

Branding Time New Members

During Branding Time each Chapter is asked to work extra hard at bringing in new members. We were successful in getting two new members this period, Judy Dramstad and Renae' Strawbridge.



Judy Dramstad decided to check out AMBUCS after hearing from sponsor Sally Denhart about the group. (She and Sally are both members of the dog rescue and transport group, Mobile Mutts.) Judy is a retired teacher that still substitute teaches at Champaign schools. She is originally from Minnesota and spent a few years in Mexico before coming to Champaign. Her second husband, Steve, is an Information Technology Specialist at the Blue Waters Project on the campus of the U of I. They have two dogs and two houses, one in southwest Champaign and one in Mexico. Welcome, Judy! (at left with President, Roger Adams)

Renae' Strawbridge is a long-time friend of GCC AMBUCS and has helped at many of our projects and fundraisers, especially Bar Stool Golf and the summer Charity Golf Outing. She decided to become a member because she wanted to be part of a good group giving back to the community. Renae' works at the Prairie Research Institute on the campus of the U of I. (This is also where her sponsor, Deb Griest, worked; in fact, Deb was her boss before retirement.) She has two children and four grandchildren and lives in Mahomet. (At right with President Roger Adams)

**December 7th,
 2017—District 4A
 meeting**

**December 17th,
 2017—Potbelly Stove Fundraiser**

**February 10th, 2018—Bar Stool
 Golf Fundraiser**

**March 10th, 2018—Cash Bash,
 Elks Lodge, Savoy**

**April 27-28, 2018—Spring Confer-
 ence, Cornell, IN**

**September 22, 2018—Scarecrow
 Festival**



AmTrykes

AmTryke Coordinator, Scott Price, keeps busy sending out trikes and bringing in older ones. He delivered two AmTrykes to sisters, pictured at left, one of which he refurbished that was only three years old. The best scenario for Scott is when the therapists fill out the forms completely so that he can have the trike almost perfect before delivery. For the sisters he had to make no adjustments at all. (Photo courtesy of Scott Price)

We also had a visit from Craig Terven, Exalted Ruler, of the Elks Lodge of Sa-



voy. His lodge agreed to use their money to fully fund four AmTrykes for children who were fitted for trikes at the Bike Day in September. Craig came to our lunch meeting on November 28th to formally present us with checks. This donation was very generous and we really appreciate their support! We hope this is the beginning of a long and satisfying collaboration between our two groups. That's Craig at the left with AMBUC and fellow lodge member, Larry Windingland.

Next up will be the assembly of two AmTrykes that have arrived and a request for more AmTrykes at our Evaluation Site at Carle Clinic.

Disabled Students Organization Donation

Each year GCC AMBUCS helps the Disabled Students Organization, (DSO), at the University of Illinois, with their annual Christmas Party by donating money toward their costs and by helping before and during the event. AMBUCS volunteer the night before the party and help wrap the presents. Then we attend the party, helping with the craft booths. DSO members Jenna and Marlene attended the November 28th meeting to say thanks and accept the check for this season's event. The party benefits low-income, disabled children in our area, most of which would not be getting presents this year of not for DSO. We admire DSO's work with disabled children and are honored to do a small part to help.



District 4A Meeting

The next District 4A meeting will be held on December 7th, 6pm at Rich's Deluxe, 21 W North St, downtown Danville, IL. Everyone is welcome but they would like an RSVP to Jenna Wirth.

Potbelly Stove Sandwich Shop Fundraiser

About once per month members led by Andrea Betzler, spend a couple of hours at the Potbelly Sandwich Shop on Campus. We have our display board set up and some brochures to hand out to anyone coming in to eat. The generous manager shares part of the funds they receive with our chapter. We apply those funds to AmTrykes and have purchased several. Please consider coming out from 5-7pm on December 17th to have some good food and support our chapter and share this event with your family and friends.

Plan Your 2018 Now!

Our chapter is a busy one and we need everyone's help with our fundraisers and events. Just because it's a "fundraiser" don't assume that it will be boring and dull; after all, fundraising starts with "fun". We have the dates set for Bar Stool Golf, February 10th, the Cash Bash, March 10th, and the Scarecrow Festival, September 22nd. We need lots of workers at Bar Stool Golf to staff 9 bars. For the Cash Bash we need members to sell tickets before the event, to help decorate the hall, to sell 50/50 tickets at the event, and to help staff the big drawing. At

the Scarecrow Festival we need people to help at the food tent, to help organize the flea market, to work on the car show, to sell tickets on that day, to help with the barrel train and the hayrack rides. We'll also have the Charity Golf Outing in the summer. Be sure to save room for us in your calendar!

Chapter Social

Sixteen members, friends, and family attended our Fall Chapter Social, held on Sunday, November 21st at Old Orchard Lanes in Savoy. Socials are a chance for the group to continue to get to know other members and to celebrate our friendships. They are also great for recruiting and we have often invited potential members. This time, we inducted a new member, Renae' Strawbridge to the group, (see page 1). We loved seeing every-



Member News

Mary Jane Jenkins is doing better! (In orange jacket) She and her cousin attended the Chapter Social on November 26th. We hope she continues to improve and attend events.



Don Dunlap received a plaque from National for being a past Central Region Big Hat Director. Thanks for your service, Don! (Don at left with Past Regional Director Deb Griest)

Keith Jamieson is now a year older! He turned 60

years old December 1 and celebrated with a pizza party in Champaign. Keith is also one of our Charter Members, and among other things, heads up our fall community event, the Scarecrow Festival. Happy Birthday, Keith!



Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on November 29th at Za's on North Neil Street in Champaign. Action items were:

The Board is working on changes to the ByLaws and Guidelines for the Chapter.

Due to Christmas, the Board will meet on December 20th.

Winning Chances

10/31/17—50/50: \$16 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$21 went to Andrea Betzler.

11/7/17—50/50: \$10 to David Fones. Attendance: \$41 could have been won by Candace Ziegler but she was not present.

11/14/17—50/50: \$11 to David Fones; Attendance: \$60 could have been won by Nelda Shaw but she was not present.

11/21/17—50/50: \$11 to Ray Griest; Attendance: \$83 could have been won by Don Dunlap but he was not present.

11/22/17—50/50: \$12 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$106 could have been won by Scott Price but he was not present.