



THE BUCSHOT

Greater Champaign County AMBUCS Newsletter

July 2017

\$10,000 Grant

Our chapter had a wonderful presentation at the July 18th meeting! Joan Dixon and Win Core of the Community Foundation, brought us a check for \$10,000; \$5,000 coming from the Marajen Stevick Foundation, (administered by the Community Foundation), and \$5,000 from the Community Foundation. This was the result of a grant request written by our grant writer Bob Lacey and Urbana Park District grant writer, Ellen Kirsanoff. The dollars will go to improve AMBUCS Park in east Urbana. We will be planting more trees in the park and replacing the roof on two pavilions. These improvements will allow the park to continue to be the spot for C-U families to enjoy the summer.



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Joan reported to us that over the years we have received \$78,000 from the Community Foundation! We thank the Marajen Stevick Foundation and the Community Foundation for appreciating the value of AMBUCS and AMBUCS Park to the residents of Champaign-Urbana! (l-r in the photo: Chapter President, Roger Adams, Joan Dixon, Ellen Kirsanoff.)



August 8—Surprise Speaker
August 28—Pot Belly Fundraiser
September 23—Scarecrow Festival
October 21-23—National Conference

Ramp Building

This month our members had the fun of building another ramp. The ramp was for the Mahomet Area Youth Club on Main Street in Mahomet. The club had purchased a new building which had a ramp at the front door but needed a ramp at the back door. They hosts classes for children with disabilities and two ramps are required to be ADA compliant. The building is an old church on the edge of town. Building the ramp presented some challenges because the building was not level and gravel had been dropped over the top of asphalt at the spot where we needed to end the ramp. It was also very hot that day so everyone got sweaty and dirty. There were some adjustments to be made so while the leaders were discussing the problems others had time to inventory and organize the extra wood stored in the ramp trailer. Win-win.

We thank the members who completed this project on a hot July day!



Grants

We will be able to purchase and give away one more AmTryke this year thanks to a grant from Iroquois Federal for \$500! Grant writer, Bob Lacey, started applying for grants from their program a couple of years ago and they have continued to support us whenever they can. They recognize the value AmTrykes are to people with handicaps in our community. Thanks, Iroquois Federal!

Another great job, Bob!

Potbelly Fundraiser

We'll have our next Potbelly Sandwich Shop fundraiser on August 28, from 5-8pm. Please come have dinner and bring your friends!

Member News

Send good wishes and prayers, if you are so inclined, to Mary Jane Jenkins as she deals with some health issues.

Member Justin Griest has bought a new house and shed. He really wanted the shed but the house came along.

Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on July 26th at Za's on North Neil Street in Champaign. Action items were:

The committee for the Scarecrow Festival will meet at Keith's Eco Water office at 5pm, Aug. 8th. All are welcome to join.

Our Chapter will sponsor an AmTryke for a child at the National Convention.

Bob Lacey will join the AMBUCS Park committee to help create a plan for spending the \$10k grant money.

Challenger League All-Star Game

Eichelberger Field on the campus of the Univ. of Illinois, was the site of the 2017 Challenger League All-Star game. The field was packed with players, buddies, and coaches. Even the U of I Chancellor, Robert Jones, was in attendance. The buddies were U of I athletes from various teams, football, baseball, and track. There were two games played with one full inning per game. The last batter on each team is called the clean-up and brings everyone home. It's great fun for all!

The first picture shows one of the players coming home. She was celebrating! Next, is GCC AMBUCS liaison, Cris Vowels, on the left with one of the Kiwanis Club volunteers. The wee-one swinging the bat is Tova. She is also a GCC AMBUCS AmTryke recipient. At the end of the second game all the players and coaches gathered on the field for a picture. Parents were allowed down to take some shots. Congratulations to all!



AmTrykes



Our AmTryke requests are usually down in the summer and this year is no exception. We have a couple pending and we hope to give them away soon. Requests will pick up again when school starts.

Quarterly Social

Members Keith Jamieson and Sandy Jachino, hosted the quarterly social at their home in Mahomet. They have a beautiful new patio at the back of their home which borders on a park. The members were treated to dog walkers and bicycle riders on the sidewalk around the park. Next up was food provided by the chapter and brought in from County Market by Elaine and Larry Windingland and family. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. The weather could not have been better; low humidity, mild temperatures, and a spot under shady trees. They also have a sun room so dining was both inside and outside.

Thanks, Keith and Sandy, for hosting a wonderful evening!

Winning Chances

7/11/17—**50/50**: \$11 to Mary Jane Jenkins; **Attendance**: \$21 went to Kim VanEnglenburg.

7/18/17—**50/50**: \$11 to Larry Windingland; **Attendance**: \$20 should have been won by Frank Thomas but he was not present.

7/25/17—**50/50**: \$9 to Elaine Windingland. **Attendance**: \$38 could have been won by Don Dunlap but he was not present.

