

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## June 2024

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### Upcoming Events

**June 22, 2024** – Adopt-a-Highway clean up

**July 3, 2024** - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.



## From Your President

Hi Cornbelt AMBUCS!

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year! I trust this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. June is upon us, bringing with it warmer days and a bustling schedule of events and activities.

Firstly, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent events. Your dedication and enthusiasm truly embody the spirit of our organization. Whether you were building ramps, attending meetings, or simply spreading the word about AMBUCS, your efforts are making a significant impact in our community.

It was great seeing many of you at our end of year celebration. We had a great time. We celebrated our achievements, inducting new officers (with familiar names and faces), and enjoyed good food and company.

As we move forward, I encourage all members, especially those who haven't been as active recently, to think about how you might get more involved. Whether it's helping with ramp building, participating in Amtryke presentations, or serving on a committee, every contribution counts. We have a vacancy in our Vice president position. If you're interested, let's chat over coffee or a meal soon.

Looking ahead, don't forget about the AMBUCS National Conference from July 31 to August 3 in Tulsa, OK. It promises to be a fantastic event filled with learning, networking, and fun. Registration is now open at <https://ambucs.org/ambucs-national-conference-2024/>. Tulsa is drivable, so no flight is required! So, if you've ever contemplated going to the National Conference, please join us.

Thank you for all that you do. Your hard work and dedication make a real difference in our community. Let's continue to work "Shoulders Together" to inspire mobility and independence for those in need.

Best wishes,  
Bill Hamann  
President, Cornbelt AMBUCS  
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## Recap: End of Year Celebration May 30, 2024

We had 26 attendees at our 2024 End of Year celebration at Knights of Columbus Hall. Thanks to Larry Turilli, Marcia Hammerstrand, Kay Lang, Mo Hamann and Vicky Strauss for the great food and decorations.



Marcia Hammerstrand, J Balmer, Larry Turilli, Greg Ferris, Jan Ferris & Vicky Strauss



Daniel Tofte, Bill Hamann & Guest, John Buis & Guest, Al Bedell and Dee Frautschi



Jerry Wyrick, Lorna Wyrick, Dave Watterson, Connie Oltman, Rick Milner & Guest



Bill McHie, Kay Lang & Dick Lang



Pete Hettinger, Scholarship Awardee-Reagan & Guest & Laurie Turilli

## Scholarships

This year Cornbelt AMBUCS was able to award \$7000 in scholarships to six therapy students. Three of the students are graduate students in Physical Therapy and three students are studying at Heartland Community College to become Physical Therapy Assistants. One of the Heartland recipients, Reagan, was able to attend our celebration where Pete Hettinger presented her certificate and check.





## Officers

J Balmer – Central Region Director – swore in Bill Hamann as president and Marcia Hammerstrand as secretary for the upcoming year.



## Words from our President

Our President, Bill Hamann, reviewed all the accomplishments and activities that our chapter had participated in over the past year.

This last year, we continued to build ramps and provide Amtrykes in our community along with ringing bells for the Salvation Army, cleaning buses at the Boys and Girls club, cleaning up our Adopted part of the Highway, training some new therapists about Amtrykes as well as going to events where we were able to provide information about AMBUCs and who we are to others in the community.

Bill encouraged those that have not been involved as much to become more involved in the coming year.



## **Rescheduled – Adopt- a-Highway cleanup – June 22, 2024**

The next Highway clean-up is planned for Saturday, June 22. This is the rescheduled rain date. We will meet outside Joe's Station House at the Shoppes at College Hills to carpool to the site. We will be going to Green Gables for lunch afterwards. Further details will be sent out soon.

Please consider joining us.

## **National Conference – July 31- August 3, 2024**

**2024 AMBUCS National Conference** will be held July 31st to August 3rd in Tulsa, OK! As always, it promises to be a great time in a great city.

Registration is now open at <https://ambucs.org>. Hope to see you there!

## Cornbelt AMBUCS Members – Caring Corner

### Dennis Strauss

Denny, our treasurer, is continuing with outpatient physical therapy. He is working hard on gaining strength and stamina. He is making progress. Please keep Denny in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Ramp News from Bill



Hey, All you ramp-builders –

We were able to build one ramp during the month of May. We needed several days to complete the ramp but we finished a rather large ramp for a family in Bloomington and they were very happy with the results. Thanks to the many volunteers who came out to help us complete this project. It's nice to work with such a dedicated group of folks who are willing and able to help us make homes accessible in our community. We've still got several more ramps to complete so I'll be in touch with details of more ramp-building opportunities in the near future. Enjoy the weather and I'll see ya' at the next ramp!

Bill McHie



## Amtryke® News from Al



Last month Cornbelt had very limited Amtryke activity. We delivered two 1416 Pro Series Amtrykes from Parkside Elementary School to their homes. The families did not have transportation to get the Amtrykes home for the children to ride this summer. We also had a couple Amtryke inquiries but we have not received the completed Amtryke evaluation forms. As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from an Amtryke.

Thanks,  
Al Bedell

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### **Our Cornbelt AMBUCS Board**

**President:** William Hamann

**Secretary:** Marcia Hammerstrand

**Treasurer:** Dennis Strauss

**At-Large Board Member:** Bill McHie

**At-Large Board Member:** Pete Hettinger

**At-Large Board Member:** Vicky Strauss

**At-Large Board Member:** Al Bedell

**At-Large Board Member:** Rick Milner

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