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Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 14th
6:00 p.m.

Cookout at the home of
Joe and Jeannette Geraghty

Hello, Loves Park AMBUCS™!!

Loves Park AMBUCS™ will be joined by the Rockford AMBUCS™ at the August 16th membership meeting at our home at **3360 Burlwood Drive, Rockford**, with the fun to begin at **6:00 pm**. All food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Bring your own cocktails if you want; also, bring a lawn chair if you have one.

Directions to our house:

Turn north on Trainer Road off of Spring Brook, go to the first stop sign (3- way stop). Take a right on Burlwood, and we are the fourth house on the left. It's light grey with a TV antenna on the roof!

Please **RSVP**. We'd like to know if you're coming so we can plan for the food and drink. Call **815-654-0740**, or e-mail us at joeygiii@att.net.

Why not bring a guest or two, possibly prospective members; just let us know.

We plan to give a special child an AmTryke® during the evening.

See you the 14th!

Signed,
Joe and Jeannette Geraghty

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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Meeting Notes from July

A spirited auction of white elephant items followed the business portion of the July 10th meeting at the lovely home of Bob and Pam Shields. Pam put together a delicious meal and Bob was there, too. ☺ Dinner was enjoyed to the background of a lively rendition of Thunder and Lightning composed by our Creator.



Robb Hauser, AmTryke chairperson, gave a short report on current applications, status and inventory. Boot pins and Branding Iron pins were given to club members who brought in AMBUCS™ members during the Spring Round Up. Receiving these pins were Dave Jahn, Brad Shields, Tracy Shields, Rich Lierman, Bob Shields, Terry Brown, and Pat Hubly. Time to get your Big Hats, guys!

It was a fun evening enjoyed by the 18 members in attendance, and Baby Bo.

A Note from our National president

HELLO AMBUCS,

I had a wonderful time in Rogers, Arkansas! My hat is off to Past National President Connie Oltman and the entire Northwest Arkansas chapter. We were all made to feel really welcomed. AMBUCS had a lot to celebrate in Rogers. It was awesome to see how much our chapters have accomplished!!

I look forward to having as big of a celebration next year in Reno, NV! Truly, now is our time to "Step Into the Future of AMBUCS." It is up to all of us to work on membership growth. Start planning fundraisers for your convention fund, you will want all of your members to be in Reno next July as we celebrate positive growth!!!

Please remember to send me your newsletter. I am interested in what your chapter is doing.

Shoulders Together,

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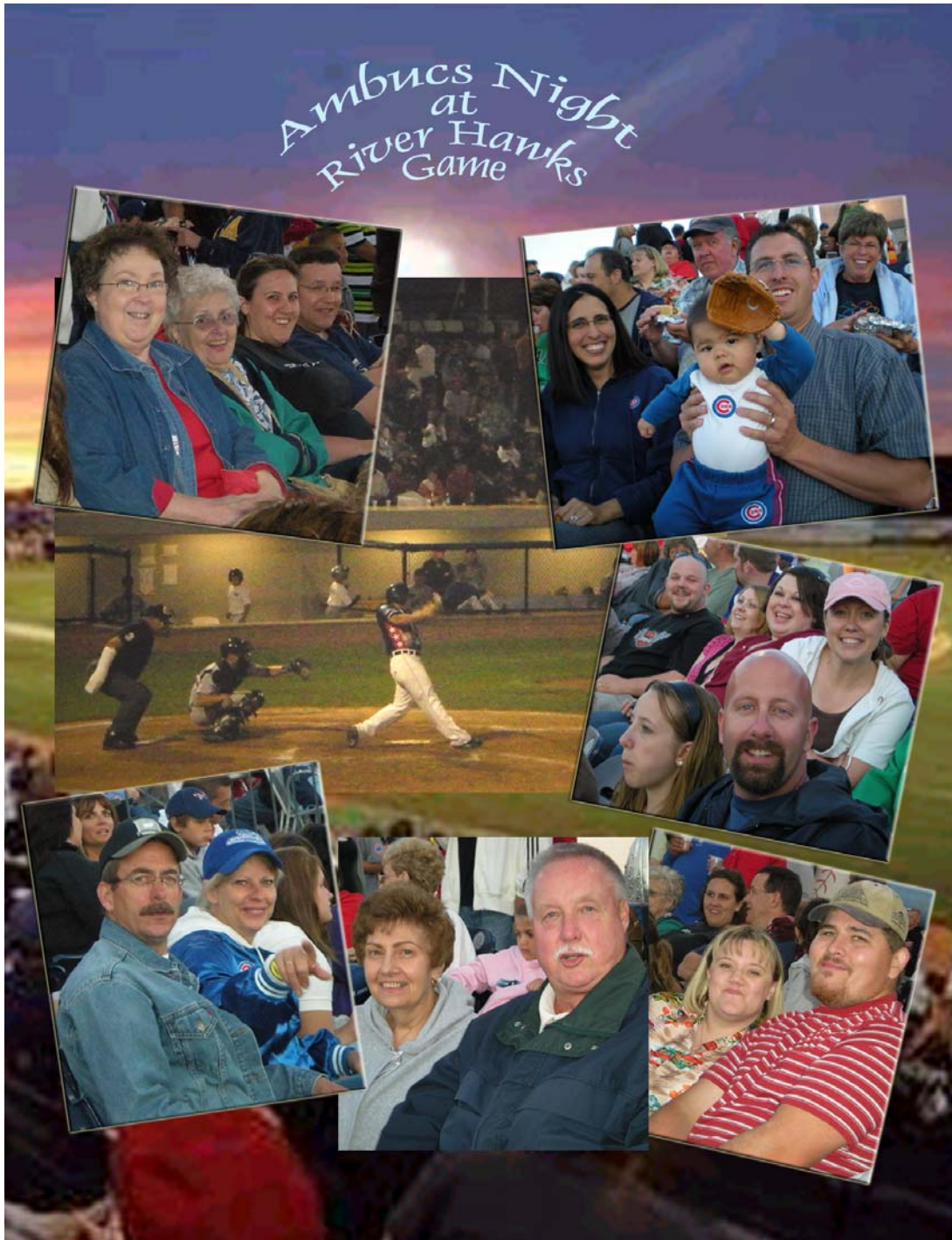
If you did not get the Special Convention Issue of Loves Notes, email Dave Hardy at davidhardy@chorus.net.

