

# The Buc Shot

February 2015

## Calendar

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** – Benefit Dinner

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Speaker, Urbana Park District

**April-May** – Spring Roundup Membership Drive

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Finish up Christmas lights “put-away”

**April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** – Central Region Spring Conference

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Benefit Golf Outing, Stone Creek Golf Course

## Benefit Dinner



The Benefit Dinner Raffle is happening on March 7<sup>th</sup>! As of the meeting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we had 90 tickets still not returned but only about 10 of those are not spoken for or sold. PLEASE get the tickets and

money to Keith Jamieson’s office ASAP!

It’s not too late to get door prizes so that more tickets win something. People like to get something back for their \$100. Also, we still need “smalls”, pads of paper, magnets, any small advertising item, (except pens; we have plenty of those already), to place in the bags for each of the tables. Mary Lou Younger says we’ll need 30 of anything you can donate.

And speaking of Mary Lou, she will lead the decorating efforts that Saturday starting at 9am. If you would like to help please be at the hall by nine, park around back, and come in the back door.

We will have an AmTryke recipient at the diner, the son of long-time supporter, Diane Ducey. We have given him a trike in the past but will be upgrading it so we are hoping Diane will speak a little about what this has meant to him. Also at the raffle, will be Joan Dixon of the Community Foundation who will present us with a check for AmTrykes.

There will be a signup sheet for volunteers at the first meeting in March. If you would like to help but can’t attend that meeting please contact Deb or Ray Griest to volunteer.

This is going to be a great event!

## Central Region Spring Conference

The Central Region Spring Conference will be held in Springfield, IL, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is **Beach Bums & Bucs** and is hosted by the Springfield AMBUCS club. The conference hotel will be the Downtown Hilton, 700 E Adams, Springfield, 217-789-0709.

Registration for the conference is \$90 same cost for any guests. Each attendee must book their own hotel room. The room rate is \$95 per night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Office: \_\_\_\_\_ 201418 outgoing  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Office: \_\_\_\_\_ 201518 incoming  
Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration \$90.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Golf \$54.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Send to: Central Region AMBUCS c/o Susie Jackson 264 N Koko Mill, Springfield, IL 62711  
Golfers—please RSVP to Mike Reisinger mreisinger@rwtroxell.com 217-414-5574

Friday morning at 9am will be a golf outing for any who would like to play. The player fee is \$54 which includes a cart. To register for the golf outing please contact Mike Reisinger by email, [mreisinger@rwtroxell.com](mailto:mreisinger@rwtroxell.com), or call at 217-414-5574.

Friday night will be a “Beach Bash” at the Oswald Estate. Address, time, and directions will be provided at a later date.

During the conference there will be AmTryke mechanic training, Officer training, and other informative breakout sessions.

Saturday night will be the awards dinner and the Big Hat Auction. Our club will be donating an item for the auction.

Regional conferences are lots of fun and a great opportunity to meet AMBUCS from other clubs in our region. It’s also a great time to swap fundraising ideas, project procedures, and just learn how other clubs function.

Send in your registration today!

## Visibility Month

Although Visibility Month is somewhat different this year it’s always good to tell people about AMBUCS. Larry Windingland has buttons that say “Ask Me About AMBUCS” and he is passing them out to members. These



are great to wear on your coat in the winter or on your person anytime you are out in public. They can bring out good comments about one thing we do and start a conversation about the other things we do. We are always looking for new members, people to attend our fundraisers, and of

course, people we can help with AmTrykes, ramps, and scholarships. Get you button today!

### Club Social

About 30 people showed up for the February 28<sup>th</sup> social at El Toro Bravo. The drinks were good; the food was good but the room was a little noisy. There were at least two other parties in the room at the same time so we had lots of



laughter and singing of Happy Birthday. There was lots of talking and laughter, too, at our tables. The only bad thing was the snow coming down outside. We could see it through the door near our table. Our out-of-town members were watching it



closely and the evening ended a little sooner than it might have in the summer. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the fellowship!

### Board Action

The board voted to slightly change how the money from some of the games at the raffle will be allocated. Funds from the regular 50/50 raffle will go into the general fund but the funds from the card games will go into the Big Hat fund to be used for one of their projects.

