

Love Notes

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Loves Park AMBUCS™
Cordially invite you to enjoy a

Pasta, Pizza, & Salad Buffet

Thursday, May 15, 2008
6 p.m.

Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria
1031 Harlem Road
Machesney Park, IL 61115

Come Welcome our New Members and Officers and
Meet our Regional officers: Director, Greg Ferris
and Secretary/Treasurer Al Bedel.
This is our regular monthly May meeting.

No charge to Members whose dues include meals.
\$10.00 for Guests and members, whose dues do NOT
include meals,
payable at the door.

Questions? Phone Pat Hubly at 815/877-6232 or
Email nettieneat@aol.com.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Ramp Page

by: Dave Jahn

Commitment - Dedication - Community Service - Hard Work

Pam Shields, Bob Shields, Barbara Jackson, Ken Fry, Trish Betz, Jim Nordstrom, Rich Lierman, Brad Shields, John Stenerson, Joe Geraghty, Terry Brown, and Dave Jahn.

All of the above came together on Saturday, April 26th to remove a LARGE 54 FOOT ramp that we built a couple years ago. It took over 85 hours of hard work by seven people to assemble it, and it took only 3 hours by 12 people to remove it. The "12" worked together as a well oiled precision team. Every nail and every screw was removed from every board. All loose boards and posts and the seven ramp sections went to Dick's place for future use.

The response for this project was overwhelming. Everyone - female, male, young and old - pitched in and we "got 'er done." And we had FUN.

Pat Hubly and Dar Estabrook also made an appearance. Dar is doing great following her second knee surgery. Pat brought cookies and took pictures.

Thanks goes to the Shields who brought cookies, pop and water. Thanks to everybody for their hard work.

Our next Ramp event will be May 31st

Ramp Chairman's Message

By Terry Brown

I want to thank everyone who worked on the ramp Saturday 4/26/08. We took down a 54 foot ramp in 3 hours!!! We had 12 people that really worked to get this job done. We have some other ramp projects coming up and you will be notified as to when and where. Mark the last Saturday of the month for ramps.



Big Hat News

From the Regional Spring Conference



Big Hats will have a Memorial Wall for club members that have passed. A club that wants their deceased members to be remembered and honored at National Convention need only to send a 4x6 or 5x7 picture of that member with a short BIO and \$10.00 by June 30, 2008. That member will be placed on the memorial wall where the general sessions are to be held; then honored at the Big Hat Breakfast. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Big Hat events for the 2008-2009 Club Year:

- The 2nd Big Hat Trip will take place in late February 2009.
- A First Time award will be given to the Best Big Hat Club! All clubs that don't have an active Big Hat Club need to get moving. Next year Big Hats will be working on growth and involvement of our Big Hat clubs.
- The Big Hat Raffle is back! If approved, this will be a chance of a lifetime to win airfare and five nights stay for four people at the world renowned Atlantis Resort, plus \$1000.00 in spending money! This will be voted on at National Convention Big Hat business meeting. Big Hatters, plan to attend the meeting.

**Mark your calendars for the
AMBUCS™ Family Picnic
11:30 am Saturday, June 28th,
Red Oak picnic area in
Rock Cut State Park**

Special request from President Pat

I would appreciate it if you would check your emails at least once a day and open them. I sometimes send time sensitive information and need to know that you are going to get it. When this is the case, I will mark the email as "Urgent AMBUCS Information." Please, please, please open and read it. If you prefer to receive a phone call, please let me know by phoning 815/877-6232 and leave a message. Or, you could always email me at nettieneat@aol.com. 😊

Report on Invitation to Dinner

WOW! What an evening at The Firefly April 24th! Twelve members and 14 guests were present and **eight** guests signed up on the spot to become members.

Since that time there have been **five** more new applications taken. That's 13 new members! Way to go Loves Park AMBUCS®. Watch us roar!!

A lively game of Human Bingo provided everyone the chance to learn something about each other and, in the process, become better acquainted. Food orders were placed off the special menu provided, followed by short presentations by Jim Nordstrom, Bob Shields, Bob Higginson, Terry Brown and Dave Jahn. An AmTryke® video presentation was scrolling throughout the evening and an AmTryke® was on display along with club pictures and brochures. We made such an impression that another restaurant customer came over to inquire about the AmTryke and our club. Once again, Loves Park AMBUCS™ **ROCK!!**

Regional News

Central Region AMBUCS Spring Conference was held April 18-19th at Decatur Conference Center. Our club was well represented by Terry Brown, Bob Higginson, Pat Hubly, Dave Jahn, Brad Shields, Tracy Shields - and baby Boden. It was fun and informative—time well spent as we all took away great ideas for the upcoming club year.

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



Meeting Notes from April

It was a special evening April 10th as members gathered at Dos Reales for the regular monthly meeting. Our scheduled speaker was unable to make it, so it was a most welcome and pleasant surprise to receive a phone call from Past National President Jack Feltman inquiring if he could attend our meeting. Jack is from Griffin, GA and was in the area (Crystal Lake) on business and gave up his time to visit Loves Park AMBUCS™ and share information on National events. Thank you, Jack.

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Upcoming Events and Socials

May Board Meeting	May 5
May Membership Meeting	May 15
June Board Meeting	June 4
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
Riverhawks Baseball Game \$10 each, \$1 beer	July 3
Independence Day	July 4
July Member meeting @ Bob & Pam Shields'	July 10
National Convention	July 16-19
August Board Meeting	August 6
August Member meeting	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

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**National Convention July 16-19
Rogers, Arkansas Embassy Suites
Easy driving, beautiful new facility.**

**Early Registration ends 5/9.
Club reimburses early registration for
any member attending. Just do it!**