover your own beverages. We will use this time to plan the future of our great Big Hat club. Some of the items to be covered are:

- Branding Time
- Our fall and/or Christmas social
- Our fund raiser
- Fall convention and Big Hat auction.

Let me know you'll be there by calling 815/633-5920.

## Birthdays

Dennis Leslie 8/27

## Club Anniversaries

We are in the process of checking, updating and adding member birthdays and date joined our club. We apologize if we've missed your date.

## Upcoming Events

Watch this space for news of local, district, regional and national upcoming events. Calendars provided so you will know exactly what day and date AMBUC events are taking place so you can plan to attend.

August board meeting	Aug 1
August membership meeting	Aug 9
Big Hat Gathering, Granite City	August 23
September board meeting	September 5
September membership meeting	September 13
Central Region 2007 Fall Convention	September 21-23
October board meeting	October 3
October membership meeting	October 11
Christmas party	December 8



*Boy did we have fun!  
You should have been there.*

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## Name the Newsletter Contest

*Love Notes* was the final winner. You can thank our President for that suggestion.

Look for *Love Notes* in your mailbox and Email box every month.