

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

Amtrykes

We gave away one Amtryke in January to the uber cute Millie! Her mother, Alyssa, and brother, Hank, came to lunch to receive her Amtryke and as often happens, it was nap time and she was not as excited



about her Amtryke as others have been. But that's okay because brother Hank had enough excitement for both of them! He couldn't wait to get outside and push Millie on her Amtryke. "Millie! It's your very own Amtryke!", he kept saying. After a few minutes Millie caught some of his excitement and was ready for a ride. When Scott Price took her on her first lap, she decided that President Keith Jamieson should push her but she's fickle. By the end of the lap she decided that Treasurer Elaine

Windingland should push her so out to the main part of the restaurant they went. We know Millie and Hank will have lots of fun with this new Amtryke and we hope she'll be losing the leg braces soon. (Photo by Alyssa.)

GCC was also one of the lucky chapters to get one of the newest Amtryke models to assemble and evaluate. Three of our members, Scott Price, Keith Jamieson, and Larry Windingland, assembled the Amtryke at Keith's office and were very pleased! They sent their comments into National.

Calendar

2024

March 16—Cash Bash

April 5-6—Regional Conference, Champaign

April 20—BarStool Golf

May 18—Amtryke Road Rally

September 16—Golf Outing

Cash Bash Gearing Up

March 16th is coming up fast so it's time for members to start selling tickets! (If you don't have your tickets to sell you can pick them up at Keith's Jamieson's office.) Drawing tickets are \$100 each with dinner tickets an extra \$25. The drawing ticket gives you the chance to win up to \$7,500! The dinner includes drinks and an all you can eat buffet catered by Neimerger's out of Effingham. There will be lots of games to play during the evening, 50/50 drawings, card games, and a Heads and Tails game. Each 15th ticket drawn will get their \$100 back. The dinner is held at the Champaign Urbana Elks Lodge at Savoy. It's great fun and the money raised goes to all our programs. Let's work on having a great turnout!



Central Region Conference in Champaign

And speaking of gearing up... Work is starting on plans for the Central Region Conference at the Holiday Inn in Champaign. The weekend starts On Friday, April 5th, and ends with a nice dinner

on Saturday night. Hotel rooms can be reserved now and are \$129.99 a night. The hotel would like to have the rooms reserved by **March 5th** so give them a call soon. We don't have an agenda yet but regional conference is lots of fun and gives attendees a chance to meet members from different Chapters and learn how they do things, like fundraising, membership recruitment, and membership retention.



GCC members be sure to mark your calendar. We'll need a few volunteers to help out but then you can enjoy the conference as well. It will be a chance for you to meet National Officers: CEO Jessica Walls, National President Donna Hingtgen, and National Big Hat President Luke Jackson.

GCC Members: **don't register online**, fill out a paper registration and give it to Elaine Windingland. She will pay our Chapter fees. Elaine will send a copy of the paper form in March. Hope to see all of our members there!

Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on December 19th at Urbana Gardens and addressed the following items:

- ==> discussed bar changes for BarStool Golf
- ==> discussed plans for Central Region Conference
- ==> discussed plans for a bike build with Ryan Dallas employees

Tidbits

The grandson of members Larry and Elaine Windingland assembled two small Amtrykes to meet his class requirement for volunteer hours. Thanks much!

Also the grandson of member Cris Vowels had 6 Christmas celebrations! A symbol of our extended family society. What fun!

Member Will Wade continues to win awards at his workplace, Ryan Dallas! Will is a realtor extraordinaire!

The mother of member Sandy Jachino passed away this month. Please send good thoughts to her family.

Member Deb Griest has been struggling with her health lately but is doing better now, just tired. Please send her good thoughts, too.

Other members are having health issues so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well!

And while you're sending good wishes please send good wishes to **Kyle Moe's** wife Ashley as she enters the last days before the birth of their first child! (Editor: hoping for Feb. 15th)

Winning Chances

1/02/24—50/50: \$7 to Kyle Moe; Attendance: \$76 could have been won by Jodie Harmon but she was not present.

1/09/24—50/50: \$6 to Will Wade; Attendance: \$88 could have been won by Bill Gingrich but he was not present.

1/16/24—50/50: \$7 to Judy Dramstad; Attendance: \$99 could have been won by Mike Foley but he was not present.

1/23/24—50/50: \$6 to Andy D'Urso; Attendance: \$110 could have been won by Cris Vowels but she was not present.

1/30/24—50/50: \$7 to Scott Price; Attendance: \$124 could have been won by Bailee Dunlap but she was not present.