

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

March 2024

Upcoming Events

March 23, 2024 – Ramp Build with the Town of Normal

April 3, 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

April 13, 2024 – Highway Clean-up



From Your President

Hi all,

I do trust and hope this newsletter finds you doing well. I'm glad that Spring is here and I've been able to get out more.

Please join for an upcoming activity as they are announced. I'll do the same and I hope to see you out there.

Our April lunch meeting will have many special guests in attendance.

- Donna Hingtgen, National President
- Donna Carlton Vish, National President-Elect / Western Region Director
- Gordon Shaw and his wife Jenny. He's running for National President Elect.

Please read on to see what your chapter has been up to.

Best wishes, and Shoulders Together,
Bill

Family Game Night – February 15, 2024

On February 15, 2024 we held our first Family Game Night at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

There was chilis, sandwiches, veggies, chips, desserts, games, laughter and more games and fun. We played old games and learned some new games and just had fun.





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 <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>.

Salvation Bell Ringing - Bell Presentation

At our last lunch meeting, we awarded Larry Turilli with the bell we won for our bell ringing efforts. As Larry always gets Santa Claus to come out and ring bells with us, we thought it only fitting to present the bell to him.



Youth Build - Bell Presentation



Kersten Wilson, and her daughter McKinley, joined us for our last lunch meeting. Kersten is the development specialist with YouthBuild McLean County. Their mission is to build, develop, inspire, and challenge educationally and economically disadvantaged youth to make the difference! We'll be looking for ways to collaborate in the future.

It was also cool that McKinley was presented with an Amtryke back in 2004 by our very own Al Bedell. She's grown up so much! And so has Al! 😊

AMBUCS Central Region Conference – April 5-6, 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.

2024 AMBUCS Dues

This is a reminder that dues were due March 4, 2024. If you haven't had time to send them in, please do so.

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. Thanks for your support of Cornbelt AMBUCS.

Be Content Senior Expo

We have again been invited to have an information table at the *Be Content Senior Expo* at the Parke Hotel. This event will be held on May 7, 2024. We always have a great time telling others about who we are and what we do. Please consider signing up to help on that day when see the invite.

Cornbelt AMBUCS Members – Caring Corner

Don Barnard

Don has been going through cancer treatment. His recent CT scan looked good but doctors have agreed that he should begin to have additional infusions for maybe 2 more years. These treatments will happen every two months instead of every month. Don did make it to Florida for some sunshine.

Keep Don in your prayers for continued good news on his recovery. Thanks!

Dennis Strauss

Denny is finally home. He is having Home Health therapies for a little while, hopefully graduating to outpatient therapy. He still has a hematoma in his leg, it seems to be resolving little by little. It could take months. He is grateful for all of the therapy help that he has received and continues to receive. It is so great that AMBUCS gives scholarships to therapists. We need more of them. Please keep Denny in your thoughts and prayers.

Ramp News from Bill



Hey, All you ramp builders - We didn't get a chance to build any ramps in February mainly due to weather issues. Although I still do have a couple of ramps "on the books", I am planning to get started with our ramp-building projects in the month of March for sure. I hope you're enjoying this warmer weather and I hope you'll find some time to join us on some projects this year. If you have any questions about our ramp-building process, feel free to contact me. I'll be sending out a group e-mail soon regarding the details for the next ramp project. Thanks for your willingness to help and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Amtryke® News from Al



Last month we received two Amtrykes that had been on back order for a while. We received an Am-16 and a 1416 Pro Series.

The AM-16 was assembled and presented to Isaiah at the LeRoy Elementary School. The office staff was very excited and they really liked his name on the license plate. Isaiah was quickly on the bike and riding around before we had a chance to make the final minor adjustments. He really wanted to ride his new Amtryke home.



This was the first Amtryke Heather, DPT, was involved with and I am sure it will not be the last as she works with most of the county schools. She already mentioned a young man at Colfax Elementary School. We will work to make this happen soon.

You can tell how excited Heather and Isaiah are from the picture.

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