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Creating Mobility & Independence
for People with Disabilities

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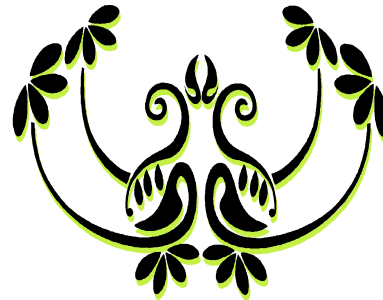
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Mission Statement

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



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June Membership Meeting

Bob & Pam Shields Home

7118 N 2nd Street

Machesney Park, IL 61115

Thursday June 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

Warmer weather is finally here! The June meeting will be our first outdoor meeting of the year. Once again it is time for backyard gatherings, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and FRIENDSHIP with your AMBUCS friends. This meeting is a special event; we intend to give up to 3 AmTrykes! Invite your family and friends to join you and see what we are all about! The Rockford Register Star and local TV stations will also be attending!

Bob and Pam's driveway can be tricky to find if you have not been there before, look for the orange signs!!!

RSVP to Pam Shields 815-621-2412
Or Bob Shields 815-519-9688





1 Lisa Miller being sworn in (April Meeting)



2 Jocelyn Chen's Tryke (April Meeting)



3 Nanjia Yu and her sister with Richard Lierman and Brad Shields at the April Meeting presenting the tryke for Jocelyn Chen.



May Meeting Notes:

At the May meeting we discussed Hot Dog day at Windsor Elementary. This will be a Big Hat Event, members from the School Board as well as the media have been invited. The next meeting will be hosted by Bob & Pam Shields at 6:00 p.m. on June 10th. The meeting start time has been changed to accommodate the 3 families who we hope can come to Rockford from Chicago to receive their AmTryke. Rich Lierman proposed that we offer a \$25 gift card to these families to help offset their expenses.

The Ramp Committee gave an update on their current projects. Dave Jahn and Jim Nordstrom visited a few homes and we will have some ramp repairs and builds coming up soon!

Brad mentioned recruiting! Outdoor meetings are the perfect time and casual atmosphere for bringing a guest and introducing them to AMBUCS. New members are vital to the success of our club.

Dave Jahn volunteered to host the July meeting.

Nominations and Installation of the new slate of officers took place at this month's meeting. Our district governor, Dave Jahn installed the new officers! We have an opening still for Director of Communication on the Board. This person is responsible for distributing communications, emails, and newsletters. The new Board of Directors is:

Christine Zaccaria - President
Richard Lierman - Vice President
Lisa Miller - Secretary
Richard Larson - Treasurer

The members in attendance were: Linda Pool, Richard Lierman, Lisa Miller, Brad Shields, Tracy Shields, Sue Mullins, Dave Jahn, Lisa Miller, Christine Zaccaria, Pat Hubly, Jim Nordstrom, Terry Brown, & Kristina Pando.



June Board Meeting Notes:

Our board meeting location has changed to Shields State Farm, since members of the board do not have access to Machesney Park Village Hall. We discussed the meeting schedule for the next month. Since both the board meeting and the chapter meeting will interfere with National Conference they needed to be rescheduled. The July board meeting will be held Thursday, July 1st, and the chapter meeting will be the third Thursday, July 15th. Our treasurer, Richard Larson presented the financial statement. We went over the current members and the dues owed. Money had to be transferred from the club to cover operations since we have so much outstanding in dues. We also discussed getting members removed so we do not have to pay dues for them next quarter. Richard Lierman requested approval for a poster and donation jar to be located at CJ's Lounge downtown Rockford. The board also approved an Amtryke for a South Beloit child who recently was added to the Illinois Wish List to take the place of one we formerly approved for a Chicago child since that child was donated a used Amtryke. Kristina Pando and Linda Pool attended on behalf of the Amtryke Follow Up Committee and presented a postcard for approval to be sent to former Amtryke recipients. The members in attendance were Christine Zaccaria, Brad Shields, Richard Lierman, Kristina Pando, and Linda Pool.



3rd Annual Golf Par-Tee & Cookout

**Atwood Homestead Golf Course and Willow Grove Shelter
August 7, 2010**

Tee times start at 12:00

There are 10 tee times reserved

Golf \$22 Split Cart \$10

Social Hour 6 p.m.

Dinner 7 p.m.

Non golfing members, spouses & significant others,
and guests are welcome.

Golf Reservations are due by Friday, July 30th

Dinner Reservations are due by Thursday, August 5th

RSVP to Dave Jahn (815)636-8556

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Choice of New York Strip or
Large Boneless Skinless
Chicken Breast
Baked Potato
Green Bean Casserole
Fresh Marinated Mushrooms
Salad
Rolls & Butter
Dessert

\$12 per person~dinner



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting	June 2
Chapter Meeting	June 10
Board Meeting	July 1
Independence Day	July 4
National Conference	July 7-10
Chapter Meeting	July 15
Golf Par-Tee	Aug 7

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Club Member Birthdays

Gary Kuhls	June 9
Paul Slabaugh	June 13
Pat Hubly	June 18
Richard Larson	June 24
Jesus Calvillo	June 28
Kimball Higgins	July 1
Bob Shields	July 8

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Club Anniversaries

Richard Larson	June 1981
Terry Brown	June 1983
Brad Shields	July 2007
Tracy Shields	July 2007

AUGUST 2010						
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National Tidbits:

This month, the AMBUCS chapters in Lawton, Oklahoma are teaming together to build a Miracle League ball field for children with disabilities in their area. To support this campaign, you can cast your vote at <http://www.refresheverything.com/miracleleaguelawtonfortsill>

In addition, there is a new webpage that lists all of the other Pepsi grant campaigns that are officially supported by AMBUCS: <http://www.ambucs.org/otherpepsigrantseekers/>

AMBUCS is happy to welcome the new Northeast chapter into our organization, marking the eleventh new chapter that has joined AMBUCS in 2009-10.

This chapter will be based in Salem, New Hampshire and was officially chartered on May 24, 2010 with eight members.