

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

Note: Meetings will now be at Bunny's Tavern until the new *Maple & York* (formerly *Urbana Gardens*) opens

Calendar

2025

January 7th—Meetings at Bunny's Tavern

March 8—Cash Bash

May 17—Amtryke Road Rally

September 15—Charity Golf Outing

Amtrykes

December was a short month for our Chapter meetings since Christmas Eve and New Years Eve both fell on Tuesday this year, but we still managed to give away an Amtryke to Preston. He started working with one of our favorite therapists, Kathryn Rose, when he was 3 years old. She attended along with his current therapist. He was able to ride a regular bike for a while and his family paid neighborhood kids to run along with him. Preston is 20yo now and the Amtryke will be more stable for him. He couldn't wait to get fitted and on it. We were meeting in our regular room again so he could take a short lap around us. Happy riding Preston!



from this party, you just didn't try!

After eating, we had our gift exchange. Each person who wants to participate, brings a gift, then draws a number and the number one starts the fun. Each person can pick a present or "steal" one already opened by a member who picked before. The person who drew number one can pick from any of the opened gifts at the end of the game. We had several steals and everyone moaned at the losses. And, of course, there were stories of games past. It was a fun time, and we thank **Elaine Windingland** for arranging this.

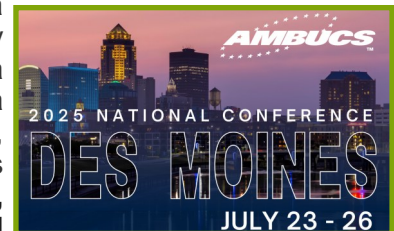


December X-Mas Party

Manzella's Italian Patio, Champaign, has a nice back room that is great for small parties and we've used it for our Awards and Installation banquets for a few years, so it was a natural choice for our Christmas Party. We sat at long tables and they served up great Italian food family style. We started with a salad and garlic bread, then came Fettuccini Alfredo, spaghetti, meatballs, and lasagna. If you go home hungry

National Conference

Where IS Des Moines (De Moine), IA, the city that will host the **2025 AMBUCS National Conference**? It's in the center of the state of Iowa which is directly West and just a tiny bit South in a line from Chicago, west. The dates are **July 23-26, 2025**. National



Conferences are always uplifting and entertaining and a great way to stay in touch with fellow AMBUCS around the nation. There will be down time during the conference allowing attendees to explore what Des Moines has to offer. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan on joining everyone in July!

Big Hat Project

Big Hat President, Larry Windingland, has created a Big Hat project for January. We will provide donations of men's and women's, t-shirts and sweats, large and X-large, for the people living in the group homes hosted by the Developmental Services Center (DSC). DSC maintains the community based residential housing for their clients ready to live outside of their family's home. Please get the clothing to Larry by the middle of January. Also, Larry has National Big Hat Raffle tickets, 1 for \$20; 6 for \$100.

Tidbits

Members were busy with Christmas plans all month so not much else was going on.

Please keep all our members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Richey Vanderspool is having a particularly hard time so please keep her in mind.

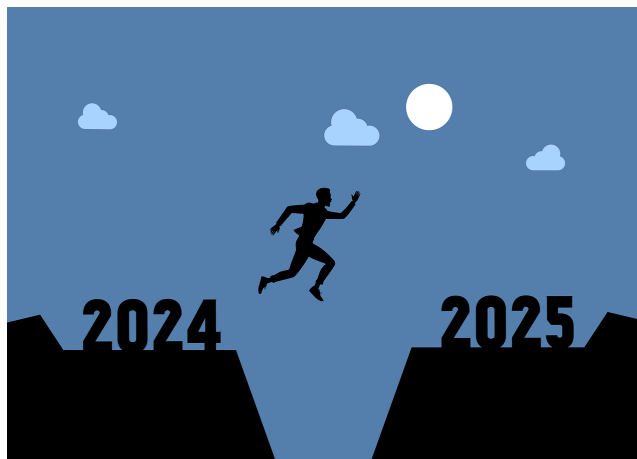
Winning Chances

12/03/24—50/50: \$6 won by Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$21 could have been won by Keith Ewerks but he was not present.

12/10/24—50/50: \$7 won by our Amtryke recipient, Preston; Attendance: \$31 could have been won by Ray Griest but he was not present.

12/17/24—50/50: \$7 won by Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$45 could have been won by Kara Hogan but she was not present.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Hope we all make the jump in style!