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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello fellow AMBUCS™!

Well, activity is picking up in so many ways. I'm sure you are all busy with holiday plans, and we have also been busy planning some Cornbelt activities. Here are a few upcoming events to look forward to:

- building picnic tables for Marcfirst on Dec. 14. Watch for an email from Larry Turilli with details.

- post-Christmas re-gifting party. This is always a fun activity. It will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the home of Al Bedell and Dee Frautschi. Invitations will be sent.

- the spring pancake breakfast now has a location, but we are still working on a date. The location will be the Evangelical Free Church, 2910 E Lincoln St, Bloomington.

Also, our participation in the annual Salvation Army Bell-ringing campaign, followed by dinner at Shannon's, will take place this week. Look for pictures in next month's newsletter.

Our wine-tasting at Binny's was lots of fun. Thanks to all who participated. Cornbelt made \$440 from that event. If you would like to see other events of this nature, please let the board know. It was a good way to be social, and make a little money at the same time.

We will not have a January monthly meeting. It would have been held on Jan. 2, and we did not want to interfere with anyone's holiday plans, so the January meeting has been canceled. As you probably already know, the Marcfirst speakers that were to speak at the Dec. meeting, have been postponed until the Feb. meeting.

And last but not least, our branding contest has ended. Cornbelt signed up one new member, Jeanie Lam. Please welcome Jeanie when you see her. I am waiting to hear from the Central Illinois AMBUCS chapter, as to how many new members they signed up during the contest. If they signed up more than Cornbelt did, we will be making a trip to their neck of the woods, per

the conditions of the contest. I will announce the results of the contest once I hear from the president of the Central Illinois chapter. This will be a good opportunity to meet up with a neighboring chapter, and see what they are up to.

Guess that is it for this month. Hope you all have a great holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events!

It is a great day to be an AMBUC!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, November 15, 2018
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got a ramp built in November.. right before the rain and snow arrived! We helped build a 35 ft. ramp to a new porch for the Lane family in Bloomington. We had a great crew and finished the ramp just as the raindrops started to fall! Don't worry, we still had time to get the picture of the "maiden voyage" down the ramp for the first time! Thanks to everyone who came out to help us that day. I'm sure they will be enjoying their new ramp for the holidays.



I'll keep you posted on any new ramp opportunities.. but in the meantime, I want to thank all of you for your willingness to come and help us with our ramp-building opportunities this year. We have certainly made a difference in the lives of many families and we'll continue that tradition into the coming year. We built a ramp in the extreme heat this summer.. (remember?..) and we've built ramps in cold weather, too.. and each and every recipient was truly thankful that we had made their life easier, thanks to all of you!

Thank you! Enjoy the holidays and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Cornbelt Ambucs were quite busy in November.

We gave an outstanding young man his first Amtryke at The Babyfold's Hammitt School. As you can see Jaiden was quite excited to have his own bike and the school staff will get lots of exercise along with Jaiden. I am sure who was more excited, Jaiden or the group of Ambucs who were present for the bike presentation. Thanks to the Ambucs who attended and I know we all loved Jaiden positive attitude and desire to ride his "own" bike. I hope the two pictures below capture some of the excitement and pleasure we felt in giving Jaiden his bike.



Also, at the end of the month we received the Amtrykes for the four kids at Olympia North in Danvers. A group of Ambucs gathered at the Midwest Foodbank to assemble the Amtrykes on Saturday, December 1st. We are trying to arrange for a presentation at the school for all four kiddos at once. A picture of the Amtryke mechanics and three of the four Amtrykes is shown below. J Balmer was still working on the last bike for a child at Tri-Valley when the picture was taken.



Please watch for the next newsletter with pictures of the kiddos on their new Amtrykes. It will be with great joy that we are able to help this many kiddos during the holiday season.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who might be able to benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes, Amtrykes.

Thanks.

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