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THE PREZ SEZ...



The Cornbelt Chapter of Ambucs™ relies heavily on dues and fundraisers to be able to provide the services that we do for the community. There are other ways to contribute to our chapter however, including some that won't detract from your, or your friends, bank accounts. Many employers have grant and matching funds programs, sometimes both. That includes our larger local employers. Those are opportunities to double your contribution, and there are several ways to do that.

Retailers often have programs that will contribute a percentage of what you spend there to a designated non-profit. Both Schnuck's and Kroger have programs where you can register & receive a card (or keychain tag) that you present at checkout & they will donate to your designated non-profit. Amazon has a program called Smiles that does the same thing, only you don't need a card. The website will even prompt you to switch to the Smiles section to do so.

The Cornbelt Chapter is also looking for your help in moving us forward. As you know, we have a monthly lunch meeting, but many people can't join us because of other obligations. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, when would be a good time to hold it? Is there a particular day or time of day that works better for you? Let us know. You can leave us a message on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cornbeltambucs/>. Or, you can email me directly at jbalmer@betadigm.com. We intend to bring in guest speakers for our meetings as well.

It's a great day to be an AMBUC,

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, January 20, 2018
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We finished a great year of ramp-building!

Thanks to your efforts and your willingness to help with our projects, we built ramps, made homes accessible, laughed along the way, and put smiles on many faces throughout the year! Here's a sample of what we did in December.

Our first ramp in Normal helped a family to make their home accessible. We were able to re-purpose some ramp sections and with plenty of help to move, rebuild, and complete the ramp, we certainly made this family happy with their new ramp! Nice work, AMBUCS!





Our second ramp was built in Bloomington for a local pastor and his wife. We responded to an e-mail, got our volunteers lined up, and built the ramp in one afternoon. Glad we were able to finish the ramp before Christmas.. as the picture would look quite different with snow on their new ramp today! Again, nice work, everyone!



I think our ramp-building may be "on vacation" for awhile as we get through our first few snowfalls.. but I will keep you all posted on any ramp requests that we may be able to do as the new year begins.

Thanks, again, for all your help with our ramp-building projects and I'll see ya' at the ramps.. next year!

Bill McHie

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

December and January are usually typically slow months for Amtryke activity for Cornbelt Ambucs. We did not evaluate any kiddos or give any Amtrykes away in December. Yes, it would have make a great Christmas present but we do not have any pending request.

However, please send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

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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>