

# Love Notes

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June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Membership meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Cookout at the home of  
Dave and Gloria Jahn  
4246 Applewood Ct, Loves Park

Hi everyone,

You're all invited to the June membership meeting of Loves Park AMBUCS at our home, 4246 Applewood Ct, Loves Park, 6:30 pm. All food will be provided. Bring a lawn chair if you have one.

#### Directions:

*Take Riverside East of Alpine to Applewood Lane (Shell Gas station on the corner). Turn North to second left. We're the second house on the right in the circle.*

**Please reply** if you are coming. We need a head count for the food and beverage. Call **815-636-8556** or e-mail [d.jahn@comcast.net](mailto:d.jahn@comcast.net) with yes or no and number coming.

Now is the time to get involved in upcoming social events. Decide which one or ones you would like to work on. We will have a sign-up sheet with more information available on each event.  
See you all the 12th.

Signed,

Dave and Gloria Jahn

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**

### *Induction and Installation Event*

held May 15<sup>th</sup> was enjoyable and well attended. Nine of our new members were inducted and welcomed into the Loves Park Chapter of AMBUCS™ by President Pat. Region Director Greg Ferris of Decatur installed the club officers for 2008-09: President, Pat Hubly; Vice-President, Brad Shields; Secretary, Pam Shields; Treasurer, Dick Larson. Sargeant-at-Arms Trish Betz was unable to attend. After a few words by Greg, the Region Secretary/Treasurer, Al Bedell of Bloomington spoke. We were honored to have these two gentlemen with us for the evening; considerable travel time was necessary for them to be here. Sam's served a delicious buffet of pizza, pasta and salad to the 22 in attendance.

### *Meet our Newly Installed Members*



Left to right: (Back row) Nick Shields, Robb Hauser, Mark Butz.  
(Front row) Jesus Calvillo, Jason Lindstrand, Angela Hauser, Heidi Butz, Pam Shields, Gloria Jahn



Pat Hubly being installed by Region Director Greg Ferris



Brad Shields, Pam Shields, Dick Larson



## *District Governor News*

*By: Dave Jahn, District 4D Governor*

The first Quarter of the 2008-09 year is upon us and the "BIG EVENT" of the year is July 16th thru July 19th: [the National Convention at the Embassy Suites in Rogers Arkansas! Time for Fun!](#)

If you have not already registered, there is still time. The Loves Park club will reimburse the cost of early registration (\$225.00). It's only a nine hour beautiful drive. Rooms are reasonable, sleep four and include a cooked breakfast.

More information can be obtained by going to this link: [www.ambucs.com](http://www.ambucs.com). Click on the "event" box on the right side of the page to open the information, to make hotel reservations and register. You need to make hotel reservations before registering for the convention because you will need your conformation number from the hotel. I hope a lot of you can make it. As you will see from the website, there are many great things planned: AmTryke Rodeo, Ramp Building, Trek for Trykes Walk-A-Thon, Golf Tournament and much, much more, including lots of fun! Hope to see you there and plan to have *FUN!*

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## *Regional News*

Central Region Fall Conference will be **October 24-26**, Friday evening thru Sunday noon, at Hawthorne Suites in Champaign, sponsored by the Greater Champaign chapter. Put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend. More information will be available later.

All you new members and officers, this is a wonderful chance for you to see up close and personal just what AMBUCS™ is all about and get to know other members from across the state. Let's let them know we're up here by having a large group of us in Champaign. There's always great FUN at these events!

**Plan to attend the  
AMBUCS™ Family Picnic  
11:30 am Saturday, June 28th,  
Red Oak picnic area in  
Rock Cut State Park**

## *Ramp Chairman's Message*

*By Terry Brown*

I want to thank everyone who worked on the ramp project on Saturday, 5/31/08. We took apart, sawed, stacked and inventoried materials in the warehouse behind Loves Park Tax Service. Dick Larson, Rich Lierman, Jason Lindstrand, Brad Shields, Dave Jahn and Terry Brown worked two hours each to get the job finished. We have other ramp projects coming up so mark your calendar for the last Saturday of the month for ramps. Next date: June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## *President's Message*

*by: Almighty Leader Pat (AL Pat)*

**WOW!** That word just keeps going through my mind with every event, every email I receive, every meeting we have. It's incredible the things that are happening within our club and the energy that is rumbling out there. No, it's not my stomach, Terry!

13 new members! I'm still in awe of that number. As we form our committees and begin the work for the year, it becomes clear to me that we have some wonderful new members with talent and desire who will join with our "older" group and together we will be building ramps, giving AmTrykes, planning socials, finding creative fundraising ideas and establishing ourselves as a club of such stature everyone will want to join us. Loves Park AMBUCS™ **ROCK!!**

We will be giving an AmTryke® at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and we have applications for three more once funding becomes available. Terry is working with a lady whose husband needs a ramp. Members will be contacting a local bicycle shop for "mentor" possibilities with AmTryke® repair. The fundraising and finance committee will be putting together a letter directed to corporate funding, and members will be requested to provide contacts for such solicitation. The AmTryke® committee will formulate follow-up with AmTryke® families after placement of a tryke. We again plan to participate in the Tech Fair 2008 at Giovanni's Restaurant November 6<sup>th</sup>. A visibility event is in the works with the Ski Broncs. Did I hear you right, Heidi, when you said you thought TBrown was going to be on top of the pyramid?! - Like I said - **WOW!**



*River Hawks Baseball Game*  
Loves Park AMBUCS™

Rockford River Hawks vs. Windy City

July 3rd, 2008  
Game time 7:05 PM  
Infield box seats at \$10.00 each  
(\$9.00 if we get 25 or more)  
\$1.00 beers  
Free fireworks after the game.  
Parking is extra. Bring a carload.

See you there!!

*Upcoming Events and Socials*

June Membership meeting @ Dave & Gloria Jahn's	June 12
Family Picnic, Rock Cut State Park, Red Oak Picnic area	June 28
July Board Meeting	July 2
River Hawks Baseball Game \$10 each, \$1 beer	July 3
Independence Day	July 4
July Membership meeting @ Bob & Pam Shields'	July 10
National Convention	July 16-19
August Board Meeting	August 6
August Member meeting @ Joe & Jeannette Geraghty's	August 14
Loves Park Ambucs Golf Playday 1 pm @ Atwood	August 16
Poker and Game Night	October 11
Bear - Packer Party	November 16
Annual Christmas Party	December 6

**JUNE 2008**

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*Member Updates:*

Dick Larson underwent surgery June 4<sup>th</sup>. He's doing well; plans to be at our meeting the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus Calvillo is going on a mission work trip to El Salvador in July through his church.

Bob and Pam Shields are going on a mission work trip to the Dominican Republic the end of July through their church.