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President's Message by Pat Hubly

It was a lively discussion at the February Board meeting as possible names for our club were brought forth. The Board has selected the three names they feel would best define our club and our goals; they are included in an article on the next page. You will be asked to vote on your choice at the February 12th meeting. Plan to be there at Sam's on Harlem Road **at 6 p.m.** We need your input. **(Note earlier start time.) BIG HAT NIGHT = wear your Big Hats!**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find pictures from our December 11th Christmas party. We learned that evening that Mrs. Cain, musical director at Harlem and director of the Harlem Singers, is retiring at the end of this school year. She will surely be missed by everyone, including Loves Park AMBUCS™.

A picture of our newest member, Kristina Pando sponsored by Rich Lierman, and a short bio are on the next page. Other new members this club year are Michelle Johnson sponsored by Angie Hauser and Chris Shields sponsored by Tracy Shields.

Congratulations to our two new Big Hatters: **Tracy Shields** and **Rich Lierman**. **Way to go!!**

In honor of National Visibility Month, Jim Nordstrom accepted a proclamation from Village of Machesney Park President (and Loves Park AMBUCS™ member), Linda Vaughn, at the February 4th council meeting. Proclamation from the Loves Park council will be presented at the meeting Monday, February 9th.

- **Past presidents please note:** Past presidents of our club comprise the nominating committee and will be meeting immediately after the February 12th membership meeting to begin the process of putting together a slate of officers for club year 2009-2010. Past Presidents, please plan to attend.

Watch for announcement of the plans for Spring Roundup membership drive which will be held during the months of March and April. As discussed at last month's meeting, and printed in the January newsletter, we need to keep the momentum of our club going with new members and adopt the Focus Specific Recruiting. Please, please put forth your best efforts to give us the names of prospective members, using the outlined guidelines from last newsletter. Bring names and addresses to the meeting Thursday.



***BIG HAT NIGHT at the
Membership Meeting - February 12th***

6:00 p.m.

Sam's Restaurant on Harlem Road



Big Hatters, wear your hats!

The Big Hat Club is a "prestigious" club within the AMBUCS organization restricted to those members who have, by their own efforts, secured three or more new members in existing chapters or newly chartered chapters during any twelve-month period.

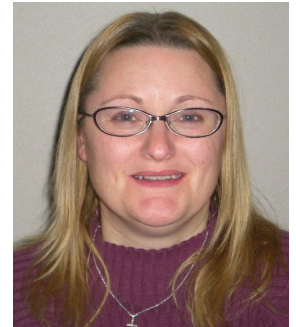
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We will be voting on the new name for our club at this meeting. The three names to be considered: Northern Illinois AMBUCS™, Stateline AMBUCS™, and Rock River Valley AMBUCS™. We know you all care about your club, it's future and the name change and will make every effort to be at this important meeting to vote for your favorite. ... We will have a report on our finances from both the Big Hat Raffle in November and the calendar sales last month. ... And we have two new Big Hats to present and a new member to install. Our club is growing and we want you to be a part of the excitement! See you Thursday!!



Jim Nordstrom accepting proclamation from Machesney Park Village President, Linda Vaughn.

Welcome to our newest member, Kristina Pando, who was installed at the January meeting. Kristina lives in Rockford and works in accounting at Rock River Hyundai. Her sponsor was Rich Lierman (better known as Dad). **Welcome Kristina!!**



Nomenclature = Some Definitions

Visibility Month: February is designated as National AMBUCS™ Month when all chapters try to publicize AMBUCS™.

Living Endowment Fund

The special contributions fund where donors can direct their contributions towards AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists, the AmBility™ Program, or the Cornerstone Fund.

AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists Program. Grants given to juniors or seniors in college and graduate students majoring in physical, occupational, speech pathology, or hearing audiology. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor local students. Applications are accessed and completed on line through AMBUCS™ web site.

AmBility™. A National Program, adopted in 1998, focused on providing equipment for people with disabilities. AmTryke® is the foundation of the program.

Cornerstone Fund. A donation designation within the Living Endowment Fund. The Cornerstone Fund provides for the growth and development of AMBUCS™.

Spring Round Up. National membership drive held March 1 through April 30.

Spring Training. A training session for incoming chapter officers to learn what their positions entail, to ask questions, and to find out where they can get help. - **NOTE:** Central Region (our region) Spring Training for all new officers and committee chair persons will be held April 17-18 in Bloomington, IL.

Happy Birthday to:

Jeannette Geraghty
Karen Brown

February 4th
February 18th

No Club Anniversaries for February

Member news:

Happy 39th wedding anniversary to Bob & Pam Shields.

Bob Higginson continues to recuperate at home improving slowly but surely. Your cards and calls are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

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 to assist you in your plans to attend.

- February Membership Meeting** **February 12**
- Valentines Day** **February 14**
- March Board Meeting** **March 4**
- March Membership meeting** **March 12**
- April Board Meeting** **April 1**
- April Membership meeting** **April 9**
- Region Spring Training Conference** **April 17-18**
- National AMBUCS Convention- Reno NV** **July 15-18**

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Harlem Singers provided their usual excellent program to get us in the holiday spirit.



Linda, Darlene, Pat, Trish, Sue and Kristina enjoyed conversation with Rich and Trish's guest.

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Terry works at getting the highest bid possible for a most valuable item at the Christmas party, with his able assistant Jim looking on. Chris has her eye on it.