

Love Notes

The newsletter of the Loves Park Illinois

AMBUCS™



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October Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 9th
Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria
1031 Harlem Road, Machesney Park, IL

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*The September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting* was held at the home of Terry and Karen Brown with 22 members and guests in attendance. Robb Hauser brought Gary Coldiron as his guest; Jessica Lynch was guest of Pat Hubly and Karen Brown was Terry's guest. Terry grilled hamburgers for everyone. Bob Shields and Angie Hauser reported for the Big Hat Raffle and Fundraising committees, relating progress and encouraging participation from all club members in selling tickets and gathering Silent Auction items; both need to be addressed quickly and **big time** by membership. We witnessed the Brown's resident fox and watched a video of it visiting their backyard as a party was in progress. Thank you, Terry and Karen, for the delicious meal, for the mum plants, for allowing us to enjoy your "party room" and particularly for your hospitality. It was great!



Standing: Bob Shields, Linda Black, Rich Lierman, Angela Hauser, Brad Shields, Nick Shields, Pam Shields, Pat Hubly, Jesus Calvillo, guest Gary Coldiron, Dar Estabrook, Cecil Kennington, Gloria Jahn, Dick Larson, Robb Hauser. Seated (l-r): Jim Nordstrom, Bob Higginson, and Dave Jahn. Not shown: New member Michelle Johnson, and Terry Brown and Karen Brown; our hosts were too busy for pictures.

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*Branding Time is upon us!!* We already have two (Chris and Michelle) towards our goal of five new members during this time, October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will again this year have a Membership Contest of AMBUCS™ Poker. The last page of this newsletter includes the rules and your first card to get you started. Additional cards can be earned for each AMBUCS™ event (local, district, regional or national) that you attend: ramp building, you get a card; the Big Hat Raffle, get a card; the Fall Conference, get a card, etc. There are numerous ways to build your poker hand and have fun doing it! **There will be prizes!** Line up your guests and prospective members and get them to this Thursday's meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>; bring them to the ramp build on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and then sign them as a member. That's 7 cards already! See how easy it is!?!



*We build ramps* and the latest recipient is thrilled to now have the opportunity to get out and about and enjoy some freedom.



This ramp was built September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6217 Park Ridge Road by the crew of (l to r): Jim Nordstrom, Richard Lierman with recipient Lois, Terry Brown, Gary Coldiron and Robb Hauser. Present to offer moral support (not pictured!) were Darlene Estabrook, Pat Hubly, Dick Larson and Dave Jahn.

*Happy Birthday, Bobby!*

We hope you had fun; we did! More than 30 guests gathered at Lino's to wish Bobby a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, hear his stories and tell some of their own. It was good to see many "missing" and former members and friends. Fantastic!!



*President's Message by Pat Hubly*

We celebrated 80 years with Bob Higginson on September 30<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful evening! Bob has been a main stay of AMBUCS™ and a friend to us all over the years. It was time we give something back to him and to let him know how deeply we appreciate all he has done and continues to do for Loves Park AMBUCS™ and how much we love him. In my opinion, Mission Accomplished! Thank you, Bob, and everyone who attended Bobby's party.

Some comments have been made that our club has too many things going on; that there is so much happening one cannot go to everything or participate in it all, so rather than choose one, we just don't do any of it. Conflicts occur and we realize one cannot attend or participate in all events and meetings. Certain obligations and duties come with being a member of any group, be it family, church, school, job. Just as we must decide which function we're going to attend--Susie's recital, Jimmy's soccer game or the small study group at church--choices are necessary as to where we spend our time. Yes, lots of things are going on within the Loves Park AMBUCS™. This allows for you to make a choice and attend the meeting or event you care most about. We would like to see everyone at every event, but it makes me happy to see each and every member at some event some time during the year. Please plan to attend an upcoming event if you haven't been to one yet this year.



