

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

March 2023

Upcoming Events

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

April 5, 2023 - Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. **(Elections)**

April 21-22, 2023 – Central Region Conference in Springfield

May 2, 2023 – Be Content at Home Senior Expo – Parke Hotel 9am - 2 pm

From Your President



Cornbelt AMBUCS – Happy almost spring. The weather is confused at the moment between warm, cold, snow and rain but we continue to help and work in our community. That’s AMBUCS for you. Remember to invite others to join us. We would love to be able to do even more.

Here are a few of the things that we have been doing!

Bell Ringing Recognition for Cornbelt AMBUCS



Cornbelt AMBUCS received a 3rd place award for the charitable organization category at the Salvation Army Red Kettle Volunteer Celebration on February 16, 2023. This award was for the amount of money collected during our Bell Ringing time on December 5, 2022.

Thanks to all who participated.



March Lunch Meeting with SOAR

We had two representatives from SOAR (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation) sharing with us during our lunch meeting on March 1. S.O.A.R. is a community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals unable to successfully participate in traditional recreation programs. We learned lots about the types of fun programs they are currently offering and those they may offer in the future. We even discussed some ways that we might be able to collaborate in the future. Be sure to check them out online at www.bloomingtonparks.org/programs/soar/general



Senior Expo

We have again been invited to have a booth at the **Be Content Senior Expo** at the Parke Hotel on **May 1, 2023 from 9 am to 2 pm**. This venue allows us to get the word out to those in our community who might have a need for our services. A volunteer request for 2- hour time slots will be sent out in the near future. Please watch for it and join us if you are able to help.

Scholarships are Open

It is scholarship time for AMBUCS. Scholarship applications are now being accepted at a National and local level for students in a graduate-level program that is accredited by the appropriate therapy profession authority in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, or hearing audiology.

Please pass this information along to those students you may know who could use a little extra help. Be sure to tell the student to also contact our local chapter at www.cornbeltambucs.org/scholarship-information/, once they submit an application to be considered for a local scholarship as well as sponsorship at the National level. Deadline for scholarship applications is May 1, 2023.

Here is the website address to apply for a National scholarship
<https://ambucs.org/therapists/scholarship-program/>

Elections for Board Positions – April

At our April lunch meeting, we will be electing new officers for the upcoming year which starts in June. We are looking to add some new members to our board. Please contact me (Vicky Strauss) if you have an interest in being a board member. This is not a large time commitment. We have a board meeting once a month for about an hour to discuss and vote on items. It is a great way to learn about the inner workings of Cornbelt AMBUCS. We would love to have you join us.

Annual Central Region Spring Conference

Our annual Central Region conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois on **April 21-22, 2023**. The last 3 regional conferences have been held virtually, so it has been a long time since we have been together with AMBUCS from other chapters. Since Springfield is so close, this would be the perfect time to attend. The Spring Conference is for all AMBUCS not just officers. It is always a good time and you might learn something while you are having fun.

For those who attend the Spring Regional Conference – you can be reimbursed for the \$90.00 registration fee once you have attended the conference.

Our own Marcia Hammerstrand is the Regional Director for our conference and is a big part of the planning, so please join us in Springfield in April. If you need the registration information, contact either Marcia or Vicky.

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! We built two ramps in February! The weather was nice and we had two great crews of volunteers to get the jobs done. The first ramp was for Ms. Kern. We were able to build a nice looking ramp to replace her old ramp that we built more than 15 years ago. I'm pretty sure this one will last a little longer than the last one! Nice work, AMBUCS!



The second ramp was built for a family who rents a home in Bloomington. We were contacted by the homeowner who asked if we could make this home accessible for the family that lives there. Sure, we can! The homeowner paid for all the materials and even made a donation to our club, as well. The family was very happy with the results, too. It was nice to work with this family and the homeowner and in the end, another family has an accessible home. Nice work, AMBUCS!

I've got a few more ramps to build and we'll watch the weather in March to see if we can build a few more ramps. Thanks to all our volunteers who have come out to help us this spring. I sure do appreciate your willingness to help. Watch your e-mails and I'll be in touch with details on the next one! Thanks!

Bill



Amtryke® News from Al

We have only had a little Amtryke activity this month. I am still waiting on the Amtryke Evaluation forms I mentioned last month.

I guess maybe I need to be fired. I miss placed an Amtryke request we received last August. However, the AMBUCS Resource Center came to my rescue and shipped the Amtryke today. Please continue to watch your emails for when this Amtryke will be presented at Easter Seals.

The young child will have his own shinny red bike to ride soon.

As usual, please send me the contact information for my one that can benefit from one of our fabulous therapeutic cycles.

Thanks
Al Bedell

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