

Cash Bash

March 2nd is our next big fundraiser, the Charity Cash Bash. Thanks to all the hard work of everyone selling tickets, we had all 275 sold by the week before! Neimerg's will be catering again this year and we will have extra dinner only tickets available at the door. New this year: an open bar from 6pm-9pm, a new game called Heads and Tails, with a couple of gift baskets for the winners.



Calendar

Mar. 2—Cash Bash

Mar. 30—disABILITY Expo

Apr. 12-13—Spring Conference, Ottawa, IL

Apr. 27—Amtryke Road Rally

Jun. 17—Charity Golf Outing



disABILITY Expo



The disABILITY Expo is March 30th at the Vineyard Church on North Lincoln Ave in Urbana. This expo, organized by the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board, helps vendors and organizations connect with the people who need their help. GCC AMBUCS will be there again this year, with an Amtryke giveaway and information on all our other projects, such as ramp building and the support of AMBUCS Park in East Urbana. Stop by our booth from 9am-2pm!

Amtrykes

February is a slow month for Amtryke requests but we have one on order, and Carle therapist, Earl Martin, has at least two he would like to get on order. We have been very successful at getting grants for Amtrykes, from the Orange Krush and from the Rotary West Club. These grants will allow us to help even more people maintain their mobility.



Ramps



It's way too cold in February for building wheelchair ramps, but not for donations of metal ramps and we just got another one. The Veterans Administration gave the ramp to a veteran who then passed away. They don't want the ramp back and the niece contacted us to see if we could use it for someone else. Ramp build leader, Ray Griest, checked it out and we will get it as soon as possible and store it until we can find the perfect place for it. We appreciate people thinking of us when these opportunities occur.

Tidbits

Several AMBUCS have been dealing with health issues this month, Kim VanEngelenburg, Arlie Saldeen, Larry Windingland, Andrea Betzler and Bud Mesker. Please send them good thoughts and prayers.

Please also send condolences to the Gibbs family on the loss of their beloved dog, Wrigley.

Ray Griest and Renae' Strawbridge will be community greeters at Urbana Early Childhood School one day in March. Member, **Cris Vowels**, is the principal at the school.

A special thank you goes out to Scott Price for taking down the lights in AMBUCS Park. He wanted to make sure nothing happened to the giant star that shown from the Driscoll pavilion.

And speaking of Scott Price he and wife Anne are new grandparents! Daughter Emily Rolson gave birth to an 8 pound healthy baby boy named Hayden.

This month's Oops! award goes to Ray Griest. While working on a tractor in a shed, he tripped over a pallet and ended up with a black eye.

Splinters from the Board



The Board of Directors met at Giordano's on February 27. Action items were:
=> form a subcommittee to create a plan for expenditure of grant funds
=> reimburse members attending Spring Conference the \$90 registration fee
=> purchase tap and die set for use in assembling Amtrykes

Winning Chances

2/5/19—50/50: \$7 to Arlie Saldeen; Attendance: \$14 could have been won by Sandy Jachino but she was not present.

2/12/19—50/50: \$8 to Keith Jamieson. Attendance: \$30 was won by Roger Adams.

2/19/19—50/50: \$8 to Bud Mesker; Attendance: \$16 could have been won by Judy Dramsted but she was not present.

2/26/19—50/50: \$8 to Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$32 could have been won by Arlie Saldeen but he was not present.

