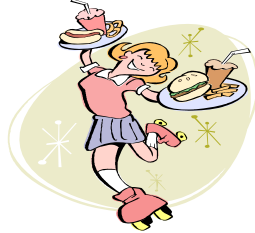


AMBUCS
Mid-Cities

Lighting the way to a brighter future!

MESSENGER

Car Hoppin' at Sonic Pays-off Big Time!



Sonic manager poses with our team — Darrell, Ala Joy, Janice, Deidra, Brenda, Yvonne and Roma — before the busy day starts. Team members not pictures were Jaclynn (taking the photo), and Orval & Greg who arrived later.

Another first for Mid-Cities AMBUCS... carhopping for tips to raise money. We arrived early Saturday. August 22, all fired-up to take on the challenge of serving food and beverages to patrons of a very busy Sonic drive-in restaurant. We quickly set up an AmTryke and our Mission Statement poster. Then we displayed a small postcard version of the mission statement at every order station so customers would know their servers were working for a good cause. Each carhop was also armed with club brochures to hand out as orders were delivered, so everyone would know how they too could be a part of our club.

Sonic Manager Milton Edwards gave us our instructions and then had us shadow one of his trained carhops to learn the ropes.

We proved to be quick studies and handled the business like veterans. As a matter of fact, Milton told us that our group did such a fantastic job that we are welcome back anytime. Of course, we are already talking about doing it again, because **we earned \$710.30** in just four hours!

Special thanks to friends and family members who came out to show their support and give us great tips for donations.



Our Extra Special Thanks goes to Mid-Cities AMBUCS Friends Members **Barbara and Kenneth Barton**, who came by for a cold drink and to give us a very generous donation! We can always count on their support in so many ways. (Carhop: Jaclynn, Deidra's granddaughter)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekly Meeting 6:15 p.m. @ IHOP Guest Speaker: Sam Nichol, Paradigm Financial Fundraising Committee Mtg. (to follow regular meeting)	8/31
Labor Day - No Meeting	9/7
Weekly & Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. @ IHOP	9/14
Weekly Meeting 6:15 p.m. @ IHOP Guest Speaker: Jerry Poteet, City of Euless Parks & Recreation	9/21
Weekly Meeting 6:15 p.m. @ IHOP Guest Speaker: Geri Medlin, Safehaven Women's Volunteer Services	9/28

Action Items

- Connie bring door prize(s) to 8/31 mtg.
- Mark your calendar for the SW Fall Conference, Oct 15-17 in Grapevine!

CLUB MEETS AT ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

What a fabulous idea Roma had when she came up with having our weekly meeting at the Tarrant County Alliance for Children Northeast Center. We briefly discussed club business while enjoying free pizza, which was donated by the Pizza Hut, where we purchase our monthly pizzas for Safehaven.

Getting to actually see the facilities and learn more about the valuable work done by the Alliance for Children was very inspiring. Our host Kim Benefield did an outstanding job. She even made us chocolate chip cookies and lemon bars. Yum!

However, the real treat was seeing the toy closet from which each child gets to choose their favorite toy when they first enter the process. This is just one of the many things the center does to help put the children at ease.

Alliance for Children began serving abused children in 1992. To date, over 22,000 children have benefited from their services. Their mission is to unite the communities of Tarrant County to fight child abuse by providing children's justice centers that coordinate the efforts of partner agencies and facilitate the delivery of needed services. The guiding principle of Alliance for Children is to decrease the amount of trauma to child victims during the course of an investigation and to make sure that they receive the services they need to recover from the abuse. Decreasing trauma is achieved through operating child-friendly centers, which provide all elements of investigation and client services under one roof.

John Wallace asked Kim what the center needs most right now. She said they could really use another laptop, so that volunteers could be utilized to conduct child abuse awareness and prevention training at schools. We all agreed that we want to continue our support and to even do more if possible. We promised to put on our thinking caps and see if we could come up with a way to get the laptop for them.

Important statistics to share with your sons and daughters, grandchildren, co-workers, etc....

- 1 in every 4 girls and 6 boys is sexually abused by age 18.
- 93% of abused children are abused by someone they know.
- 1 in every 5 children is sexually solicited on the internet and only 25% will tell their parents.
- 4 children die every day as a result of child abuse
- A report of child abuse is reported every 10 seconds.

CLUB OFFICERS

President, Janice Fratus
Vice President, Ala Joy Davis
Secretary, Teresa Brodrick
Treasurer, Greg Rusk
Sergeant at Arms, Orval Pierce/Darrell Brodrick
Communications, Brenda Pierce

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership, Orval Pierce
Fundraising, Ala Joy Davis
Community Service, Roma Rusk
AmBility, Greg Rusk
Fun, John Wallace
Big Hat, Ralph Thompson



SOUTHWEST REGION FALL CONFERENCE



BEST MEETS THE WEST

October 15–17, 2009

Embassy Suites — DFW Airport Outdoor World — Grapevine, TX

With this event being in our own backyard, so-to-speak, make plans to attend at least some of the conference.

Thursday, October 15

- 4:00P Welcome & Reception
7:00P **Lone Star Social** (Open to all AMBUCS, need not attend conference—see registration form)
Back Porch Grill & Tavern—210 N. Main St., Grapevine (Karaoke starts at 8P)

Friday, October 16

- 9:00A–2:30P **Golf Tournament**—Grapevine Golf Course
3:00P Big Hat Business Meeting
4:00P Regional Executive Meeting
7:00P–Midnight **Wild West Party—Last Chance Saloon**
Cross Timbers Winery—805 N Main St., Grapevine (Open to all AMBUCS, need not attend conf.)

Saturday, October 17

- 7-8:30A **Big Hat Breakfast**
9-10:00A General Session, Business Meeting
10:15-Noon **What WE do...Makes a Difference!**
10:15-Noon Training
12:15-2:00P **Living Endowment Luncheon**
2:15–2:30P District Meeting
6:30P **Denim & Diamonds Awards Dinner** ~ Celebrating the Best of the Southwest

Registration fees go up after 9/23/09. For more details see registration form @ www.ambucsmidcities.org



Welcome Home Troops!



The HEB Chamber needs volunteers to welcome home American military personnel returning for R&R. Our club plans to show our support on Saturday, October 3rd, between 7-10 a.m. Friends, family and co-workers—including kids—are welcome.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next few meetings. If you plan to join us, please make sure you write down your name and the number in your group. We need to let the Chamber know how many of us they can count on.

Wear your favorite All-American outfit and your most welcoming smile.

Troops arrive at DFW Airport, —Terminal D— Gate 22.
More details as time draws closer.