

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

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Presidents Message...

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to the ramp build last Saturday. We had an awesome turnout. There were 10 members present to lend a hand! Check out the photos on the last page of this month's newsletter or plan to attend the next meeting to see all the photos. The best part about the whole day was watching the gentleman who lived in the home, who was in a motorized wheelchair peer out the front door of his home trying to catch a glimpse of what his ramp was going to look like. Eventually he came out onto the deck of the ramp and watched as we worked, thanking us and talking to us. He is so grateful. These are the moments that are what Ambucs are all about! Thank you to all who attended and in advance to all who plan to attend to finish the ramp this Saturday.

September was a busy month, we hosted an Amtryke Workshop, and we presented an Amtryke to Jesus Lopez in Chicago and delivered another to Schwab Rehabilitation for Jose Gomez, built a ramp, and attended Fall Conference in Danville. See back page for photos.

October 1st began the national membership drive we know as Branding Time. Branding Time goes through November 30th. In order to continue helping people in our community it is vital for us to get some new members!

November we are having a shopping event fundraiser, December we have our Christmas Party, and from now until then we will also be working on the February Calendars. More details are in the newsletter and forthcoming.

It takes all of us as members to create this chapter we call the Rock River Valley Ambucs. All of our time and commitment are what allow us to help others. Helping others is what it is all about. No matter how small the task, being a part of this club matters, and it feels good to be a part of something that does good things in the community. Hope to see you at one of the upcoming meetings!!!

Christine



October Board Meeting Notes

Richard Larson, Richard Liermann and Christine Zaccaria were in attendance. Richard Lierman presented a check from CJ's Lounge in Rockford. They have an AMBUCS donation jar in their establishment. So far we have collected \$50. We may set up additional donation jars and locations. Richard Larson gave the treasurers report. Due notices will be mailed on Friday and will include the newsletter. Active members need to pay their dues and inactive members need to be dropped or converted to Friends Members. A motion was made to change the board meeting day back to the original day, the first Thursday of every month. Hopefully this will boost attendance as well. The February Calendars have been printed and will be discussed at the next meeting. Approval was given for a Christmas Shopping Fundraiser to take place in November; this will also be presented at the next chapter meeting. We had a short and very productive board meeting.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on December 4th at Olive Restaurant in Machesney Park again this year. More details to come!

February Calendars

Volunteers are needed to handle the February Calendar raffle! The calendars are printed and ready to go! We brought some to the Fall Conference and sold a couple already.

October Membership Meeting
Thursday Oct 14th
Sam's Restaurant
Harlem Road, Machesney Park

Cocktails & Social 6:00 pm
Dinner & Meeting 6:30 pm

Fall is upon us and we will be moving indoors for our monthly meetings once again. But even though it is getting cooler outside, we can still have a meeting at a members home if anyone is interested in hosting. Let me know. Volunteers are needed so if you are looking to help out and participate, this is a must attend meeting! I look forward to seeing you there. Guests welcome! Please RSVP to Christine.zaccaria.qykd@statefarm.com if you are planning on attending.

National Big Hat Raffle Tickets

At the Fall Conference we were given 10 raffle tickets for the 2010 National Big Hat Raffle. One grand prize winner will be able to select from three different prize options, each valued at \$4,500. The prizes are a travel package, jewelry, or a grandfather clock. Tickets are just \$25 and I will have them at the chapter meetings for sale. They are on sale through next year's National Conference in Memphis. Let me know if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket.

November Shopping Fundraiser Event

We will be hosting a fundraiser November 20th at the First Presbyterian Church, 406 N. Main Street in Rockford. Details are yet to be decided on, but here are the basics. We will invite various home party and craft vendors to have a booth/table. There will be gift wrapping available for donations, raffles, silent auction, refreshments, etc. Registration fee for vendors will be \$25 and we will share this 50/50 with the church. Vendors are also required to donate an item or gift basket of equal value for our raffle/auction. Bring your ideas and/or contacts with you to the chapter meeting! This will be a fun Christmas Shopping Event that will require little work on our part and help raise a little money and have a little shopping fun!

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting	Oct 14 th
Ramp Build ~ Part 2	Oct 9 th
November Board Meeting	Nov 4 th
November Chapter Meeting	Nov 11 th
Christmas Shopping Fundraiser	Nov 20 th
Thanksgiving	Nov 25
December Board Meeting	Dec 2 nd
December Chapter Meeting	Dec 9 th
Christmas	Dec 25

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Cecil Kennington
05	Joe Geraghty
15	Christine (Tina) Zaccaria
16	John Stenerson
18	Paul Slabaugh
24	Sue Mullins
1978	Wilbert Mayer
1979	Dennis Leslie
1983	Jim Nordstrom
1988	Paul DeBruyne
2000	Sue Mullins
2004	Trish Betz
2008	Chris Shields

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Photo Gallery



Pennsylvania Avenue Ramp



Harlem Road Ramp



Harlem Road Ramp



Jesus Lopez Amtryke



He is posing for his picture!



Jesus with his family