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for People with Disabilities

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President's Message

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When sitting down to write this column, I was torn between "editorializing" or just listing what's been going on in our club. Then I realized - there's no need to list what we've been doing as a club. Just read through the rest of this newsletter and it will become evident what's been going on. You, as a Member of the Loves Park Chapter of AMBUCS™, will feel proud - proud of what we as a club have accomplished, and continue to accomplish. Proud to be an AMBUCS™ isn't just rhetoric - it's a reality. Okay, so here I go editorializing. Suffice it to say, read through the newsletter and you'll understand.

We are creating our club's future. What do we want it to be?

As stated in last month's message, this is something we will be focusing on, discussing, and then discussing some more.

How do you see our club as it is today?

How would you vision it to be in a year from now, five years, 10 years? Of course, we want to grow and add new members; we want to help more children and build more ramps. Okay, good objectives. How do we accomplish them? More money? Definitely more people. Where will we get the people; where will the money come from? Good questions for which we must find the answers.

You're invited to be a part of the answer at a Special Members Only breakfast scheduled for **8 a.m. Saturday morning, March 22, 2008**, at Park City, 4820 N. Second Street, Loves Park. Enjoy breakfast on the club and participate in an open discussion of thoughts and ideas. A big part of this discussion will be directed to the future of our participation in the raffle with the Rockford club and our level of participation, if any. We look forward to filling Park City's back room with proud AMBUCS™. And for all you members who find it difficult to attend our week night meetings and events, this is a good opportunity to come join us - to meet, greet and eat. See you there on March 22nd.

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It's that time of the year already; time to select new officers for the 2008-09 club year. The Nomination Committee consists of past club presidents, headed by Jim Nordstrom. The committee will meet immediately following conclusion of the breakfast meeting March 22nd.

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Meeting Notes from February

See the following pages for information on the Hot Dog Day held February 20th.

March Meeting 6:30 PM

Loves Park Police Chief Patrick Carrigan will be speaker for our March 13th meeting at Dos Reales. See page 4, bottom right, for details.

Why we do what we do!



Karl says, "I want pizza and fries for lunch." Then the cafeteria ladies give him what he asks for.



Stevie uses a spinner to answer questions about a story on Recycling Shoes.

February Pot of Gold Calendar results

Profit from this year's calendar sales totaled \$3,113.91. Thank you to all who sold calendars, and to Jim Nordstrom for announcing the winners each morning.

Go to www.lpambucs.org if you'd like to check ticket numbers and winners.

Congratulations to all!

Red Kettle Report

When we manned the Salvation Army Kettle at the Sears Essentials store, we were fortunate to be inside (actually, I signed us up at that location because we would be inside). But, some of us were concerned that the greater share of customers left through the other door and did not go past us.

I am glad to tell you that the Salvation Army reported that our Red Kettle took in \$443.73 on our shift.

Dick Larson

District Governor Jahn reports

Central Region Ambucs Spring Conference is April 18 & 19 at Decatur Conference Center, 4191 Highway 36 West, Decatur, IL 62521; reservation phone # is 217/422-8800. Room rate is \$82.00. Friday's events begin with registration at 4:30 followed by a light dinner at 6 pm, regional meeting, Big Hat auction and fun and games. For those coming for Saturday only, registration opens at 7 am, followed by breakfast at 8 am and training sessions for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and fundraising start at 9 am. Additional training sessions continue throughout the morning, including AmTryke, Membership Development, Orientation, Big Hat and Thinking Outside the Box, Part I and Part 2. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. The conference concludes following the district board meetings at 1:30 pm.

There is no registration fee to attendees and all club officers, as well as members, are encouraged to attend.

Notes from the Treasurer

Dues notices will be coming out soon. Please do your part to bring your dues current if they are not. Remember the Living Endowment portion.

February HOT DOG Day

We had a successful luncheon with the Harlem Special Ed students on February 20th with about a dozen of our members in attendance. Checks were presented to teachers, Sue Mullins and Jennifer George, to purchase needed equipment for their classrooms.

Two TV stations, WTVO/Fox 39 and WIFR, and the Rockford Register Star responded to our press release and were present with cameras rolling and interviewing some in attendance. Clips of the event were shown on the 5 pm news on both channels. The next day's Register Star ran a great article on our club and with pictures of the luncheon. A copy of that article is included with this newsletter.



Some of the Hot Dog Day Crew



Karl, Ducey, Megan, Nathan and Life Skills Staff



Sue talks with the media.



Bobby telling everyone all about the AMBUCS™



Receiving checks are Jennifer George, Life Skills Teacher at Windsor, and Sue Mullins, Life Skills teacher at Harlem Middle School.

March Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

14 Brad Shields	1978 Bob Higginson
16 Bill Dredge	1990 Dave Hardy
17 Dan (Dennis) Schrand	2006 Dan Koski
24 Connie Oltman, National President	

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.

March Membership meeting (See note below at the right)	March 13
Special Members only meeting	March 22, 8 AM
April Board Meeting	April 2
April Membership Meeting	April 10
Region Spring Conference	April 18-19
May Board Meeting	May 5
Spring Fling Social	May 15
National Convention	July 16-19

Membership meetings start at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted.
Board meetings begin at 6 PM and are held at 3422 Latham Street, Rockford.

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Brad Shields drawing a winning 'Pot Of Gold' calendar number with the help of Terry Brown. Thanks, Terry, for hosting the event.



March 13th meeting will be at Dos Reales (site of the former Basil Café) starting at 6:30 p.m. Loves Park's Top Cop, Patrick Carrigan, will be our speaker.