



CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

December 2021

NEWS

Upcoming Events

December 14, 2021 – *Salvation Army Bell Ringing 3-5 pm* - afterwards we plan to meet for dinner at Shannons to share our bell ringing adventures. Contact Marcia to volunteer.

January 5, 2022 – Monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals (by Best Buy)

January 14, 2022 – Annual *AMBUCS After Christmas regifting party*. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Reminder Kroger and Amazon Smile

Kroger Community Rewards Program- This is a great program where all you have to do is shop at Kroger with your Kroger Plus Card and Cornbelt AMBUCS will get money! We have received quite a bit of donation money from this program over the years. If you wish to sign up, please see the last page for instructions.

Amazon Smile – you can also donate to Cornbelt AMBUCS through the Amazon Smile program and all you have to do is shop. The instructions to sign up for this program are also included on the last page.



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt Ambucs™ It is December and almost time for Christmas and the weather is a bit chillier but AMBUCS continue to do good things to help our community.

On December 1 at our monthly lunch meeting, we had a very interesting speaker from the EPIC (Empowering People Inspiring Capabilities) organization. Hilary Frank along with a program participant, Tim, spoke to us about the services they provide for those who are over 18 years old with developmental and intellectual disabilities. They spoke about Host Homes and Group Home settings and how they are helping these individuals to live their lives and achieve their goals along with having some fun. They provided information about programs that we were not aware of.



We continued to build ramps in November and still have more on the books so keep a look out for the emails about our ramp builds.

On December 14, 2021, we will again be ringing bells for the Salvation Army from 3pm - 5pm. We have won the award for most donations during our time period a couple of times, so even if you don't have time to ring the bells, please come out to one of our locations and donate to the cause. After the bell ringing, we will meet at Joe's Station House in College Hills for dinner. All are invited, even if you did not ring the bells.

We are keeping busy in our community during these hard times as they need us even more than usual. The more we work together, the more we can help. Please join us in this mission.

We continue to look for opportunities to help in our community. If you have any suggestions for future volunteer activities or for a social event, please let me know.

Shoulders Together!

We are AMBUCS!

Vicky Strauss
President Cornbelt AMBUCS
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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, AMBUCS -

We built a couple of ramps in November to make some homes accessible and here's a look at what we can do when we put our "shoulders together".

The first ramp was built in Bloomington for a gentleman that was having a difficult time managing his steps on his front porch. We had a little rain, a little snow, and a lot of extra effort to finish his ramp that day. He was very happy with the results and we were happy to help him out that day, as well. Thanks, AMBUCS!



The second ramp was built in LeRoy. The family provided some donuts and even provided a couple "smaller" helpers that day, too. I'm not sure how old you need to be to become a member of our organization but I think we could recruit those kids in the near future. We were glad to help the family and now they have a home that is accessible and safe. Thanks, again, AMBUCS!



We're getting into the winter months and we've still got a few ramps "on the books" so I'll keep you posted and we'll see if we can get some more ramps built before Mother Nature shows us some of that white stuff.

Enjoy your holidays and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

Unfortunately, I do not have any good news on Amtrykes being received.

At this time, we only have four Amtrykes that can be recycled in our inventory. They are:

- A 1410 early intervention foot tryke

- An older style 1410 early intervention foot tryke

- An older style small AM tryke that is only foot powered. Just a little larger than the 1410

- And a 1416 (3 speed) Pro Series Amtryke. A rider would not have to shift the gears and it would work like a regular 1416.

We do not have any request for any bikes currently. It appears we will not be receiving the bikes we ordered a month ago until September 2022. Our local therapists are aware of our problem in getting bikes and realize what a child will need next September will change and they are not sending us any request.

One or two Ambuc chapters have tried to purchase therapeutic bikes from other suppliers and have found the same problem. There are just not any bikes available today.

Dee and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and if you are like me, will be glad when 2021 is over.

Al Bedell



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Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

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.

Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger has announced a way for local charities to earn money simply by having their members and friends shop at their local Kroger stores. All we have to do is shop at Kroger with our Kroger Plus Cards (This is NOT a credit card. It is a card that gets you discounts on products you buy at their stores.) I hope you will check it out and register today. Also, tell your Facebook friends. They can help us earn money too.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:
 *** These rewards directly go to Cornbelt AMBUCS ***



- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization (Cornbelt AMBUCS) after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- If you are a new online customer, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.

- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (73396) or name of organization (Cornbelt Chapter), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you register your Kroger Plus card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377), select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Amazon Smile Program



- Amazon also has a program where they will donate 1/2% of your purchase price to AMBUCS. It is really a simple process - check it out.
- When you shop on Amazon, log in with the following link: smile.amazon.com

It is a super simple way to help out AMBUCS without spending an extra cent! Whenever you shop Amazon via that link, they'll give us .5% of eligible purchases (you will see products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation"). The first time you log into smile.amazon.com they will ask you to select your charity. Selecting Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS will direct money to our chapter. Selecting National AMBUCS will go toward purchasing AmTryke therapeutic tricycles for riders waiting on our National Wish List. I hope you will take advantage of Amazon's offer to help support the Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS.