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APRIL 2015

THE PREZ SEZ...



Spring has sprung and is bustin' out all over the AMBUCS™ calendar. There are a lot of events on the calendar. I hope you check them out and join your fellow AMBUCS™ for some fun times and service opportunities.

April 1 Elections

We held Cornbelt Chapter elections at our monthly lunch meeting on April 1. Their term begins on June 1. Here are the elected officers and board members. I hope you congratulate and thank them next time you see them.

- President - Larry Turilli
- Vice President - Bill Hamann
- Treasurer - Dennis Strauss
- Secretary - Vicky Strauss
- Board members - Al Bedell, Pete Hettinger, Bill McHie, Don Stogsdill, Jerry Wyrick

April 17 - 18 AMBUCS™ Spring Conference

The Central Region Spring Conference will be held [on April 17 & 18th](#) in Springfield. There is a full schedule for Friday and Saturday, including golf, AMBUCS™ University mechanics and road show training, a cook out, officer training, Big Hat auction, awards processes and a reception and dinner on the 29th floor of the Hilton. Interested in attending, contact Dick Lang 309.242.0025 for details.

April 25 Pancake Breakfast

Once again Shannon's 5-Star Restaurant will be providing the food and we will provide the diners. I hope you are out there inviting your friends and neighbors to this annual fund raiser held at 2nd Presbyterian Church from 8 - 11 on April 25. If you would like to help out, contact Bill Hamann (wlhaman@gmail.com or 309.826.4718) or Larry Turilli (lgturil@yahoo.com or 309-662-4121)

May 4 Senior Expo at the Parke Hotel Conference Center

We have been invited to have a booth at this year's conference. Booth hours will be 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. I hope you can lend a hand at the booth to tell visitors all about AMBUCS™. If you would like to help, contact Dick Lang (dicklang1202@yahoo.com or 309.242.0025) to see what time slots would work best.

May 14 Annual AMBUCS™ Banquet

Our annual banquet and officer installation will be held on May 14 at the Ozark House; 6:00 cocktails, 7:00 dinner. The cost is \$22 each and you can register by calling Dick Lang 309.242.0025 or sending your check to Dick Lang 1202 Windsor Dr. Normal, IL 61761.

June 6 AMBUCS Trek-4-Tykes

This is a new event encouraged by National AMBUCS™. It will be held at White Oak Park, Bloomington beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a one mile fun walk around White Oak lake. It is a fund raiser specifically focused on raising money to buy AmTrykes® for people with disabilities. I hope you will consider getting pledges and becoming a walker.

Review of Donation Opportunities

In last month's Newsletter, I brought two terrific fund raising opportunities you can help with simply by designating Cornbelt AMBUCS™ as your charity of choice when shopping at Kroger or via Amazon.com. I hope you will take the time to give these fund raising opportunities a try. It is really quite simple. Here are the instructions:

Kroger fund raiser

Kroger has announced a way for local charities to earn money simply by having their members and friends shop at their local Kroger stores. All we have to do is shop at Kroger with our Kroger Plus Cards (this is NOT a credit card. It is a card that gets you discounts on products you buy at their stores.). The following instructions show you how to link your Kroger Plus Card with Cornbelt AMBUCS™. I hope you will check it out and register today. Also, tell your Facebook friends. They can help us earn money too.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

*** these rewards go directly to Cornbelt AMBUCS™ ***

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- *Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization (Cornbelt AMBUCS) after you sign up.*
- *If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.*
- Click on Sign In/Register
- *If you are a new online customer, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.*
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (73396) or name of organization(Cornbelt Chapter), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you register your Kroger Plus card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377), select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Smile.Amazon.Com Fund Raiser

Amazon also has a program where they will donate 1/2% of your purchase price to AMBUCS™. It is really a simple process - check it out.

When you shop on Amazon, log in with the link smile.amazon.com . It is a super simple way to help out AMBUCS™ without spending an extra cent! Whenever you visit Amazon via the smile.amazon.com link, they'll give us 1/2% of the purchase amount. The first time you log into smile.amazon.com they will ask you to select your charity. Selecting Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS™ will direct money to our chapter. Selecting National AMBUCS™ will go toward purchasing AmTrykes® for riders waiting on our National Wish List. I hope you will take advantage of Amazon's offer to help support AMBUCS™.

Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Spring Conference

When: Friday and Saturday April 17-18
 Place: Springfield, IL

Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 25
 Place: 2nd Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, IL

**Bill Buchie's Babbles...**

Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We're off to a good start this spring! We built one ramp in March and we've got several more to build in the coming months.

Ms. Rose Ferguson needed a rather large ramp at her new home in Normal and needed some major changes to her porch, as well so the AMBUCS™ showed up and made her home accessible for her and her daughter. Nice work, everyone! And as you can see by the smiles, she was pleased with the results!





40 feet of ramp, a new front porch, and a happy family what a nice way to begin our ramp-building season!

I've got more ramps planned and I'm getting phone calls asking for our help so stay tuned. I'll be in touch!

See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.



Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

Even though we did not present an AmTryke® in McLean County last month we do have three bikes on order. Unfortunately they were oversold and the next shipment should arrive at the national headquarters in High Point, North Carolina around the middle of April but will not be here in time for a presentation at the Pancake Breakfast. We also have two additional request for bikes which will be voted on at the next Cornbelt Board meeting.

Cornbelt, along with a few other Central Region chapters purchased a bike for a young girl in St. Louis. The bike was presented to Sydney on April 2 at Rankin Jordan Bridge Hospital where Sydney receives here therapy. When her parent brought her into the room Sydney reached for the handle bar and did not want to let go. She really was ready to ride her new red bike. We had a hard time getting her off the bike so the parents could take it home.

You can see how happy she is in the picture below. Sydney and her mom are on a trail close to their home.



As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for anyone you think could benefit from an AmTryke®.

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April 25 Pancake Breakfast

Hello Fellow AMBUCS™,

Saturday, April 25th is our Annual Pancake Breakfast! We'll be serving a great breakfast between 8AM and 11AM at Second Presbyterian Church in Downtown Bloomington. Shannon's 5 Star Restaurant is bringing the pancakes. However, it's up to us to bring the guests!

This is another opportunity for you to make a major contribution to OUR club. We'll need a few volunteers to help serve and clean up. Of course, we also need to **SELL A LOT OF TICKETS**. This is our club's main fundraiser, but having lots of guests at our breakfast also means lots of exposure for our club. Like last year, we'll have a display table set up that shows what we're all about. So, in addition to serving a world class breakfast, this event shows the rest of the Bloomington-Normal community what we do. It also gets the word out to folks in the community who need our help, which makes it easier for them to get the services they need. Bring your friends, neighbors and coworkers, and let them see what the Cornbelt AMBUCS™ are all about. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

This year, Larry Turilli is having yard signs made to help advertise the breakfast. If you're willing to put up a yard sign, please let me know.

You can bring money from ticket sales with you to the breakfast. In case you can't make it on the 25th, use the enclosed return envelope and mail it to me. Of course, Please **CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED MORE TICKETS** or if you can help us serve or clean up on the morning of the 25th. You can email me at william.hamann@gmail.com, or call me any time at (309) 807-0667.

Our Pancake Breakfast is one of the important things we do that enables us to fulfill our mission of helping individuals in the community we live in. Let's make this year's breakfast another great success and turn pancakes into AmTrykes®, ramps and scholarships during 2015!!!

See you all for breakfast on the 25th.

Thanks,
Bill

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Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS™ club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <http://www.pekinambucs.org/newsletter.html>