

Golf Outing a Success!

Dateline: September 21st It was wonderful weather for playing golf at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course in Mahomet! Twenty teams came out to help our organization continue its mission to help people with disabilities. A change this year due to Covid-19 were tee times instead of a shotgun start. We appreciate that everyone arrived early or on time for their slot! We also couldn't have any group meals so we gave out box lunches to all players delivered by Subway and sponsored by the Woods family. Kinley Woods, their daughter, is one of our Amtryke recipients and they wanted to help our Chapter as an extra thank you. We had the usual 50/50 game and mulligans and added another fun game, Hit the Hood, where players paid to take a chance at hitting a decorated car hood on one of the holes. A player would win \$50 if they hit the hood, but sadly no one did. We gave out drink tickets and provided water and soda pop at the club house and on hole nine.

Calendar

**Oct. 10—disAbility Expo—
 CANCELLED**

Lake of the Woods is a pretty course, surrounded by woods, a lake, and a park. The wildlife is abundant and have no fear of the golfers. Deer, woodchucks, and geese kept an eye on all the players but didn't interfere.



And the results of the outing are:

1st Place Men's Team: Meridith	Women's Team: Till #1
Longest Drive: Josh Anderson	Women: Kathy Peters
Longest Putt: William Hall	Women: Susi Jackson
Closest to Pin: Brad Fandel	Women: Ellen McGill
1st Place Handicapped: Laura Gibbs	
50/50 Game Winner: Ken Schweighart	

We thank our leaders Don Dunlap, Keith Jamieson, and Larry and Elaine Windingland for getting this together and the members and friends who volunteered their time to make this day great. We also thank all of the people and companies who sponsored holes and helped defray other costs. And of course, the players! You all rock! Hope to see everyone next year!



Amtrykes

Ace Therapist, Kathryn Rose, came to speak with us on September 29th, about how much she uses and appreciates Amtrykes. During the pandemic, Kathryn suggested to the leaders at the schools that they send the Amtrykes home with the students who could use them to keep up their regimen until school resumed. The schools agreed and the Amtrykes got a lot of use and the students came back to school with very little loss of progress in their therapy. Kathryn told us that when the



Amtrykes are at the school they are mostly stored in the hallway. The other students realize how important they are to the health of their fellow students so no one ever bothers the trikes and they are in pristine condition when the students are ready for their rides. She also told us about how students with autism sometimes do not have the will to even move or come into the school but if she starts out by letting them ride an Amtryke out-

side the building it breaks the ice and gets the child moving forward in all ways. We thank Kathryn for her support and innovative use of Amtrykes!

AMBUCS National Conference

Due to COVID this year's conference had to be held online on Sept. 12th. All members were invited to register in advance and could even upload a picture to be used in the online chat room which ran on the right side of the page. The sessions were recorded and each member would join the session to watch the video. The videos are still available online at the address below so anyone who missed the conference can still view the videos. Here's some highlights.

National News: Our Amtryke inventory has been moved to the Bicycle Corporation of America's warehouse and new trikes will be shipped from there. There is some backlog due to various issues but Chapters should continue to order all the Amtrykes they need. Jay Laurens, Chief Executive Officer, listed our current membership as 3,739 Active Members, and 728 Life Members, for a total of 4,509 members in 161 chapters throughout the US. Despite the pandemic we added 8 new chapters this year.

Scholarships: Our national organization gave out \$203,375 to 261 students. The winners were determined by a scholarship committee via 33 hours of Zoom meetings to evaluate each application. 183 students were sponsored by individual chapters.

Awards: Chapter and National awards were given out as usual. GCC earned the rank of Superior Chapter so past president, Renae' Strawbridge will receive a commemorative watch. Some other winners were: *Newsletter*, Edmond OK Chapter; *Visibility*, Greenbucs Chapter; *Community Service*, Edmond, OK. Both of the big awards went to the Springfield, IL Chapter. *Project Manager of the Year* was **Brian Mancini** for chairing the committee for concessions at the IL State Fair. *AMBUC of the Year* was **Trent Thompson**, for his tireless work for his Chapter and the people of Springfield. *Therapist of the Year* was Kourtney Schmidt sponsored by the Clinton, OK and Mountain Metro Chapters. Congratulations to all the winners!

