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Lives Gone Too Soon...

In February, we lost another of our past members, Kim VanEngelenburg, after struggling with health issues most of her life. Kim was a recipient of two liver transplants and fought hard to stay here with us. She didn't let her health issues stop her from teaching school when she was well enough. She was an advocate for organ donations and brought a speaker to one of our meetings to let us know how we could save another's life by donating. Kim also represented

Team Illinois at the Donate Life Transplant Games of America!



Our hearts go out to her husband, Andy who is also an ex-member, at this difficult time.

From the Editor: Kim was a joy to be around, always smiling and happy despite her health issues! Working with her helped me to quit whining about little annoyances. While Kim couldn't help out at a lot of our events, she joined us when circumstances permitted us to make sure she stayed healthy. We placed her in a tent at the Golf Outing and she worked with Bob Lacey in the ticket booth at the Scarecrow Festival in AMBUCS Park, (pictured at left), so that she could stay out of the sun. Kim was a strong St. Louis Cardinals fan, (nobody's perfect, says this

Cubs fan), and lived life to the fullest. We'll all miss her smiling face!

Calendar

Mar. 9 & 16—Speakers at lunch!

Aug. 3—First Challenger League Game

Sept. 11—Challenger League Awards Day

Amtrykes

Our Amtryke requests normally drop off in the winter but Amtryke Ambassador, Scott Price, continued to deliver the trikes we assembled in January and make some repairs to trikes at our demo sites and schools. We expect our requests will pick up in March.

The Board is also working on getting updated pictures for the side of the Amtryke trailer. The current picture has a very old Amtryke model; we would love to have a different smiling child; and we need to update the tag line to "Adaptive Trykes for Amazing People!". The trailer also acts as a rolling advertisement for AMBUCS and our Amtryke Program so the display is important. Ray Griest and others are working on this idea.



From the Lacey Family

To *AMBUCS* Members: Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and the beautiful Peace Lily from the club.

Your comforting words meant a lot to us. AMBUCS held a special place in Bob's heart and he always enjoyed giving back to those in need. He was especially fond of building the AmTrykes and seeing them presented to their recipients. We are happy to have seen so many of our friends and family make contributions to the AMBUCS and hope those funds can bring some joy to others.



Thank You!

Tidbits

Member Renae' Strawbridge's grandson was in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery!

And speaking of Renae' she and member **Deb Griest** are now trained gun owners as they passed their training class.

Cris Vowels volunteered to help Judy Dramstad out with grant writing in place of Bob Lacey.

Member Steve Gibbs is having some health issues. Please send good thoughts!

Keith Jamieson loaned one of our small metal ramps to former member Mike Downs.

Former Priscilla Dorsett lost her son, Jack, suddenly last month. We send our heartfelt condolences to her and Roger.

Splinters From the Board

The Board met at Papa Del's this month and the action items were:

- ==> Voted to send a donation to National in honor of Kim VanEngelenburg
 - ==> Voted to send a donation to National in honor of Brian Fredrickson (Kim's brother)
 - ==> Voted to pool donations for Bob Lacey and create a memorial in AMBUCS Park
 - ==> Appointed Keith Jamieson to finish Bob Lacey's term on the Board
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Winning Chances

02/02/21—50/50: \$4 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$64 could have been won by Dave Miller but he was not present.

02/09/21—50/50: \$5 to Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$74 could have been won by Judy Dramstad but she was not present.

02/16/21—50/50: \$3 to guest Aiden Griest; Attendance: \$80 won by Deb Griest. (Aiden pulled grandma's ball!)

02/23/21—50/50: \$5 to Scott Price; Attendance: \$11 could have been won by Sandy Jachino but she was not present.