

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

## Member Lost - Arlie Saldeen

*One of our senior members, Arlie Saldeen,* passed away this month after a long struggle with his health. He was 87. There will be a funeral service at a later date.

Arlie was a member of AMBUCS for over 60 years, joining first the Champaign Chapter and then transferring to the GCC Chapter later. He brought a unique perspective to our mission of helping people with handicaps since he had been in a wheelchair since he was four years old. Arlie had a tragic accident when he was shot by a neighbor as a little boy. He never let this slow him down and his strength was an inspiration to our members. Arlie had jobs delivering newspapers and shinning shoes in Paxton, IL. He worked for a veterinarian, repaired watches, and sold cars in various dealerships, but his favorite profession was selling real estate and he did that from 1970 until his retirement. For fun, Arlie enjoyed singing barbershop music with the Illini Statesman and was our leader for all the Happy Birthday songs for members each month. His favorite answer to "How you doing?" was, "Getting younger every day!"

Arlie is survived by his girlfriend of 18 years, Pat Webb, who is also a member of our Chapter. (Pat is directly behind Arlie in the third picture below.) He had five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We'll miss you, Arlie, and now you will truly be "Getting younger every day".



## Calendar

March-April—Spring Round Up

Mar. 28—disAbility Expo—  
 RESCHEDULED

Apr. 24-25—Central Region  
 Conference, Bloomington—  
 CANCELED

May 2—Road Rally

May 12—Bike Fitting Day

June 22—Golf Outing

Sept. 19—Scarecrow Festival

Sept. 30-Oct. 3—National Con-  
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Oct. 10—disAbility Expo

## Grants

**Grant writer, Bob Lacey** had some success this month with a \$1,500 grant from Orange Krush and a \$1,000 grant from Rotary West. Great job, Bob!

## Conferences

**Sadly the Spring Conference** has been canceled. If you were already registered you will get a refund soon. If you haven't contact Larry Turrelli, lgturil@yahoo.com to get your refund. If you have registered at the hotel you'll have to call them and cancel.

The **National Conference** is still on track for Louisville, KY, September 30-October 3. National will let us know if there are any changes. Keep it on your calendar!

## Speaker: Trooper Tracy, ISP

**We were honored to have Trooper Tracy** speak with us on March 3rd. In real life she is Tracy Lillard but most people know her as Trooper Tracy on Facebook. She is an active trooper on the roads but is also the Statewide Media Coordinator for the IL State Police. She entertained us with stories of stupid drivers and how she had to remain professional at all times. She also taught us about being safe on the roads. Don't speed; don't be a distracted driver, (put your phones away); don't drive while impaired (drugs or alcohol); wear your seat belts. Chapter President, Renae' Strawbridge is a big fan so we took their picture together. Thanks for all you do, Tracy!



## Charity Golf Outing

**Please keep talking** to people and businesses about playing in the outing and sponsoring a hole or something bigger. People can find the flyer [here](#) or on our Web site. Hole sponsorships help a lot with the fundraising so please talk about the good things their money will do.



## Splinters From the Board

**Our Board didn't meet** in person but we did agree via email to donate \$1,000 to the **Community Foundation's Fund for Covid-19 Relief**.

We still need officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year: President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Sargent at Arms, Big Hat President, BucShot Editor, and two Board Directors. Contact the nominating committee, Keith Jamieson, Deb Griest, Scott Price, Don Dunlap, or Laura Gibbs, if you are interested in filling any of these positions. It's very rewarding to be part of leading this amazing group of people so think about helping to lead.



## Spring Round Up

*March and April* are Spring Round Up months and March is almost over with no new members. Recruiting is an extra challenge with Corvid-19, but you can bring in new members anytime. Once we're meeting again, bring potential new members to a lunch meeting to learn about AMBUCS and consider joining us. Lunch is on us. Then if they join a Full membership is \$35 per month and that includes the cost of lunches. The second level, Associate membership, is just \$15/month but the member must pay \$10 each time they are able to attend a lunch meeting. Our Chapter is very busy and has a lot of opportunities to help but a member does not have to attend all of them; just help out when they can. It's a fun group of people doing good work. Tell your friends!

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## Winning Chances

**3/03/20**—50/50: \$8 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$62 could have been won by Mary Lou Younger but she was not present.

**3/10/20**—50/50: \$5 to Don Dunlap; Attendance: \$73 could have been won by won by Rick Ohmit but he was not present.

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