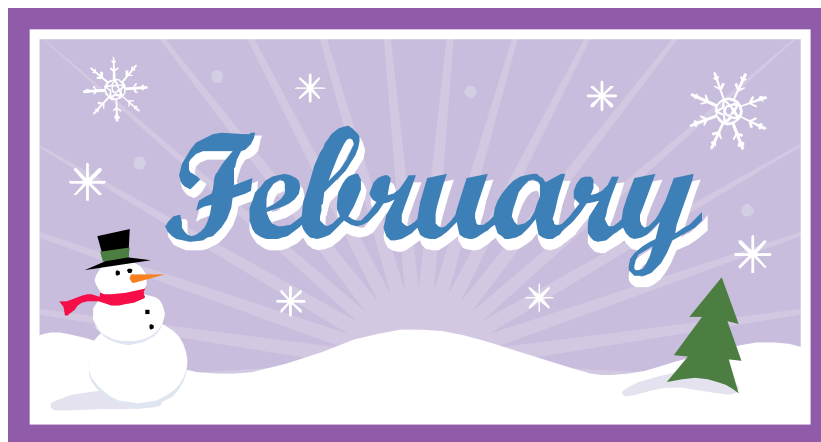


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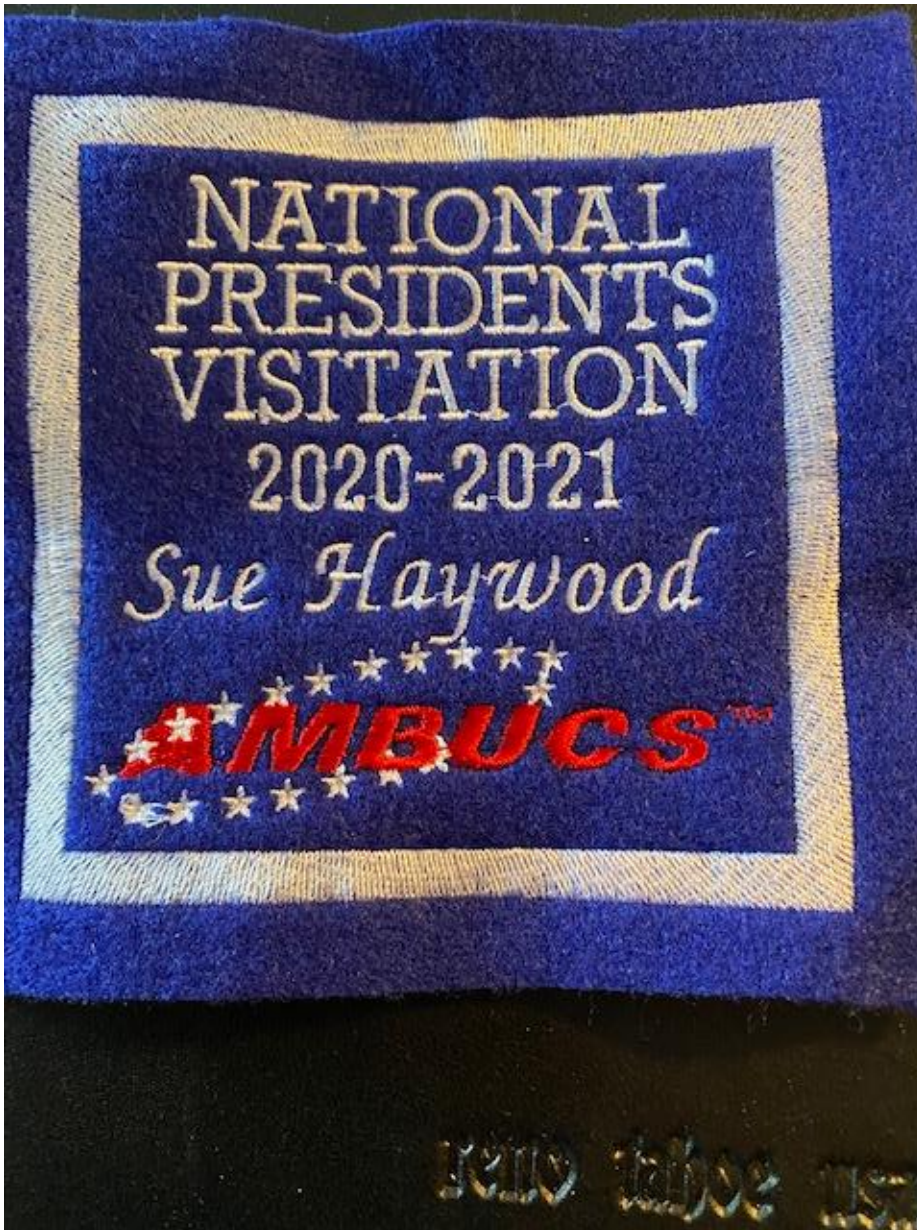
Hello AMBUCS™

