

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## **THE PREZ SEZ...**



Did you survive Thanksgiving? Good food, good people, good times. And November brought more accomplishments to Cornbelt Ambucs™.

## **National Fall Branding – SUCCESS**

Fall Branding is a National Ambucs™ annual campaign to encourage growth through new members. Cornbelt added a new member - Rick Milner. Rick was sworn-in and received his pin at our November 7 lunch meeting. Please give Rick a big Ambucs™ welcome.



## New Board Member

The Board had a change in membership this month at our November 13 Board meeting. We want to thank Carolyn Thompson for her service as chapter secretary this year as she leaves us. Vicky Strauss is our incoming secretary.



## Webmaster

The Board elected Dennis Strauss as webmaster of the Cornbelt website. This is a new but very important position to make our presence on the web easy yet informative for anyone interested in Cornbelt Ambucs™ or needing our services. If you are interested in working on the web space, please contact Dennis.

## Other Upcoming Events

The January lunch meeting is January 2 at Monical's near Best Buy. Will you be there? I hope so. And bring a friend for the good food.

Keep December 16 open for a Big Hat meeting and ramp building somewhere in McLean County.

Mark the evening of Monday, January 12, on your calendar for Cornbelt Ambucs™. More information will be forthcoming on this.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc™!!

Don



**Mark your calendars!!!**

### **Next Saturday Meeting**

When: Saturday, December 16, 2012  
 Time: 7:15 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, January 2, 2013  
 Time: Noon  
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)





## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built three ramps in November! Our volunteers, along with the diversity project scholars built a ramp for Mr. Lettner and Mr. Hays in Normal on a Saturday morning. These two brothers live at home but are having a hard time getting in and out of their home safely. We put together a very nice looking ramp for them on a Saturday morning... and they were very pleased with our work! Sure is nice to know they can get out and enjoy some of this beautiful winter weather we're having!... winter, really?



The next two ramps were rather unique. We got a call from friends of George Flynn, who was recently injured in an auto accident. George had both legs amputated and was planning to return home as soon as he could to start his recovery. Thanks to Dennis, Tory, Duane, and Mike Kinsella, we were able to build a small ramp in his garage. I met George at his home, recently. He was able to enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays with his family and was glad to be home, again!

We also built a small ramp inside the garage for Mr. Spelios, as well. Mr. Spelios has been having a hard time walking and is now using a wheelchair when he gets out to appointments in the community. His wife had contacted us about a ramp as he had several upcoming medical appointments to attend. Thanks to Duane Wells for his expertise, Mr. Spelios now has a fine looking ramp inside his garage... and is able to enjoy the holidays along with the rest of us!

As the holidays approach, consider an "alternative gift" for someone... perhaps a donation to our AMBUCS™ club in the name of a loved one... which will be paid forward in the building of a ramp for someone in our community... or a donation of your time to help us build a ramp, or two! It sure beats shopping for another necktie or another Christmas sweater this year!

We will continue to build ramps into the new year... as long as the weather cooperates with us.. so keep watching your e-mails. Thanks to everyone who has worked with us this year! We have made homes accessible this year.. and warmed the hearts of many families along the way. I look forward to working with all of you this next year, too

If anyone has any questions, or needs information on how they can make a donation to our club, please feel free to contact me. Enjoy the holidays.. and see ya' at the ramps!

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**Happy Holidays to everyone!!!!**