

## Cash Bash

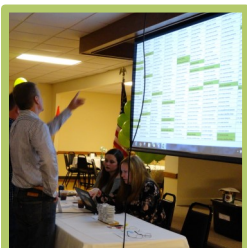
*The* second of our big fundraisers was held on March 10th at the Elks Lodge in Savoy. About 150 people joined us for the dinner catered by Neimergs. We had 50/50 raffles and card games throughout the night, and of course, the big raffle.

Our special guest for the night was Summer who our Chapter had gifted with an AmTryke. She rode her AmTryke into the event and kept it near her seat. She is an inspiring young person who does not let her challenges effect her spirit. Her mother doesn't even bother to introduce herself by name any more but only as "Summer's mom". After talking with us for a couple of minutes, Summer dived in with both feet by helping member Larry Windingland sell card game tickets. You go, Summer!

All of the proceeds from our fundraisers go to provide AmTrykes for children and adults like Summer, and for our other projects in Champaign County.

And the big winner of the \$7,500 raffle was Larry Hanna! That's him in the bottom right picture on the left with MC Keith Jamieson. Congratulations, Larry!

Thanks to all who attended, bought tickets, and worked. And especially to Don Dunlap and committee who lead this event!



## Calendar



April 7 — 1pm-4pm AmTryke Road Rally at Elks Lodge, Savoy

April 7 — Disability Expo, 9am-2pm, Vineyard Church

April 27-28 — Regional Spring Conference, Carmel, IN

May 24— Awards and Installation Banquet

June 18—Charity Golf Outing

September 22 — Scarecrow Festival

## Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on March 28th at Giordano's in Champaign and will continue to meet there.

The Board voted to:

- ⇒ continue our donation of \$400 to the MDA, (Bunny's Event), and \$750 to the UofI Wheelchair Camp.
- ⇒ reimburse members attending the Spring Conference their \$80 registration fee.
- ⇒ purchase a tool to help with ramp builds.

## AMBUCS/Elks Event

*On* Saturday, April 7th, from 1-4pm, the AMBUCS and ELKS will jointly host an event to showcase cooperative efforts to assist disabled young children. The event is called the **AmTryke Road Rally**. Several recipients of therapeutic tricycles will be at the Elks Lodge showing their use of the AmTrykes. The youngsters will ride through a course in the lodge room and have an opportunity to stop at several fun stations, like a wash station and a fueling station. The children and their families will show and discuss the benefits derived from the AmTrykes that have been provided through AMBUCS and C-U Elks. GCC AMBUCS members and Elks are encouraged to attend the event to observe the results of this effort. We will be needing considerable assistance during the event so Please Volunteer. Call Larry Windingland at 217-621-6991 or Renae' Strawbridge at 217-493-0300.



## And Speaking of AmTrykes...



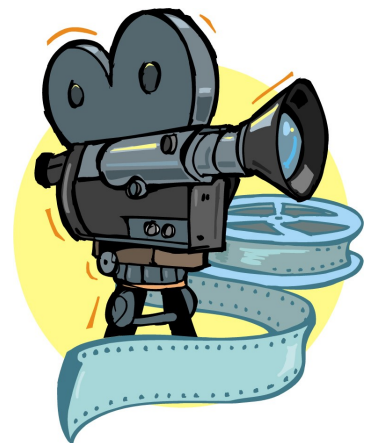
*Three* AmTrykes were delivered to our office address and were assembled at the Woodshop office in Champaign. (President Roger Adams is a member of the C-U Woodshop Supply and they allow him to use their office for assembly.) Roger, Scott Price, Keith Jamieson, and Dave Fones spent a couple of hours putting the trikes together and they will be delivered to their recipients soon. Thanks, guys!

## New Donor Movie Ready

*President* Roger Adams had the idea for creating a movie for use at fundraisers and other events, informing donors about how much each of our projects cost. He had viewed one on Facebook done by firefighters showing the costs for items they use. He worked with Sally Denhart to create a video highlighting costs for AmTrykes, building ramps, and other Chapter projects. The video was shown before the start of the Cash Bash in February.

