

Note: when you finish reading this newsletter, please pass it on to someone who doesn't know about AMBUCS.

Amtrykes

We gave away three Amtrykes this month. One to Louise, a larger sized trike to Aiden, and one with a custom oxygen bottle holder for Lenny!



Louise is a happy little girl who has some challenges that make her unable to ride a regular bicycle so we started her off on her riding adventure with one of our special trikes. She was happy and grateful for her very own trike and kept saying, "Bye!" to all of us as she rode around the room. She was ready to take her Amtryke home!

Our second recipient, Aiden, couldn't come to lunch as he works at Schnucks in Savoy five days a week. Instead his mother, and local radio personality, Diane Ducey, and her husband, right, came to lunch to thank us on his behalf. Diane has been a great help to AMBUCS for a lot of years and mentions us on her show when the opportunity arises. We thank them for coming by and wish Aiden many happy hours riding. (Editor's note: to see a picture of Aiden, check out page 3 of the October BucShot issue. He stopped by our booth at the disAbility Expo. He's a big guy!)



Our third Amtryke went to Lenny who found our lunch meeting a little scary. She was also a little camera shy at first and clung to her mom when the camera was pointed in her direction. Mom assured us that she loved riding the Amtryke at therapy. She just needed to have a cry on mom's shoulder. We put away the cameras and went on with our meeting while mom calmed her down. Once she was out of the spotlight, she remembered how much fun riding is and took off across the front room of the restaurant. Despite her skinny little legs that you can see in the picture, she was fast! Mom had to run to keep up with her. After a little riding she came back into our lunch meeting and Larry Windingland was able to get this picture at the left.

This was a very special Amtryke. It was customized by Scott Price to have a holder for Lenny's oxygen bottle. Sadly her health issues require her to use oxygen constantly. At right is a closeup of the bottle holder. This will truly allow Lenny the freedom to ride without mom carrying the bottle. Great job, Scott!



Calendar

[NO REGULAR MEETING ON DEC. 26TH!!!](#)

2024

March 16—Cash Bash

April 5-6—Regional Conference, Champaign

April 20—BarStool Golf

May 18—Amtryke Road Rally



AMBUCS Social

GCC likes to have socials to put more fun in our Chapter. We also like



to give our members the opportunity to visit the bars that participate in our annual BarStool Golf fundraiser. This month, we went to **Collective Pour** in downtown Champaign. The bar has great drinks and is associated with Smith Burgers which was a food truck and is now brick-and-mortar right next door to the bar. Customers can order a drink at the main bar and then order a burger at the stand in the corner. It was a mild night weather-wise so the giant garage door which forms one side of the building, was open for easy access to the tables outside. We saw some friends we don't see very often, Bill and Kay Gingrich, Andrea Betzler, and Steve and Judy Dramstad. Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed the burgers.



Thanks to members **Renae' Strawbridge** and **Will Wade** for arranging this!

New Members Inducted

This month Chairman of the Board, **Larry Windingland**, had the honor of inducting two new Chapter members, **Steve Dramstad**, and **Richey Vanderspool**. Steve is the husband of member **Judy Dramstad** and has been a member for a while but not inducted. Richey is a good friend of member **MaryLou Younger** and joined this month. Steve has helped at several events, like BarStool Golf and has come to lunch often with Judy. We're very glad to have him as an official member. Richey, makes kitchen towels and sells them at various local markets and fairs. She has been a vendor at our Scarecrow Festival for several years.



We also had a last minute joining on November 30, **David Jamieson** son of member and current President, **Keith Jamieson** made it official as well. David has helped us out at lots of events and is an ace ramp builder, having the scar to prove it! Ask him the story some time. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! You're going to love it here!

Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on November 29th at Denny's and addressed the following items:

- ==> voted to give \$800 to Camp New Hope in two installments.
- ==> voted to rent another storage unit to hold donated aluminum ramps.
- ==> voted to buy an ad in the yearly meeting booklet of Home and Community Education

Note: No Board meeting on Dec. 27th; short meeting after a regular meeting.

DSO Donation

This month we gave our usual donation to the Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO) student group at the Univ. of Illinois. They host a Holiday Party for children with disabilities where gifts are given, games are played and fun is had by all! We have been a supporting partner for this event for over 25 years. It started with us actually shopping for gifts for the children with each child getting the same toy and it

has evolved due to the hard work of Maureen “Mo” Gilbert, into the party it will be this year with wish lists being filled for over 300 children! We thank Mo for all her hard work to make children's holidays special every year. She came to lunch this month to pick up the check, (right with President Keith Jamieson).



Tidbits

Members Elaine and Larry Windingland celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in November with a trip to French Lick, IN and Nashville, TN. Congratulations! Here's hoping for many more years!

And speaking of celebrations... Member **Brooke Chilton** is now **Brooke Peratt**. She got married in November! Congratulations and many happy years to you and your new husband, Brooke!

Please send good thoughts to our members struggling with health issues. Be well!

Winning Chances

11/07/23—50/50: \$9 to Louise, Amtryke recipient; Attendance: \$31 won by Keith Jamieson.

11/14/23—50/50: \$5 to Scott Price; Attendance: \$11 won by Sally Denhart.

11/21/23—50/50: \$8 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$12 could have been won by Dick Adams but he was not present.

11/28/23—50/50: \$8 to Lenny, Amtryke recipient; Attendance: \$26 could have been won by Mike Foley but he was not present.