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Calendar

- April 7—Chapter Social at Esquire, 6pm
- April 9—Central Region Virtual Conference
- April 23—BarStool Golf
- June 11—Thank-a-Therapist Cookout, AMBUCS Park
- August 21-27—AMBUCS National Conference
- September 10—Scarecrow Festival
- September 19—Charity Golf Outing



Upcoming Events

Online registration for BarStool Golf is open!

Teams are registering and paying online this year which is streamlining the process and making less work for the bars. As of this writing we have over 65 teams registered and paid! We must limit the number of teams starting at each bar to 14 in order to give everyone a chance to get to all the bars and play their holes. The fun starts at 11am, April 23th, and ends with the last bus transporting people at 5pm. Get your registration in now! (Photo of our Pug Player by Renae' Strawbridge)



Central Region Conference is April 9th from 9am-2pm online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81765421434?pwd=cIFsWDIsRkIOY0w3WIBjMnpmdUVzQT09> Our Regional Director, Marsha Hammerstrand will have some interesting news for us and National News from Sue Haywood. We'll get the latest update on Amtrykes, enjoy some training at 1pm, and our regional business meeting will begin at 1:45. Come join us!

National Conference is set for August 21-27, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama! Birmingham is where it all started in 1922 so its very fitting to be back in our "Home Town"! It promises to be a great conference and there are lots of activities in this beautiful city! After some rough years we'll be able to reconnect with our fellow AMBUCS! Mark your calendars now!



We received our allotment of tickets for the **National Big Hat Raffle** and they sold out the first day! But don't worry; our Chapter Big Hat President, MaryLou Younger, has ordered more! It's \$20 per ticket but, who isn't ready to fly to Fort Myers, Florida, and stay at the GullWing Beach Resort on beautiful Estero Island? And, you'll have \$500 in spending money! At right is a shot inside the suite kitchen so if you want to cook you can! We'll let you know when we have more tickets!



Our Capital Campaign is still underway but sadly our total is just under \$478,000, same as last month. No amount is too small, so give if you can, and help us keep our ***Mission in Motion*** alive and well!
<https://ambucs.org/missioninmotion/mission-in-motion-capital-campaign/>

Amtrykes

Twelve GCC AMBUCS members converged on the Champaign-Urbana Elks Lodge, Friday, March 25th, for an Amtryke giveaway! Local television station, WCIA, came out and filmed a segment for the evening news about the event! Larry Windingland, who is a member of both AMBUCS and the Elks Lodge, arranged for the giveaway to local veteran, Ceasar Perez.



Ceasar needs the Amtryke to strengthen his knee after a recent operation. Once that knee is back in shape his doctors will operate on the other one. The Amtryke will be essential for Ceasar to resume his normal activities. He says, "I'm very excited and happy...and grateful, very, very grateful, to AMBUCS and the Elks for being able to do this!" It's so rewarding for AMBUCS and the Elks to give back to Ceasar who does so much for this community with his yearly leadership of the Marine's Toys for Tots Campaign! We thank the Elks Lodge not only for allowing us to have the giveaway at their lodge but for the donations that



helped pay for Ceasar's Amtryke! Partnerships work!

Scott Price also held a mini training session for therapists at Carle At-The-Fields. Three of them took time out of their day to learn about evaluating patients for Amtrykes and about how to fill out the order forms on the National AMBUCS site. The more the therapists know the more confident we are that the Amtryke we are ordering will work perfectly for the recipient! We really appreciate them taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the session! And we hope they attend our Thank-a-Therapist Day in July at AMBUCS Park! We couldn't gift people with Amtrykes without our therapists!

Amtrykes continued...

As always each month Scott Price delivered refurbished and new Amtrykes to people in our county waiting for them! To the right is Ethan who can't wait for warmer weather for riding and to the left is Juan who will use his Amtryke to remain mobile and out and about with his family! We are still checking with past recipients to bring in trikes for reuse and placing orders for new ones! Thanks to our National AMBUCS staff for getting us the new Amtrykes as soon as possible! We couldn't do it without them!



Officers for 2022-2023

The slate is set for our election of officers! This will be the first published notice before the election on April 19th. Names can be added to any office and nominations will be taken from the floor during the meeting. If there are no additions, the slate will be accepted by acclamation. Acclamation is defined as election by enthusiastic approval often by clapping. Clapping is also a way to say thank you to people willing to serve as our leaders so this will be a fitting way to get our new officers. However, we will be happy to make things exciting with an actual election so don't hesitate to step up and we'll clap for you, too!

Up for election:

President Elect: **Keith Jamieson**
Secretary: **Sally Denhart**
Treasurer: **Elaine Windingland**
Sargent at Arms: **Judy Dramstad**
Big Hat President: **MaryLou Younger**
Board member: **Renaë' Strawbridge**
Board member: **Scott Price**

Continuing:

Chapter President: **Larry Windingland**
Chairman of the Board: **Kyle Moe**
Board Member 2nd Year: **Pat Webb**
Board Member 2nd Year: **Don Dunlap**

Spring Roundup Continues

Don't forget that March and April are the months for our Spring Roundup Membership drive! Big Hat President, MaryLou Younger, has lined up some great gift certificates for manicures and pedicures for the members who bring in new members, and for the person who has the most visits of potential members! And if you bring in three new members you will become a Big Hatter! Now is the time to talk with your friends and family about joining this wonderful group of people! The segment on WCIA about our Amtryke giveaway will help you show them the good work we do! As Joe Dart used to say, "Just ask!"



Splinters From the Board

The Board met at Papa Dels and addressed the following item:

==> decided to establish an Amtryke team to take care of all the requests for help and return of used Amtrykes.

Winning Chances

03/01/22—50/50: \$6 to Cris Vowels; Attendance: \$12 could have been won by Steve Gibbs but he was not present.

03/08/22—50/50: \$6 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$24 to Kyle Moe.

03/15/22—50/50: \$7 to Pat Webb; Attendance: \$11 to Larry Windingland.

03/22/22—50/50: \$7 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$10 rolled, no cage.

03/29/22—50/50: \$9 to Cris Vowels; Attendance: \$24 to Larry Windingland who gets the Joe Dart Award for most wins in a month, 3!.