Thanks to members Deb Griest and Scott Price for explaining about AmTrykes and to Deb and Ray Griest for help behind the camera and the use of their Man Shed for the filming! Enjoy!

[Video](#)



## Spring Conference

*The* Central Region Spring Conference will be held **April 27-28** in Carmel, IN. On Friday the 27th, members can attend a golf outing and then gather for dinner and “play time” at Carter’s Play Place, an adaptive playground and occupational therapy center for kids of all ages. Saturday will be a day of learning and information sharing ending with the Big Hat Auction and dinner. It’s not too late to get a hotel room and register for the conference. Your registration fee will be reimbursed by the GCC Chapter. Come meet other Central Region AMBUCS!



## Grant Received

*Orange* Krush, an Illini student group that support athletics at the U of I, have given us grant money in the past to purchase AmTrykes and they have come through again! They have granted us \$1,400 to use to purchase an AmTryke for one lucky recipient. Huge thank you to Bob Lacey for writing the grant and to this great group of students at the U of I! We hope a couple of them will join us at lunch sometime.

## New Officers for 2018-2019

*The* election was held March 27th at the regular lunch meeting and the results are below. We thank everyone who served in 2017-2018 and appreciate the new officers willingness to take the lead in our Chapter! The new officers will be installed at the Awards and Installation Banquet on **May 24th**. At that time we ask that the members pledge their support to help the new officers keep our Chapter on the right track.

President: Ray Griest (currently President-Elect)  
Chairperson of the Board: Roger Adams (chapter President becomes Chairperson of the Board)  
President-Elect: Renae' Strawbridge  
Sargent at Arms: Jeannie Gothard  
Treasurer: Elaine Windingland  
Secretary/BucShot Editor: Sally Denhart  
Big Hat President: Deb Griest  
Board Directors: Larry Windingland and Keith Jamieson  
(Bob Lacey and Kyle Moe will continue with their second year of service)

## Charity Golf Outing



*The* date for our next big fundraiser, the Charity Golf Outing at Stone Creek course in east Urbana, is **June 18th**. We already have one team signed up! We'll need more golfers, hole sponsors, lunch and dinner sponsors, and more just like last year. Start talking to your friends about the date!

## Tidbits

***Spring Roundup:*** March and April are the months for Spring Roundup so now is the time to invite your potential new members to lunch!

***Student Group Help:*** The students presented a mid-project report to members on March 12. They are continuing the interviews and will give us a final report between April 23 and May 6th.

***Disability Expo:*** April 7th is the Disability Expo being held at the Vineyard Church. Sally Denhart, (leader), Bob Lacey, and Elaine Windingland will staff our booth.

***Talks:*** Deb Griest's talk to Delta Kappa Gamma went well and she spent some time with the other two speakers, one from the Kiwanis Club and one from the Junior League. They may work out a joint project between the three groups.

***By Laws:*** After some research, President Roger Adams discovered that we don't need approval of changes to our ByLaws by National, nor do we need to send them to the State of Illinois. Project completed.

***Guests This Month:*** Bill Fulton from the Danville Chapter and Al Bidell from the Bloomington Chapter. Al was returning the AmTryke trailer for our Chapter to use at the Cash Bash. Al had used it on visits to three chapters in the mid-west.

***Members with Health Issues:*** Bud Mesker and Roger Adams are having some issues. Please send them good wishes.

***Family Losses:*** It was a sad month for Elaine Windingland and Mary Lou Younger as they both lost their brothers. Our thoughts are with them and their families.

## Winning Chances

**3/6/18—50/50:** \$12 to guest Bill Fulton; Attendance: \$23 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present

**3/13/18—50/50:** \$10 to Dave Fones. Attendance: \$43 could have been won by Kim VanEngelenburg but she was not present.

**3/20/18—50/50:** \$9 to Dick Adams; Attendance: \$61 could have been won by Dave Miller but he was not present.

**3/27/18—50/50:** \$10 to Bob Lacey; Attendance: \$81 could have been won by Justin Griest but he was not present.