

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## February 2024

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### Upcoming Events

**February 15, 2024** – Family Game Night at the Knights of Columbus

**March 6, 2024** - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

**April 5-6, 2024** – AMBUCS Central Region Conference - Champaign



## From Your President

Hey there! I do hope you this newsletter finds you well. I trust you're enjoying our slightly longer days and are taking advantage of this warmer weather.

We put together a pretty good newsletter for your reading pleasure. Please enjoy!

As always, if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions about the chapter, please reach out to me at [william.hamann@gmail.com](mailto:william.hamann@gmail.com) or phone at 309-826-4718.

Best wishes,  
Bill

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

On the evening of February 8, Marcia accepted a certificate of appreciation for the Salvation Army Bells we ran in early December. Great job to all those bell ringers, and thanks to Marcia for arranging another great event!





### **Family Game Night – February 15, 2024**

Cornbelt AMBUCS will have its first ever *Family Game Night* on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall - 1706 RT Dunn Dr. Bloomington, IL 61701.

There will be board games, card games, new games, old games or you could bring your favorite game. We will have 3 kinds of chili (bean & meat, white chicken, and a vegetarian versions), veggies, chips and dessert. Feel free to bring something if you have a mad desire to do so. There will also be lemonade and iced tea. Adult beverages and soda will be available for purchase from the bar area.

There is no charge for this event, but RSVPs are needed. Please RSVP to Marcia Hammerstrand at [mshammer@a5.com](mailto:mshammer@a5.com) by **February 10, 2024**.

This should be a lot of fun. We would love to see you there.

### **2024 Scholarships are Open – February 1 to May 1, 2024**

It is scholarship time for AMBUCS! Scholarship applications are being accepted February 1 - May 1, 2024 at the National and local levels for students in a graduate-level program that is accredited in physical, occupational, speech pathology or hearing audiology.

Please pass this information along to those therapy students you may know who could use a little extra help. Be sure to tell the student to contact our local chapter at [www.cornbeltambucs.org/scholarship-information](http://www.cornbeltambucs.org/scholarship-information) once they have submitted the National scholarship application to also be considered for a local scholarship as well as sponsorship at the National level.

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

### **AMBUCS Central Region Conference – April 5 and 6, 2024**

The Greater Champaign County Chapter will be hosting the AMBUCS Central Region conference at the Holiday Inn in Champaign. The weekend starts On Friday, April 5th, and ends with a nice dinner on Saturday night.

The agenda is still being finalized so expect to see that in the coming weeks. The regional conference is lots of fun and gives attendees a chance to meet members from other chapters and learn how they fulfill the AMBUCS mission. It will also be your chance to rub shoulders with national officers, CEO Jessica Walls, National President Donna Hingtgen, and National Big Hat President Luke Jackson.

Hotel rooms can be reserved now and are \$129.99 a night. The hotel would like to have the rooms reserved by March 5th so give them a call soon.

## **Cornbelt AMBUCS 2024 Dues Letters**

In case you were wondering, the 2024 dues letters have not yet been sent out. Our Treasurer, Denny Strauss, has been in hospital, so things have been a little delayed. You will be receiving your invoice via email in the very near future.

Your dues help fund our chapter's operating expenses which allows us to put any donations we receive directly into our charity account. This allows us to continue to help those in our community.

## **Cornbelt AMBUCS Members – Caring Corner**

### **Dennis Strauss**

Denny is still in the hospital. He was transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital ICU on February 1 as the hematoma pressing on his left leg increased in size and moved to the front of his thigh. He is currently stable but they are working to stabilize his blood thinner levels so he can get back to acute rehab at Carle BroMenn in Normal. It has been a hard road for him as many other issues have caused complications for his recovery. Please keep Denny and Vicky in your thoughts and prayers.



### **Ramp News from Bill**

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We didn't get to build any ramps during the month of January. Weather was an issue but hopefully, in the next couple of months, we will start our building program again. I've got a few ramp requests "on the books" so I'll keep everyone posted on details. If you have joined us in the past, you'll know how important this service is and if you've never been able to join us, please consider joining us on a ramp-building project this year. We would love to have you and I'll guarantee you'll be glad you joined us! If you have questions about the program, I would be happy to talk to you. Thanks for your willingness to help and I'll see you at a future ramp!

Bill McHie / AMBUCS Ramp Chairman

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## Amtryke® News from Al

After several months with very limited Amtryke activity we have Amtryke activity again. We received the full padded back support to go along with the angled seat post for a beautiful young girl we provided a 1416 Amtryke last fall.

We also received a 1416 Pro Series Amtryke for a young girl being treated at Easter Seals. We will be assembling and presenting the new shiny bike soon. Watch for pictures in next month's newsletter. Cornbelt has also recently received inquiries for two additional bikes. We need to see the Amtryke Evaluation Forms to determine the necessary bikes.

Unfortunately, we still have one Amtryke, for a child in LeRoy, still on back order. As usual, please continue to send me contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes.

Al Bedell

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### **Our Cornbelt AMBUCS Board**

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