

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## January 2023

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### Upcoming Events

**February 1, 2023** – Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

### From Your President



Cornbelt AMBUCS – Happy New Year! 2023 is going to be a great year. I can't wait to see all that we do to help our community.

### December Lunch Meeting

At our December monthly lunch meeting we celebrated the holidays with some treats, games and lively conversation. We also had the privilege of a visit from our AMBUCS National President, Carmela Davis. Carmela shared information that she has been gathering on her trips around the country to other AMBUCS chapters. She inspired us to reach out to other chapters for mentoring or for joint ventures. It was wonderful to have her visit us.

Receiving President's Patch



Some Christmas word games



2 Past & 1 Current National Presidents



Carmela also helped out with building a ramp while she was here. Thanks Carmela!



### **January Lunch Meeting**

At our January lunch meeting, Tony Morstatter – CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal shared with us their history and how they serve the young people in our community. It was very informative, inspiring and may present some opportunities for some collaborative events in the future between AMBUCS and the Boys & Girls Club.

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

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

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## Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

Nice work on all those ramps we built in December! We were able to build three ramps during the month. We had a great group of volunteers at each ramp and we were able to make three homes accessible before the holidays. Great work, AMBUCS!



**Inspiring Mobility and Independence**

Our first ramp was built in Bloomington for a family that had been patiently waiting to get their ramp built. We were able to gather enough "donated" ramp sections to complete their ramp just before the holidays. Around 50 ft. of ramp and around 10 smiling faces to make this home accessible and the family was very happy with the results!



The second ramp was built in Normal, inside a garage (with some help from our AMBUCS National President as she was traveling around the country and visiting AMBUCS clubs). We had a great group of volunteers to help make this home accessible for another family. Thanks, AMBUCS!



Our third ramp was built in Normal. We wanted to finish one more ramp before Christmas.. and we did! It may have been cold outside but I'm pretty sure we warmed the hearts of this family (and ours, too!) by making this home accessible. Nice job, AMBUCS!





By the time you get to read this newsletter, it's the beginning of 2023.. and I wish you all a Happy New Year! Your willingness to help with our ramp projects throughout the year has truly been a game-changer for so many families. We've still got ramps to build and I'll keep you all posted on future ramp-building projects. Thank you, again, for your help and I'll see you at the next one!

Bill McHie



## Amtryke® News from Al

Amtrykes

The good news is we have received the last two Amtrykes that were on back order. Now we need to find a few new riders.

The 1416 Pro Series will go to a young girl at Parkside Elementary School and replace the older bike she has been riding while the proper Amtryke was on back order. We will deliver the bike to her at Parkside Elementary School later this month. Watch your emails for the exact time and date. Hope to see several Ambucs at the presentation.

We have several bikes in the garage ready to go and will be contacting the local therapist soon to let them know we have bikes and are able to get new orders in a much more reasonable time period.

Please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic Amtrykes.

Thanks.

Al Bedell



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