I am sure glad 2020 is behind us. However, I found January 2021 to be a month of anticipation. Many of us are waiting patiently to see when the Covid-19 vaccine will be available and how do we get signed up. Good luck, as the process is a little convoluted. Not sure about you but I am waiting on the right opportunity to dine out with a few friends.

We started January with our Ambucs National President, Sue Haywood, participating in our January 6th chapter Zoom meeting. We were so glad to have Sue take the time to attend our meeting. Here are a few bullets points from her presentation:

1. The Scorecard is being revised
2. We need more concentration on Membership Retention
3. What do we need to do to get an article in the Ambucs' National Magazine?
4. Potential national board representation for chapters that are not in one of our six regional zones
5. The 100th Anniversary National Conference in 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama
6. We all need to be working together and work with the Covid-19 restrictions.

A few days after the Zoom call, we received our National Presidents Visitation patch from Sue for our Cornbelt Ambucs Banner. A picture of the banner is shown below.



We are closely monitoring the Covid-19 restriction and see restaurants are beginning to have inside dining. We will be extremely cautious and aware of our membership's concerns before we schedule an inside dining meeting. Maybe we can find a facility with enough space to spread out and everyone can bring their own lunch.

The application date for our national scholarship program opens on February 12, 2021 and closes on May 7, 2021. The Cornbelt board voted to give the therapist student additional money for the second half of her year. One of the people previously awarded a scholarship decided to change plans and not attend school this year. Pete notified her of the aware and received a very thoughtful and sincere thank you from Margaret Pritchard.

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Meet Your Cornbelt Board

I think we have covered all the board members except the chapter and board president. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your board and as chapter president for 2020 – 2021. I have always said the most important responsibility of the position is to find your replacement. I am sure Vicky Strauss will do a wonderful job as your next chapter and board president.

I have been an AMBUC for 30 years. During this time, I believe I have help build over 400 ramps and delivered a few hundred Amtrykes. Prior to Covid-19 I was involved in taking a trailer full of Amtrykes across the country. I made these trips with our former Ambucs Executive Director and several of our lead therapists, including trips with Sue Haywood. I look forward to making more trips as the Amtrykes have helped start new AMBUCS chapters in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and Indiana.

Also, I have held several national positions, Regional Director, National President and served on the National Scholarship Program for 5 years.

One of my greatest memories was building my first ramp when the young girl using the ramp said, "Now I can go visit with my friends when I want to." I can still see her eyes and the smile on her face after 30 years.

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Time: Noon

Place: Zoom Meeting

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We didn't get to build any ramps in January.. sorry! We've received a few referrals but the weather has not been very cooperative to getting a ramp built. We will continue to keep you updated on future ramp-building opportunities as they become available.

Thanks for your patience and take care of yourselves, each other, and be safe! See ya' at a future ramp-build!

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We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted, I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So, to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.

Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

We are still experiencing delays in getting our Amtryke orders filled. With the large demand for bike parts with associates with the Covid-19 our suppliers are not able to get us the necessary parts. One supplier was told not to expect the rear shifters until 2022.

We have one request for a 1420 Amtryke from a Marcfirst therapist. We are still trying to finalize the accessories before we can place the order.

I understand the rear steering kits should be arriving from overseas and will be shipped to chapters in the next two weeks. We are waiting on a rear steering kit for 1416 and 1420 Pro Series bikes.

As usual, please let me know if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes.

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