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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello Fellow AMBUCS™!

These are surely weird times we are in! I'm sure we will get past this, and get back to normal soon. In the meantime, I hope you are all staying well, and staying in. That seems to be the best thing we can all do at this time.

We were so sorry to have to cancel two of our biggest events this year. The committees had been working hard on the pancake breakfast and the regional conference. Many of our supporters that had already bought pancake breakfast tickets decided to consider that money as donations, even though they did not get to eat! Please be sure to express our gratitude to those supporters. As for our regional conference, that decision was made by the national office, and it was the right decision. Another event that we were to participate in was recently canceled, also. This is the Be Content Senior Expo, that is held at the Parke Hotel. This was to be held on May 5.

We still do have the September pancake breakfast to look forward to, and we are talking to the Cornbelters baseball team about holding a fundraiser with them. We have put the discussions with the baseball team on hold for now, until we figure out when/if they will be able to return to the field. We are hoping this works out, but if not, maybe we can do it next year.

You should have each received an email from me about the elections for next year's officers. I have received several positive responses. I think this is a great slate of officers, who are dedicated to the job. I will send a follow-up email later this week, as to whether we received any additional nominations, or if those who were nominated were elected. The board is meeting via

a conference call next week, and one of our topics will be the installation banquet. I can't believe that next month is May!

I guess that is it for this month. I will close by quoting Jay Laurens....
"Shoulders Together. Just not too close together." I loved that!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, All you ramp-builders –

We were able to build three ramps in March before "the virus" curtailed our ramp-building for awhile. Here's a few pictures to remind us of what it's like to help others in need.

Our first ramp was built in Bloomington for Mr. Peden. As you can see from the "before picture", he didn't have much of a chance to get in and out of his home where he is living with his son. We were able to complete a nice looking ramp for him in just a few hours! Thanks, everyone!.. nice work!



Our second ramp was also built in Bloomington for Joe. He had been waiting for a ramp for quite awhile and recently got a power chair so he can get out on his front porch again. Plenty of help made this an easy project for our seasoned ramp-builders. Joe was very pleased with the results and was gladly sitting on his front porch as we left that day! Nice work, AMBUCS!





Our third ramp was built in Bloomington for the Frank family. They were not able to get in and out of their home for the winter months and we were finally able to build a ramp for them. We did a lot of digging in the dirt that day but in the end, we completed a great looking ramp for the family. Thanks to all who helped us that day!



So.. I put my tools in the garage.. (this is where you're supposed to laugh..) and I'm sure that we will be building ramps in the future. But for now, stay safe! We still have ramp requests and I have contacted families to let them know that we will gladly get to them when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, take good care of yourself. I'll see ya' at the next one.. whenever!



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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Cornbelt Ambucs did not present an Amtryke in March. We have one bike on order but the National Office is not shipping bikes at this time and not sure when they will be able to receive any shipments from our supplier.

At this time we do not have any other request for an Amtryke. However, if you know someone who could benefit let me know as we do have several returned bikes that may be able to accommodate the kiddos needs.

If so, please send me the details and we will try to get them an Amtryke as soon as possible.

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