

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

September 2022

Upcoming Events

October 5, 2022 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

October 8, 2022 – Adopt a Highway Clean up

October 17-20, 2022 – Online Pampered Chef Fundraiser for Cornbelt AMBUCS

From Your President



Cornbelt AMBUCS – August has been a busy month for us with lots happening. Keep reading for highlights of our month.

August Lunch Meeting

Our Cornbelt AMBUCS monthly lunch meeting was held on Wednesday August 10, 2022.

We were visited by our National President – Scott Buckelew, our National President Elect, Carmela Davis and Donna Hingtgen, who is running for National President Elect. Our National President even swore in our newest member Lexi Pavlou. It was great getting to hear from each of our visitors as well as getting to know them a bit better.



Adopt-a-Highway

Five of us cleaned up our piece of the highway on August 13, 2022. It was a beautiful day. Ask J and Bill about the special treasures they found. Please consider joining us in October for our next clean-up.



National Conference – August 23-27, 2022

National Conference in Birmingham Alabama was great! We celebrated 100 years of AMBUCS with style and flair. Nine of us attended the conference. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. I thought that I would present a montage of pictures from our conference so you could get the feel of being there and consider attending our conference next year in Louisville Kentucky.

Opening Night – Dine & Dance the decades away and we did just that! These may be people that you know.



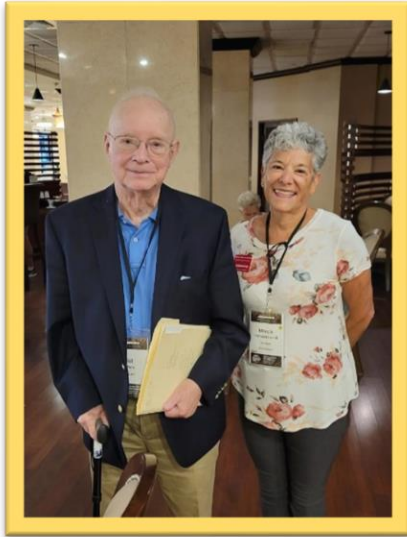
Larry Turilli provided Training for our new Membership hub. I hope that you each has signed on to verify that your information is correct.





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Al spoke about using the trailer over the years to travel around the country for training and creating new chapters.



Here is the son of our founder William L White with Marcia. He gave several glimpses into the life of his father during the conference. It was very inspiring.

Trek 4 Trykes – our team raised \$1500 to help take kids off of the Antryke Wish List! Thanks to all who donated.



We gave away 100 + bikes to children and veterans. The walkers walked ½ of those bikes over to the convention center before the walk.



We received our visiting National President patch from Past National President - Sue Haywood.

Awards - Our chapter achieved superior chapter status this year. We were #16 in the top 30 chapters. This award goes to all of you for all of your hard work and dedication this past year.





Other Conference Events

We heard from the 2021 and 2022 therapists of the year. Three moms spoke of how Amtrykes have impacted their children, their lives and their families. We had an amazing featured speaker – Amos Benjamin who inspired us with his story. We received training, information about our scholarship program and National updates. We saw old friends, who we have not seen in three years and met new ones. It was wonderful to be able to share time with other AMBUCS. We are really better Shoulders Together.

Announcing Online Fundraiser

Be watching for information about an online Pampered Chef fundraiser for Cornbelt AMBUCS. More information to follow in the coming weeks. This is an easy painless way for us to raise some funds for our chapter.

Response needed

We really need to know if you are reading/looking at/glancing at our newsletter. Could you please send an email to me if you read the newsletter this month. Please send an email to vmstrauss5@gmail.com. This includes anyone who has read this newsletter. 😊

I hope to see each of you in the near future at one of our projects or events.

Shoulders Together!

Vicky Strauss

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We built a couple of ramps in August and we've got more to build in the near future. Here's a look at what we did this past month. First, we built a ramp for Mr. Keshner in Colfax. He could not get into his own home and his brother contacted us to get a ramp built. It was a hot day in August but we finished a 30ft. ramp with one platform so Mr. Keshner can enjoy his own home now. Thanks, AMBUCS! You do nice work!

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The second ramp we built was in Hudson, Illinois. Mr. Dodson got the news that he was being released from the hospital sooner than he expected. He had both legs amputated and needed a ramp to be able to get into his home. I sent out the e-mail for volunteers and the family provided some helpers, as well. They even provided drinks and a great lunch for all of, too! We finished over 30ft. of ramp with 4 platforms and while we were finishing the ramp, I got to talk to Mr. Dodson on his wife's phone while she was taking pictures of what we were doing. Needless to say, he was very happy to see all these folks making his home accessible. Nice work, AMBUCS! It's amazing to see what we can do when we all work together!





As I mentioned, we've got several more ramps "on the books" so I'll keep you posted on future ramp projects. Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped us in making homes accessible this season. We've still got more to do.. so I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

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August was a slow Amtryke month for Cornbelt. We did not give any bikes away in Bloomington/Normal. We did donate an older 1420 Pro Series Amtryke to the 100-bike giveaway at National Conference.

We received a 2722, which is a large three-wheel bike, from a family now living in Normal. Eleven years ago, they lived at Lake Bloomington when the bike was presented to their daughter. The bike is in great condition considering it has been in use for over 11 years.

We also have been refurbishing two bikes. One is a 1416 that will be used by Grace until the right bike is received later this fall, I hope.

The bike she will have to use is a three speed and does not have rear steering. I think the family will need the brake on the rear steering to help slow her down.

The other bike is an early intervention Amtryke. The child needs a snappy seat, H Harness, foot cups and a head rest. All items that we had in stock. Unfortunately, the bike does not have rear steering so we will have to see how they get along without it. We may need to add a push bar in the future. Vicky will be presenting this bike as I am out of town at the child's next therapist visit. I am sure Vicky and Jamie can handle this without any problem.

Please watch for the email from Vicky for the date and time.

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

Thanks.



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