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Calendar

April 23—BarStool Golf

June 11—Thank-A-Therapist Cookout, AMBUCS Park

August 21-27—AMBUCS National Conference



Upcoming Events

BarStool Golf is still in our plans! We're working on getting nine bars to participate and we have some very good prospects! We'll need all members and friends to help us on the day, April 23rd, 11am-5pm. Bring your family! Bring your friends! There will be at least one AMBU member at each bar so new helpers won't be alone. It's an amazing, fun day with people in costumes and specials at some of the bars! Workers will meet some great people and learn some "interesting" team names, from the tame to the risqué! Mark your calendars, everyone! (Photo by Ray Griest)



Central Region Conference canceled! Sadly, Covid is still such a big concern for our Central Region Chapter members that few would commit to attending an in-person conference. Therapist members felt they couldn't take the chance of getting sick, missing work, or passing it to their vulnerable clients. We completely understand and our committee decided to cancel now before there were any charges from the hotel. Big thanks to the Holiday Inn on South Neil Street in Champaign for being so great to work with and so understanding when we had to cancel! There will be a Zoom meeting organized by our Regional Director, Marsha Hammerstrand, on Saturday, April 9th, probably from 10am – 2pm. Hopefully, we'll be back in-person next year! Thanks to all who worked on this!

National Conference is on for August 21-27, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama! This is our 100th year anniversary so the conference will be extra special! While the exact dates are not yet set, you can visit this amazing city the whole week and find lots of things to do! 100 years is a major milestone so you won't want to miss this one! Dust off your suitcases and get ready to hit the road!



The **National Big Hat Raffle** is still running and our Chapter Big Hat President, MaryLou Younger, will have the tickets for purchase at the monthly Big Hat Meeting, March 8th. It's \$20 per ticket but it has a wonderful grand prize of airfare for two to Fort Myers, Florida, a stay at the GullWing Beach Resort on beautiful Estero Island, and \$500 in cash! The suite is beautiful and is only a short walk to a white, sandy, beach! Don't like swimming in the ocean? This beautiful pool is just outside your window! Grab your tickets while we still have them!



Our **Capital Campaign** is still underway but our total has only gone up a little in the last month. We still have a big gap from our current total of just under \$478,000 to our \$600,000 goal! 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 and friends headed out to the Griest Man Shed to assemble five Amtrykes on February 23rd! There were four adult-sized ones to be assembled and one child-sized. The assembly started with pizza and ended with the picture at the right about two hours later. This was very good considering that each of us had to remember our assembly skills since it's been a while from the last build. Three newer-to-the-craft members, Pat Webb, MaryLou Younger, and Sally Denhart assembled the small one, then took it apart and assembled it again, then again! "But we didn't really make that many mistakes! We were just practicing!", member Sally Denhart said. "That's our story and we're sticking to it!" Thanks to the Griests for the use of their shed and thanks to all who came out to help! Amtryke Ambassador, Scott Price will see that the Amtrykes get to their riders soon!



Scott Price also delivered a refurbished Amtryke to Aanya, a sweet little girl who can't wait for good weather so she can ride her new trike! That's her, her mother, and sister at right. May she have many great rides in her future! Thanks, Scott, for always getting the Amtrykes to the perfect people!



Elaine Windingland has asked for help from members to call all past Amtryke recipients to determine their current status: Do they still use the Amtryke? Do they need any repairs? Have they outgrown the Amtryke? This is a great way to reconnect with these riders and get back unused trikes so that they can be refurbished and passed to others. The responses also brought up some surprising issues which our Chapter will work to solve. Thanks to all who have made calls and reported back! If you would like to help, Elaine has more people on her list to call. Just contact her and she'll get you started!

Officers for 2022-2023

The nominating committee met after the March 1st meeting and started the process of creating a slate of officers for next year. Larry Windingland will become Chapter President; Kyle Moe will become Chairman of the Board; Pat Webb and Don Dunlap will continue as Board members to complete their 2-year term. All other officers will be elected. Anyone is welcome to run for any office even ones where a name is already listed!

Secretary: Sally Denhart

Treasurer: Elaine Windingland

Sargent at Arms:

Big Hat President:

Board member:

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Please contact Kyle Moe to have your name added to the list of members who lead our Chapter! We value your ideas and input!

Splinters From the Board

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

==> approved an additional option for our Website to allow better use of input forms for things like event registrations.

==> set June 11th as the date for our Thank-A-Therapist cookout in AMBUCS Park

Winning Chances

02/01/22—50/50: \$5 to Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$22 could have been won by Andrea Betzler but she was not present.

02/08/22—50/50: \$3 to Sally Denhart; Attendance: \$41 could have been won by Elaine Windingland but she was not present.

02/15/22—50/50: \$6 to Keith Jamieson; Attendance: \$53 could have been won by Deb Griest but she was not present.

02/22/22—50/50: \$6 to Kyle Moe; Attendance: \$65 won by Sally Denhart. (2 is my lucky number!)