*To All Loves Park AMBUCS™* (some of you received a similar email)

For the past several months the Big Hat Committee, consisting of Bob Shields, Jim Nordstrom and Brad Shields, has been working closely with the Rockford AMBUCS™ in planning and executing the annual Big Hat Raffle (formerly known as the Car Raffle) set for November 6th. Loves Park AMBUCS™ will receive one-third of the profits of the evening if we meet two criteria:

**Sell 100 tickets and handle a successful Silent Auction.**

We are lagging behind in both and as a club, need to come together in this major effort to fund our treasury and thereby be able to provide AmTrykes to all the children we have waiting to receive a tryke, and to fund the building of our ramps.

As a part of this effort, the Big Hat committee has enlisted the assistance of our Fundraising Committee requesting that they handle the Silent Auction portion of the evening, and help with ticket sales. This committee, headed by Angie Hauser, has been working hard to accomplish these two goals. But they cannot do it alone and **ALL MEMBERS** are being requested to help.

**What can you do? Buy a ticket...**and then attend the raffle. Sell a ticket, or two or three to friends, family and/or business acquaintances. If you buy a ticket, get your buddy to buy one, too, and have an evening out together. Sell tickets...sell tickets. The committee members have tickets and will get them to you or to the person purchasing the ticket. Contact committee members at:

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**What can you do? Provide items for the Silent Auction.** Not white elephant items, but items of value and new. Some of the things that go well at a Silent Auction include week-ends away, say to Eagle Ridge or Wisconsin Dells, or Lake Geneva. Do you have anyone in any of those places, or anywhere else, whom you could contact to see if they would provide gift certificates for a week-end at their hotel, and perhaps include a dinner? How about friends who work at a retail establishment that might be able to provide a flat screen monitor or TV; i.e., Bisconti Computers, Best Buy, American, etc. Big items are important and reap the most \$\$, but let's not overlook the smaller things; i.e., a gift certificate from Gensler Gardens or Village Green or Crimson Ridge. The list of possibilities is endless.

With some thought and ingenuity I know we can all come up with two or three items that will garner some bids and \$\$ for AmTrykes and ramps. We CAN do this and we WILL do this. **Shoulders Together!**

**Yours in AMBUCS,  
Pat Hubly**



This is not my usual cheery (?) and upbeat newsletter and for that I make no apologies. Some times things need to be noted and said and this month was that time!! AL Pat.



**Birthdays**

- 10/01 Cecil Kennington
- 10/05 Joe Geraghty
- 10/05 Nancy Calvillo
- 10/16 John Stenerson
- 10/18 Paul Slabaugh
- 10/24 Sue Mullins
- 10/26 Kristy Shields

**Club Anniversaries**

- 1978 Wilbert Mayer
- 1979 Dennis Leslie
- 1983 Jim Nordstrom
- 1988 Paul DeBruyne
- 2000 Sue Mullins
- 2004 Trish Betz

**Wedding anniversary**

- 10/28/67 Dave & Gloria Jahn

**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 to assist you in your plans to attend.

- October membership meeting **October 9**
- Fall Conference in Champaign **October 24-25**
- Ramp Build Saturday **October 25**
- November Board Meeting **November 5**
- Big Hat Raffle @ Tebala Shrine Temple **November 6**
- November membership meeting **November 13**
- Big Hat Membership Event @ Terry Brown's **November 16**
- Bears vs Packers Party **November 16**
- Ramp Build Saturday **November 22**
- Thanksgiving with loved ones **November 27**

Eleven Loves Park AMBUCS™ attended the joint meeting with the Rockford AMBUCS™ at the Svithoid Club on Tuesday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed pizza, pop and fellowship. Greg Ferris, Central Region Director of Decatur, and his wife Jan, joined us for the festivities. The Big Hat Raffle early bird drawing was held for four tickets to the event. The drawing for the individuals of both clubs who attended both joint meetings will be held at our Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Good luck to Jim, Dar, Pam, Brad, Cecil, Pat Dave, Dick, Robb, Angie, Bob and Bob.

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