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90th AMBUCS National President // Kent Clingenpeel

With the National Conference held in Oklahoma City this past July, it was no wonder that the Saturday Night President's Dinner was packed with Oklahomans. Kent Clingenpeel was sworn in as National President by fellow statesman and immediate Past National President Rick Kerr.

During his campaign for the presidential-elect seat, Kent's catchy slogan was to "Cling to AMBUCS - N- Peel Away Barriers." Simply put, he believes AMBUCS members need to "Cling" to the ideals and beliefs to help "Peel" away barriers so that people with Disabilities can lead a better life. With that mindset, AMBUCS are excited to add his passion and dedication to the reigns of our organization.

He joined Enid AM AMBUCS Chapter in 1982, has been a Big Hatter since 2001, a 27 year 100% Living Endowment contributor and has had perfect attendance for 9 years.

He is a devoted father, loving husband, community role model and gentle but enthusiastic leader who has respect not only from his chapter, but that of his region and indeed AMBUCS as a whole.

His installment dinner marked the culmination of the 2012 AMBUCS National Conference in Oklahoma City. Afterwards everyone left the event inspired and ready to stand "Shoulders Together" with Kent during his presidency.

President-Elect // Jack Bellware

For over 31 years, Jack Bellware has been a proud member of AMBUCS, displaying the dedication and hard work required to move our organization forward. He first became a member of the Kalamazoo, MI chapter in 1982 and has never stopped investing his time and energy to make a difference in his community. Over the years, Jack has served in a number of leadership positions and earned a plethora of awards including AMBUC of the Year, Project Manager of the Year, National District Governor of the Year, and Regional Director of the Big Hat Club.

Today, Jack describes himself as semi-retired, having previously worked as a travel agent, Hertz Car Rental owner, bar owner and human resource consultant. He and his wife Gloria reside in Kalamazoo and are the proud parents to son Michael (30) and daughter Kimberly (26). During his rare down time, Jack enjoys flying airplanes, playing golf, caring for his Italian inspired garden, watching old western movies, and spending time with his new grandson, little Jack.

When he joins the AMBUCS Executive Board next year, Jack thinks he'll be able to provide solid advice in the areas of finance and in the selection process of future national conference sites. He also is focused on helping AMBUCS increase its membership numbers and influencing more members to run for office at the club, district and region levels. Jack will place a heavy emphasis on member retention and tapping large corporations for financial donations.

"Being chosen to serve on AMBUCS National Executive Board is a tremendous honor," he said. "It is not something that I take lightly. I just can't wait to come in and get to work."

This induction leads to him taking office in July 2013 when current National President Kent Clingenpeel concludes his term.

