

## Bar Stool Golf

**January 26th** was the date of our Bar Stool Golf fundraiser. Nine bars in Champaign built a miniature golf hole for our 4-person teams to play and the players rode busses from bar-to-bar playing the holes. Each bar could sign up a maximum of 14 teams before the event. Over the years we've learned that if we have more teams than about 120, we don't have enough time in the day to get all of the players through all of the bars. Event leader, Kyle Moe, with co-leader Steve Gibbs and others, came up with the idea and it worked great! We had 127 teams this year and had the highest percentage of teams finishing that we've ever had, 62%! 80% of the teams turned in a score card and each bar had at least one starting team in the top 10. We were able to move the teams through the bars smoothly which made for less frustrated players and happier worker bees.

This is a very popular event and we have a lot of returning teams. Most of them dress up, like the Green Jackets team who ended up in second place. Teams have special t-shirts made and try to come up with some interesting team names, several of which can't be repeated here. We did have some cute ones like the Puttin' Pugs who wore Pug hats for the day.

We can't say enough thank yous to our players, our sponsors: Koerner Distributors, Starr Limousine, our bars: Huber's, Pipa's Pub, Office II, Pias, Derailed, Pour Bros., Goldy's, Fat City, and Green St. Café, and our members and volunteers who made this all possible! See you all next year! (Pictures by: Andrea Betzler, Ray Griest, Sally Denhart)

### 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



## Cash Bash

**March 2nd** is the date for our next big fundraiser, the Cash Bash. Only 275 tickets will be sold and the top prize is \$7,500! Tickets are \$100 for the raffle and an additional \$25 to attend the dinner. Dinner will be catered by Neimergs and will be served buffet style. There will be 50/50 raffles and card games throughout the night and we plan on giving away an Amtryke so that attendees can see first hand where the funds go.

Tickets can be purchased from any AMBUC member or from event leader, Don Dunlap, 217-202-3061. Members are strongly encouraged to turn in sold tickets and money ASAP so that we know have many still need to be sold. Please take tickets and money to Keith Jamieson's office at Ecowater.



## Lunch Guests



**In January**, we were honored to have guests from Developmental Services Center (DSC) and Wells Fargo. Janis McTeer from DSC came by to thank us for all the support we give to their various events. She told us a little about what DSC is doing these days. Gary Swerington from Wells Fargo stopped by to find out more about what we do after giving us a grant for Amtrykes. Gary is member Kyle Moe's boss.



## disABILITY Expo



**March 30th** the date for the annual disABILITY Expo sponsored by the Champaign County Mental Health and Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Boards. This event provides full access for people with disabilities to information and resources from a wide variety of agencies and organizations. GCC AMBUCS staffs a booth to showcase our Amtrykes and ramp building efforts. Member, Sally Denhart, will organize our participation and will need some volunteers to staff the booth. The event is held at the Vineyard Church in Urbana from 9am to 2pm. Mark your calendars!

## Tidbits

**Kim VanEngelenburg**, has been having some health issues and has been in and out of the hospital. Please send good thoughts and prayers.

**Ray and Deb Griest** took a 3-week vacation starting on the west coast. Their trip began with a backscenes tour of the making of floats for the Rose Parade. They attended the Rose Parade then left for a cruise through the Panama Canal.

**Renae' Strawbridge** missed some of the cold January weather. She was helping a friend celebrate her birthday in Las Vegas.

## Splinters from the Board



The Board of Directors canceled their January meeting due to the Polar Vortex. They did have a special meeting on Jan. 15th. Bob Lacey brought up the opportunity for therapists to attend an Amtryke training session being offered by National. There is a \$75 registration fee and the board voted to pay that fee for any of our therapists who wish to attend.

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## Winning Chances

**1/8/19**—50/50: \$8 to Andy VanEngelenburg; Attendance: \$16 could have been won by Justin Griest but he was not present.

**1/15/19**—50/50: \$9 to Sally Denhart. Attendance: \$33 could have been won by Jill Hord but she was not present

**1/22/19**—50/50: \$12 to Mary Lou Younger; Attendance: \$51 could have been won by Keith Ewerks but he was not present.

**1/29/19**—50/50: \$7 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$66 was won by Larry Windingland.

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