Next Year's conference will be in Louisville, KY on August 25-28, 2021.

View the conference online: <https://www.accelevents.com/e/2020NationalAMBUCSVirtualConference/portal>

Early Childhood School Sensory Garden

Project Leader Scott Price, arranged with the new Urbana Early Childhood School Principal Beth Ladd, to begin the build of the Sensory Garden boxes on September 19th. These boxes will eventually support flowers and veggies planted and maintained by the students, and be visible to them through their classroom windows. Teaching children the enjoyment of working in the soil and seeing something grow by their own hands is a lesson that can't always be learned inside a classroom. Luckily, the school has a perfect center area with sidewalks already in place, plenty of sunshine, with easy access to outside water hookups to maintain the garden. Students in wheelchairs will be able to roll up to the gardens on the existing sidewalks and help with planting, weeding, and harvesting.

Member Keith Jamieson picked up the chapter's ramp build trailer and delivered it to the school. The trailer has all the wonderful tools that anyone would need to aid in building almost anything. Members Bob Lacey and Sally Denhart also showed up to build, and with the help of Beth and some teachers, the first set of boxes came into being. This build took some extra time mostly because we have never built something like this and adjustments to the plans had to be made as things went along. We were only able to build the first set of boxes due to time constraints and that we didn't have quite enough of the donated Trex wood for both sets. We'll finish the second set of boxes sometime in October and the school will then fill the boxes with dirt and create plans for what will be planted and when.

We're glad that member Cris Vowels thought of us for this unique project when her ex-school needed the help. We were happy to do this community project and design it so that students of various abilities could be included in this fun learning experience. Watch for pictures from the second build!



Splinters From the Board

Our Board met at Papa Del's on September 30th. The action items were:

- ==> Donation of \$1,000 to the National William L. White Named Scholarship Program
 - ==> Voted to give \$600 to Disabled Students Organization for their Christmas Party
 - ==> Voted to give \$250 now and \$250 in December to Developmental Services Center Tree of Hope Campaign
 - ==> Voted to give \$400 in December to Camp New Hope and \$400 in the Spring
 - ==> Voted to give \$50 to National in the name of past member Barb Saterfeal
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Tidbits

Past member, Barb Satterfeal, passed away in September. Barb was the long-time companion of member Bud Mesker who passed before her. Together they volunteered at and attended many Chapter events. Our thoughts are with her family.

Big Hat President, Don Dunlap still has National Conference pins for sale, \$5 each. See him soon before they're all gone!

President, Scott Price will be revamping the standing committees soon. Contact him to volunteer to join a committee. The available committees are: AMBUCS Park, Amtryke, Friendship, Information, Membership, Nominating, Ramp, Service, and Social.

Bob Lacey and the AMBUCS Park Committee are working with the Urbana Park District on a 50/50 matching grant for more playground equipment for the Park.

And speaking of Bob Lacey we are proud to announce that he has learned again to use the Big Potty! While building the Sensory Boxes we used the restrooms inside the Early Childhood school. Turns out there are two by the back door, one built for the small kids and one for the adults. Only on the second trip in did Bob notice the adult bathroom.

Winning Chances

9/1/20—50/50: \$7 to Ray Griest; Attendance: \$37 was won by Bob Lacey.

9/8/20—50/50: \$5 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$10 was won by Deb Griest.

9/15/20—50/50: \$5 to Bob Lacey; Attendance: \$11 was won by Renae' Strawbridge.

9/22/20—50/50: \$7 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$14 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.

9/29/20—50/50: \$6 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$26 could have been won by Ray Griest but he was not present.
