



# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## May 2022

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### Upcoming Events

**May 7, 2022** – Adopt a Highway clean up

**June 1, 2022** – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

**June 22, 2022** – **AMBUCS Banquet** at Knights of Columbus – *Save the Date*

**August 23-27, 2022** – National Conference – Birmingham Alabama for our 100-year anniversary celebration.

### From Your President



Hello Cornbelt Ambucs –

Now that the weather is changing - our chapter is starting to get really busy. Check out all the things that we have going on.

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### Lunch Meeting Speaker for our May Meeting

The speaker for our May Lunch Meeting was Patrick Mainieri, COO from the YMCA here in Bloomington. Patrick provided an exciting presentation about the new building that is currently being built to house the YMCA and Easterseals. We learned much about their efforts to make sure that this building will be accessible to all members of the community especially those with special challenges. It was inspiring to hear how much the YMCA wants to serve and connect our community with the facility and programs that will be available. The facility is due to open in July. Be sure to check it out once it opens.



**New building going up on  
Washington St.**



## Be Content Senior Expo - May 3, 2022

Six of our AMBUCS manned our information table at the Senior Expo on May 3, 2022 at the Parke Hotel. We were able to share information about our mission with more than 100 people. Some of us might even have found some popcorn and Fanny Mae candy in the process.



We had a door prize basket at our table which attracted 94 entries and many conversations. We were able to deliver the prize to some very excited recipients. Thanks - Deanna Frautschi for donating this beautiful hummingbird gift basket.





## Adopt-a-Highway

This is a reminder that our next *Adopt-a-Highway* clean up is this Saturday, **May 7, 2022**. We will meet at Joe's Station House in College Hills, at 9am.

## Year End /New Member Orientation/40 Year Anniversary Celebration

We will be having a celebration on **June 22, 2022** at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. This will be a celebration of all we have accomplished this year, an awarding of scholarships, welcoming of new members, swearing in of officers and a celebration of our 40-year anniversary. There is much to celebrate. Please save the date. Additional information will be sent out in the near future.

## National Conference – August 23-27, 2022

Please consider joining us at the National Conference in Birmingham Alabama – August 23-27, 2022. This year will be extra special as AMBUCS is celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be more information in the near future.



## National Big Hat Raffle

Don't forget about the National Big Hat club raffle. This is their major fundraiser for this year. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The winner will win a 3-night, 4-day stay in Gullwing Beach Resort, Ft Myers FL, airfare and \$500.00 cash. Tickets on sale until end of July. Please contact me (Vicky Strauss) if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). Drawing will be held at the National Conference in August.

I look forward to serving with you in the near future.

### ***Shoulders Together!***

Vicky Strauss

President Cornbelt AMBUCS

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## Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We were able to build two ramps in April. The first ramp was in Normal for a gentleman who had not been out of his home for several months following an amputation. We made some alterations to his existing front porch and added a large ramp which finally gives him access to his home. The Town of Normal grant program helped in funding the project. He was very pleased with our work and we were certainly glad to help him!





The second ramp was built in Bloomington. This gentleman had been waiting since last fall and was anxious to get a ramp so he could get in and out of his home. We had to work around some tree roots but were able to get his ramp completed in one morning. He was very happy to get outside and joined us for the picture!





We've got several more ramps "on the books" and I'll be in touch with more ramp-building opportunities in the near future. In the meantime, enjoy this spring weather and take good care of yourselves and others and I'll see ya' at the next one.

Bill McHie



## Amtryke® News from Al

With the warm weather coming, I sure hope so, we have received a few Amtryke inquiries.

However, we have only received one Amtryke Evaluation form. It is for a 23-year-old young adult. The parents are looking for an adaptive bike their daughter can ride. Jeanie and I will be doing a test fitting on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to see if she can use the 1420 Pro Series Amtryke which was returned to us a couple months back.

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

Thanks

Al Bedell

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