



CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

February 2023

Upcoming Events

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

March 22, 2023 – Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Binny's

From Your President



Cornbelt AMBUCS –Happy President's Day, Happy Valentine's Day and Happy all of the other celebration days for February. We are in our second month of 2023 and it may be cold outside but Cornbelt AMBUCS continues to be busy and at work in our community.

Recognition for Cornbelt AMBUCS

Your president (me) will be attending the Salvation Army Red Kettle Volunteer Celebration on February 16 to receive recognition for Cornbelt AMBUCS participation and 3rd place finish in money amount collected during our bell ringing on December 5, 2022. Thanks to all who participated.

March Lunch Meeting

Be sure to attend our monthly lunch meeting on March 1, 2023 at Monical's Pizza by Best Buy at Noon. We will have a speaker from SOAR (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation) sharing about their program and how they benefit our community. S.O.A.R. is a community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals unable to successfully participate in traditional recreation programs. Leisure, social and developmental skills are emphasized to promote the highest level of recreation participation possible.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

All of the tickets for our Wine Tasting event on March 22, 2023 at Binny's have been sold. We appreciate the great response. We will try to do another event like this in the future.





Annual Dues

This is a reminder for anyone who has not yet paid their dues. The February 15, 2023 deadline is fast approaching. Dues funds are used for operating expenses for our chapter i.e.: P.O. Box rental, website hosting, stamps, envelopes, regional & national dues and state required not for profit registrations. We work hard to spend our funds wisely and appreciate your support.

I hope to see each of you in the near future at one of our projects or events because we couldn't help our community or have as much fun without you.

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 one ramp in January for a family in Bloomington. Mr. Trickle had been patiently waiting for approval on funding for his wheelchair ramp for quite awhile and when he finally got notified that his funds had been approved, we got to work and built a nice-looking ramp for him. We were fortunate to have some nice weather in January and we had a great time helping him make his home accessible.



We have several more ramp referrals "on the books" and we'll try to continue our ramp-building projects in the coming months as weather permits. Thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers who continue to help us with these projects. Stay warm, I'll keep you posted on future projects, and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

Amtrykes

As we indicated last month, we do not have any Amtrykes on back order. Unfortunately, we do not have any children waiting on a bike, but I guess that could be considered good news.

We did receive the 1416 Pro Series bike for Grace. This bike replaced the reconditioned Amtryke she was using until the proper bike could be obtained. Grace is a beautiful young girl with lots of energy and her parents indicated she loves riding the Amtryke at home. They have a very nice walk she is able to use.



Inspiring Mobility and Independence

Grace was very excited at first with all the therapist and assistance waiting for her to get on the new Amtryke at Parkside Elementary School. However, after a few minutes she was ready, and mom and dad had to run to keep up with her. As you can see from the pictures below, she loved her new bike. I think her dad was having fun trying to keep up with her.



After watching Grace for just a few minutes it appears we may need to add the rear steering and back brake to allow the parents to better control her on the bike. Shelley, the school therapist, will work with the parents and let us know if we need to add this to Grace's Amtryke.

We now have a three speed 1416 Pro Series bike when the need arises. Shelley also gave us a 1412 Pro Series Amtryke that had been returned as the child had outgrown the bike. Shelley was going to follow up and see if the child could benefit from a larger Amtryke.

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

Thanks



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