

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello Fellow AMBUCS™!

I hope you are all looking forward to a productive spring, with ramp building and the other exciting AMBUCS activities we have planned. As you are aware, our main fundraiser, the pancake breakfast, will be April 4. You should have each received your packet of information already, and will soon receive a request for volunteers to help out at the breakfast. Our other big event looming on the horizon is the regional conference. Registrations are not coming in as quickly as we had hoped they would, but we are expecting to start seeing those registrations flowing in, since the conference is next month! We are really hoping Cornbelt, especially, shows up in force, since we are sponsoring the conference.

Another big program this time of year, is our scholarship program. Scholarship applications are now open. If you know of a student studying physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, or hearing audiology, please encourage them to apply. Scholarships are given at both the national and the chapter level. Pete Hettinger is the board member that heads up the Cornbelt scholarship committee, so he can answer all your questions.

I can hardly believe this, but it is almost that time of year again, so please be sure to attend the April monthly meeting. It will be on April 1st, but it will be no joke! We will be voting on your new slate of chapter officers, who will assume office on June 1. These are the nominations:

President	Al Bedell
Vice-president	Vicky Strauss
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Nominations will also be taken at the meeting, so if you are interested in a position, or would like to nominate another member, you will have an opportunity to do that at the meeting. If you are curious about the criteria to run for an office, you can find the answers in the bylaws on-line, or you can ask a current board member.

Shoulders together!

Marcia

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## Upcoming Events

### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 1, 2020  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

## Notes From Bill...

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### Ramps

Hey, All you ramp-builders –

We've got a few pieces of lumber, some balusters, and my toolbelt that needs to get used in the next month sometime! Although we did not have a pile of snow during the past month, our ramp-building was on hold due to the weather and ramps that needed to be built in front yards, etc. so I'm hopeful that we will get back to building ramps in the next several weeks. I'll keep you posted and let you know of upcoming opportunities to get your own toolbelt ready. Enjoy the weather and I'll be in touch!



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## Notes From Al...

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### **Amtrykes®**

We missed Valentine Day by just a little bit but we did make one beautiful little girl very happy last month.

We were working with a new therapist who works out of her home and also works at the Pontiac schools. Jaime recommended the Amtryke for Lattie and the board approved.

Lattie received her 1410 bike on February 17<sup>th</sup> and it was a little too cool for her to ride it outside so we did the fitting and adjustments in her home. The Amtryke will help increase Lattie's leg strength. The bike will also allow her to play with her other three siblings and the neighborhood kids.

As you can see from the pictures below Lattie was really excited to get her new Amtryke. The helmet Lattie's mom was trying to adjust was a little too large so we will be getting her another helmet soon.





Jamie, the therapist, said she may have another child who could benefit from an Amtryke so keep watching for the email regarding the bike giveaway. I hope several members can be present.

Please continue to forward the contact information to me for anyone who might be able to benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes.

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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>