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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello fellow AMBUCS™!

The summer we were waiting for is finally here! Hope you are all enjoying it. Even with the heat we are experiencing, Cornbelt has been pretty busy. Be sure to read Bill McHie's article about all the ramp activity. Hopefully you have an opportunity to participate.

At the end of June, we had another chance to use our building skills, when we built three planters for Marcfirst. Thanks to Larry Turilli for coming up with the plans and having everything ready for us to put together. They turned out great! Later, we shopped with some of the Marcfirst residents for plants, then joined them for a cookout. After the festivities, we planted one of the planters at a Marcfirst residence. We may also help plant the others, so stay tuned for news on that. Denny put some pictures on our Facebook page, so take a look. Marcfirst was very pleased with our design, and would like to express their thanks for everything we have done for them. So, there may be a get together with them in late August/early September. We will communicate details when we know more.

Another great event we are looking forward to, is working at the Midwest Foodbank. This is taking place on July 16, 5:30-7:30. We still have a few spots open, so let me know if you want to join in. The foodbank is an amazing place, and most of their work is done by volunteers, so they really appreciate when groups go out to help.

I'm also looking forward to seeing our new shirts. Maybe we should wear them when we work at the foodbank!

Another big AMBUCS event coming up, is the 2019 National Conference, which will be in Pittsburgh this year, Oct. 2 -5. You should be receiving information on this soon. This is a great place to learn more about AMBUCS and meet chapter members from around the country.

Shoulders together!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, July 20, 2019
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 7, 2019
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We've been busy.. and we've been hot!.. but we're still building ramps like crazy! Here's a sample of what we did in June. First, we built a ramp for the Schaefer family in Heyworth. He was just released from the hospital to come home and now their home is accessible. Nice work, AMBUCS!





Our second ramp was built for several individuals with disabilities. Homes of Hope just purchased a home in Normal and we made their home accessible so their residents can live independently. Nice looking ramp inside their garage. Nice job, AMBUCS!



Our third ramp in June was built in Normal for a 94 year old veteran who wants to remain in his home as long as possible.. so we made it easier for him to come and go as he pleases. We started the ramp on Saturday (in the heat) and finished the ramp on Sunday (just before it started to rain). Again, a nice looking ramp thanks to all our volunteers.





We will be busy with ramps throughout the summer so I'll keep you posted on upcoming opportunities. Thanks and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

June was a busy month for Cornbelt Ambucs' Amtryke activity.

We started the month with an Amtryke presentation at Easter Seals to a lovely 3 year old girl. Kyli wanted to be able to ride with her friends and older sister as she is dealing with cerebral palsy. Her therapist at Easter Seals, Carolyn, feels the Amtryke will play a role in increasing her strength, flexibility and endurance for increased independence. Kyli took off pretty quick considering this was all new to her. As you can see from the following pictures, she was doing great and very excited.





Our second bike of the month was for Selah. The parents really wanted her to get a bike for her birthday. However, the rear steering kit was on back order and not sure we were going to be able to meet their request. However, the bike arrived on Friday afternoon and was assembled late Saturday night. Jeanie Lam, DPT, agreed to help with the delivery on a Sunday afternoon. Jeanie, a dedicated Cornbelt Member and a therapist, also agreed to help with the bike fitting. Without her willingness to help with very short notice we would not have been able to present the bike to Selah on her special day.

We delivered Salah's Amtryke during her birthday party. She was quite excited and loving her new bike. However, with all her friends at the birthday party it was a little difficult to get her out of the pool and the floatation device. You can tell how excited she was in the attached picture with Jeanie.



Cornbelt also had one older style AM 9 returned as the child has outgrown the bike and mom did not think she was ready for a bigger bike. We have several bikes to recycle with just a few new parts plus a little polish.

As usual, please let send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

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