

Love Notes

The newsletter of the Rock River Valley AMBUCS™



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Creating Mobility & Independence
for People with Disabilities

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Mission Statement

AMBUCS™ is dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities by:

- ... Performing community service
- ... Providing AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles to people with disabilities
- ... Providing Scholarships for Therapists



February was a great month for our chapter!

February was Visibility Month; the purpose of the month is to not only reflect on our history and mission, but to make the public aware of Ambucs and the wonderful projects and activities that impact our local communities. For Visibility Month our chapter went to the village of Machesney Park for a proclamation. Also, a proclamation was obtained for the state of Illinois for AMBUCS! We took a video at the February Membership Meeting of the AmTryke Presentation to Angelica Morales. The video will be submitted to national and will be featured on Ambucs.org. Angelica was selected from the National Wish List, and she is our second AmTryke recipient in 2010! February is also the month of our Annual Calendar Raffle. This year was one of our top 4 years with this fundraiser! Thank you to all who helped sell, sell, sell those calendars and, in doing so, helped make this a success. There were 330 calendars sold out of the 400 available. We gave away \$2100 in prizes and raised \$4195.41 for our chapter.

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Spring Conference is just around the corner! Save the date, April 23-24 in Champaign, IL. Spring Conference is a fun and rewarding way to see how our organization operates while also building valuable leadership skills. Spring Conference features a number of important Workshops and various training sessions. Look For more information in next months newsletter.

National Conference is July 7-10 in Naples, FL. At the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Prepare now there is a special room rate of just \$129 per night! There is plenty of fun and Activities for the entire family!

February meeting notes

The February chapter meeting was awesome! We gave away our 2nd Amtryke of the year to Angelica Morales, age 9. Angelica is from Round Lake and attends Larmont School. Angelica was accompanied by her mother and father, Cecilia, a family friend, her old therapist Mary Kelly, and Tim Kelly. Angelica was our first Amtyke recipient from the Illinois Wish List. The next Amtryke donation will also be from the Wish List, working towards our Wipe the Wish List Clean Campaign.

Thank you to Jesus Calvillo for helping translate and speak to Angelica's family.

The Access Services of Northern Illinois Awareness and Resource Fair (formerly The Green Bear Fair) is Saturday March 27th. Brad Shields asked if we should participate again this year. Dave Jahn motioned to participate. Richard Lierman volunteered to handle sign up.

The members in attendance were, Brad Shields, Tracy & Bo Shields, Dave Jahn, Bob Shields, Pam Shields, Christine Zaccaria and guest Lisa Miller, Richard Lierman, Kristina Pando, Linda Black, Linda Pool, Jesus Calvillo, Nick Shields and Richard Larson.



1 Angelica, her parents, and Jesus



2 Richard and Brad getting the right fit



3 Angelica liked her new tryke!!!



A Message from our District Governor, Dave Jahn:

I recently attended the Central Region Executive Meeting at The Lodge at Starved Rock. Several changes are in the works for next year.

1. Annual dues paid to national will be reduced starting in September (subject to approval at the National Convention). Dues will be reduced by \$45 per member a year the first year, with a goal of \$25 per member at the end of 5 years. Also, the new member fee will be reduced from \$25 to \$10.
2. We will no longer have Spring Training for the purpose of "training". It will be up to the Chapters if they want to continue with the Conferences in the spring.
3. The rules for ramp building have also changed. We now do 1/12 incline on our ramps. The new rule (if it passes in July) will be 1/16. That means instead of 1 foot of ramp for every inch we go up, we will have to go 16 inches of ramp for every inch we go up. Longer ramps, more money.

Board Meeting Change

The Board Meetings have been moved to a different night. They are no longer on the first Thursday of the Month. The new day will be Wednesday. We will still be meeting at the Machesney Park Village Hall.

1st Wednesday of every Month!
5:30 Fundraising Meeting
6:00 Board Meeting

Our chapter meetings will still be held the second Thursday of every month.

As always, everyone is encouraged to attend the Fundraising and Board Meetings.

Member Updates:

Congratulations!!!

- Pat Hubly and Dave Cutting were married in February!!!
- Terry Brown has a new grandson, Jeremiah Rudy Brown, born February 17th at 1:58 a.m. He weighs 8lbs 1oz, and is 2 inches in length! He lives in California.
- Brad & Tracy Shields are expecting a new addition to their family.

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Also please welcome our newest member, Lisa Miller. She works at Shields State Farm. Sponsored by me! ☺

Access Services of Northern Illinois Awareness & Resource Fair
Saturday March 27th 10-2

This is the 5th Annual Awareness & Resource Fair to be held at Harlem High School. In former years it was called the Green Bear Fair. The fair is designed for children, adults and families to explore resources and activities for more enjoyable living, for people in our communities to meet their neighbors, for parents who have concerns about their child's development, and to talk to professionals for adults looking for supports or activities within their community. There will be various workshops throughout the day for people to attend. Admission is free. See Richard Lierman if you would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

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| March Membership Meeting | Mar 11 |
| Awareness and Resource Fair | Mar 27 |
| Spring Conference | Apr 23-24 |
| National Conference | July 7-10 |

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Club Member Birthdays

- February ~ None
- March 02 Kristina Pando
- 04 Scott Henderson
- 14 Brad Shields
- 16 Linda Pool
- 17 Dan Schrand
- 22 Robb Hauser

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Club Anniversaries

- February ~ None
- March 1990 Dave Hardy
- 2008 Pam Shields

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