

Note: when you finish reading this newsletter, please pass it on to someone who doesn't know about AMBUCS.

Note: no meetings on December 24th and 31st. Back January 7th at Bunny's Tavern.

Amtrykes

November saw our Chapter still meeting in the front dining room of the Urbana Gardens. The back room was not finished until almost December. We decided it was not the best practice to give away Amtrykes in the dining room but Scott Price did deliver one on November 25th to Joe. He is a flamboyant member of the **Tom Jones Challenger League** and well known to GCC members. At the games he always makes it fun when he's at bat, urging the crowd to cheer for him and doing something unusual when he runs past home plate. We wish Joe happy riding and can't wait to see him at next year's Challenger games!



We were able to assemble more Amtrykes in November. We use member Keith Jamieson's business as the brick-and-mortar address for deliveries to our Chapter and as a spot for assembly. Then we move the trikes to our storage unit until they can be given away. Members met at Keith's office on November 13th to assemble 4



Calendar

2024

November 20—Social, Collective Pour
 December 11—Christmas Party, Italian Patio

2025

January 7th—Meetings at Bunny's Tavern
 March 8—Cash Bash
 May 17—Amtryke Road Rally
 September 15—Charity Golf Outing

(Note: Cash Bash is really March 8th! Sorry! - Ed)

trikes. Attending were **Pat Web** and **Cris Vowels**, (pictured, l-r), **Scott Price**, **Larry** and **Elaine Windingland**, and **Keith Jamieson**. The Amtrykes will be given away as soon as things can be arranged. Thanks to Keith for hosting and thanks to all who helped with the assembly!

November Social

Our quarterly social was at Collective Pour in downtown Champaign. This bar partners with **Smith Burgers** to provide great burgers and sides to their customers. Collective Pour provides a booth in the corner to take and deliver food orders to their customers. It's a great partnership!

GCC members and their families came in about 5:30 and found a reserved table for drinking and eating. As always, it was an enjoyable evening with fun and fellowship.



Thanks to the members who arranged for the event and to **Smith Burgers** for helping out at our Charity Golf Fundraiser. You have great food!

National Conference

Des Moines (De Moine), IA will be our host AMBUCS **July 23-26, 2025**, for the National Conference. This a wonderful Midwest city that has lots of interesting things to do and see. The conference promises to be just as fun as all the rest! Hope to see everyone there!



Wheelchair Basketball

November 12th Jacob Tyree joined us for lunch. He is the **Mens Wheelchair Basketball Coach at the U of I**. Jacob is originally from Virginia and loved the mountains but he gladly traded them in for corn after graduating from Illinois. He came here to be the head coach and has done a great job. They play on the same court configuration as the regular teams and have won 29(!) National Championships. Way to go! That day we gave our regular donation to the Disabled Student Organization's annual Christmas party for children with disabilities. Thanks for stopping by, Jacob! (Pictured with President Don Dunlap)



Sensory Boxes

In September of 2020, GCC AMBUCS built a set of sensory boxes for the Urbana Early Childhood School. The boxes were built to be all inclusive for children to use who can walk or are in a wheelchair. They are primarily used to

grow vegetables and flowers so must contain heavy soil. Unfortunately, the boxes warped and collapsed so GCC members rebuilt them from sterner stuff.

Member **Scott Price** arranged for the project and used excess lumber from our ramp build trailer. They tested the boxes



when completed by having members, Keith Jamieson, Cris Vowels, and Andy D'Urso climb into them and have a seat. These boxes should last way longer than version 1.0 did!

DSC Kickoff Dinner

Members Will Wade, along with Larry and Elaine Windingland attended the **Developmental Services Center (DSC) Tree of Hope** kickoff and awards dinner. GCC has long contributed to the **Tree of Hope Campaign**



and received a nice thank you gift for our support that evening. The DSC campaign chooses a family from among the many they help to share their story of the challenges they face and how DSC has helped them. This raises awareness in the community about what it's like to cope daily with disabilities. A light on a physical tree is illuminated for each donation. All funds go to support the many programs DSC administers each year.

Tidbits

Member Scott Price announced his retirement on March 1st, 2025 from **Flex-N-Gate**. Woo, woo! Welcome to the ranks of the unemployed! You'll love it!

And speaking of retirement member **Keith Ewerks** is retiring this year from the **Urbana Park District**. His party is on Dec. 20th.

Please keep all our members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

Winning Chances

11/05/24—50/50: \$8 won by Jodie Harmon; Attendance: \$19 won by Jodie Harmon. (Is there a pattern here?)

11/12/24—50/50: \$6 won by Pat Webb; Attendance: \$12 won by Elaine Windingland.

11/19/24—50/50: \$6 won by Dana Daugherty; Attendance: \$12 to Jodie Harmon.

11/26/24—50/50: \$6 won by Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$10 could have been won by Dave Miller but he was not present.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ALL!



As
long as we
have
Memories,
Yesterday
remains.

As
long as we
have
Hope,
Tomorrow
waits.

As
long as we
have
Love,
Today is
Beautiful.



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