Planning needs to move forward if we want to apply for any grant from next year's Illinois Marathon. The organizers are urging us to apply. The deadline for submitting grants is next summer for the 2016 Marathon. The board added some members to the Ad Hoc Park Committee to work on the details of possible grant submissions.

At last year's golf outing, Larry Windingland won a \$500 grant to purchase an AmTryke for someone on the Wish List. He has chosen his recipient but the total cost for the trike she needs is \$660. The Board voted to pay the additional \$160 for the trike. Larry will move forward with the purchase and delivery. This little lady is the youngest of 12 children and she has Downs Syndrome which makes her unable to ride a regular bike. The AmTryke will help

her physically and allow her to have more fun with her brothers and sisters.

President Elect, Al Bedell, is attempting to build a new club in the St. Louis area, an underserved part of Illinois. In connection with those efforts, he wants to buy an AmTryke for a young girl in the area. He needs \$950 for the trike and is asking clubs in the district to donate funds toward the purchase. The Board voted to chip in \$300.

District Governor, Deb Griest, asked that anyone who would like to serve as District 4A Governor contact her before the election which is held at the Central Region Spring Conference in April.

### Nuggets of Knowledge

For new club members and as a reminder to members who have been with us a while, this section of the newsletter will share definitions of terms unique to AMBUCS. A full list of the terms can be found on the national Web site under Member Resources → Admin Documents.



**Chapter Fiscal Year** – June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Cornerstone Fund** – A donation designation within the Living Endowment Fund. The Cornerstone Fund provides for the growth and development of AMBUCS.

**Living Endowment Fund** – The special contributions fund where donors can direct their contributions toward AMBUCS Scholarships for Therapists, the AmBility Program or the Cornerstone Growth and Development Fund.

**Regional Director** – Represents the region on the National Board of Directors. Trains charter chapter officers, responsible for the regional conference, and the Spring Training Conference.

### Historic Pictures Project



Can you name the AMBUCS in this picture? If so, we may need your help. Member **Ron Meyers** had, (rumor has it they are at the Griest Man Shed), boxes of old pictures

from past club events and would like to see something done with them. **Sally Denhart** has agreed to lead an effort to evaluate the pictures, scan the ones of significance, index them, and create a movie or movies for use at the next Benefit Dinner Raffle. Next year will be the

30<sup>th</sup> for the raffle so a way-back-when movie seems appropriate. (Thanks for the suggestion, **Laura Gibbs!**) Sally will start the ball rolling soon after this year's raffle.

## Member News

**Mary Ohmit**, wife of member **Rick Ohmit**, enjoys flying a hot air balloon. Almost every year she participates in the Arizona Balloon Classic and this year while flying, she was shown in a shot during the Super Bowl!

Member **Nikki Kopmann**, will be an aunt soon! She will have lots of wisdom to share and play dates with the Kopmann Kids.

Our Sargent at Arms, **Frank Thomas**, was pictured in a Sunday New-Gazette with his fellow Valentine's Day singers. For a small fee, \$30, they will go to a home or place of business and sing a valentine for someone special and give them a kiss... a chocolate kind, that is, although Frank might be up for a different kind of kiss!

**Sally Denhart** was on TV this month. She was a stand-in at the last minute for the person who usually represents Mobile Mutts in the "Pet on the Set" segment on WCIX. She had two adoptable Dachshunds on her lap.

Did you know that member **Andy VanEngelenberg** really likes his margaritas and was thrown out of bars in his youth? It's amazing what is revealed at a social!

## Gambling

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 50/50 drawing of \$11 went to Don Dunlap. The \$22 in attendance money went to Scott Price.

February 10<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$10 went to Keith Jamieson. The \$20 in attendance money could have been won by Rick Ohmit but he was not present.

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$10 went to Nelda Shaw. The \$41 in attendance money went to Steve Gibbs.

February 24<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$11 went to Nelda Shaw for the second week in a row. (Nelda's on a roll!) The \$25 in attendance money was won by Mary Jane Jenkins.