President's Message What a busy summer this has been for yours truly and for AMBUCS. As you've heard numerous times already, the conference in Rogers was awesome. We won National awards: 2nd place in the Top 10 Blue Chip chapters for highest gain over 100% of goal (new members recruited) and Superior Club based on scorecard points for the year. The scholars we sponsored won National scholarships of \$1,000 (2) and \$600.00. As I've said before, **Loves Park AMBUCS™ ROCK!!** But we can't stand on our laurels; we must keep on working and maintain our momentum of helping individuals and our community. Good things continue to happen within our club. Two **ramps** have been built; one on East Drive July 26th and the other at 7729 Boulder on August 5th. Our **AmTryke** committee is up and running in great fashion with AmTrykes to give away and planning for the October National AmTryke Month. The **fundraising** committee will be busy in the upcoming months with the raffle with the Rockford club and the February calendar sales. It's going to take all of us to make these two events the success we want, so please help when called upon; there is much to be done and meetings are scheduled. Bill Dredge held an **orientation** for new members at his home on August 7th. There's the golf and steak **social** August 16th. We will be participating in **Tech Fair 2008** at Giovanni's Restaurant on November 6th. Whew! Kind of makes your head spin, doesn't it?! - I want to remind everyone of the **Central Region Fall Conference** in Champaign, IL October 25-26. It would be awesome if every one of you attends to get an idea of the wonderful organization you have joined. - Lastly, the **National website** has been updated with all kinds of good information www.ambucs.org. Use it often. And check out this site to get an idea of what opening night is like at the national conference; see if you can find a familiar face or two: <http://ambucs.org/photo-gallery/>.



Ambucs Night at RiverHawks Game by Gloria Jahn

On July 3rd, members of the Loves Park Ambucs, their families, and friends were among a record setting 6588 attendees of the Rockford RiverHawks vs. Windy City Thunderbolts game at Road Ranger Stadium. Our seats were along the first baseline, and we had to duck several times to keep from being hit by foul balls! Only the youngest fan in our group, Bo, came prepared with his baseball glove! Despite the coolness of the evening, we enjoyed cheering for our favorites during some of the fun contests going on throughout the game. Those included a bike race around the stadium between "Rockie", the mascot, and a young man; a "who needs a tan the most" competition between two young ladies; and a sumo wrestling show down. Of course, the evening wouldn't have been complete without "the wave", which went all through the stadium and back again! The highlight for many of us was the great fireworks display, which was a beautiful backdrop to the American flag floating gently in the breeze. It was a fun evening even though the Riverhawks lost 5-2 to the Thunderbolts.





Upcoming Events and Socials

August Member meeting	August 14
Loves Park Ambucs Golf Par-Tee and Cookout	August 16
September Board Meeting	September 3
September Member Mtg @ T Brown's	September 11
October Board Meeting	October 1
October Membership Meeting	October 9
Poker and Game Night	October 11
Region Fall Conference, Champaign	October 25-26
Bear - Packer Party	November 16
Annual Christmas Party	December 6

First Annual LOVES PARK AMBUCS™ GOLF PAR-TEE And COOKOUT

FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

Spouses, significant others, friends of golfers—all are invited to the cookout.

Atwood Golf Course

August 16, 2008

Scramble Format

Tee times start at 1:00 PM

Greens fee: \$23.00 - ½ cart fee: \$10.00

Cookout starts at 6:00 PM

Old Settlers Shelter-Atwood Forest Preserve

Cost of dinner: \$15.00 per person

Choice of: Steak or Chicken Breast

Baked Potato, Beans, Salad, Mushrooms

Rolls and Butter

All beverages will be furnished
(Beer, Wine, Pop and Water)

Call or email Dave Jahn to make your reservation and menu choice - 815/636-8556 d.jahn@comcast.net
Pay for golf at the club house, pay me for dinner.
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Member Birthdays – August

11 - Millie Higginson

13 - Gary Kuhls

27 - Dennis Leslie

Club Anniversaries – August – None

Member Update:

Heidi and Marc Butz have moved to their newly purchased home at 119 River Lane. That's right, they didn't move far!

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