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THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

It's February already! The year is moving fast as always. Not a lot of activity during the winter months. And with all the snow we are getting, February may be slow also.

Socials - The "re-gifting" Social was held on January 7, 2011. Al and Deanna were gracious hosts at their home. It was still decorated for Christmas, and there was fresh snow falling too. The food was great and the re-gifting exchange was enjoyed by all. Two new members were sworn in: Dennis Wentworth and Phani Aytam.



National Conference – The AMBUCS™ National Conference for 2011 is July 20-23 in Memphis, TN. This is within driving distance. If you have never attended the National Conference before, consider this opportunity to attend. It is a good chance to meet AMBUCS™ from all over the country, attend some great training sessions, and have fun in Memphis.

Pancake Breakfast – Work has begun on the annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast to be held in April. Details to follow. This is our chapters' only fundraiser, so we need to sell lots of tickets this year.



Scholarships – Students now can apply for scholarships for the coming year. If you know someone who might qualify, contact Pete Hettinger if you need more info. Or go to our website to find more info.

We have had a good start to the 2010/2011-year – let's keep up the good work of "providing mobility and independence for people with disabilities".

Denny



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, February 19, 2011

Time: 7:15 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting - **NEW LOCATION**

When: Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

Well, we got a little cooperation from Mother Nature in January... and got two ramps built! We had some snow welcoming us on a Friday morning in Bloomington when we built a 30 ft. ramp for Sherry Healy's mother. They had just purchased a new trailer but no ramp... so the ramp was a crucial part of being able to live in their new home. Even though we slipped around a bit and had to dust off the snow flakes, we got the ramp done well before noon. Just another average day in the life of our AMBUCS™ volunteers!



On another Saturday in January, we also gathered at the home of Mr. Jack Ingold in Bloomington to build a smaller ramp inside his garage. We had plenty of volunteers, including many of the students from the Diversity Project, and we finished the ramp in record time, as well. The railing looked great... along the wall, as well... and Jack won't have any problem getting in and out of his home from now on. I think this is one of the best looking ramps we've built in a long time... Thanks, everyone!



Now, we just need a little more cooperation from Mother Nature... and a little less snow!.. and we'll be fine. We're not planning any ramps for February... due to the wonderful weather we've been having... so enjoy the winter months and the snow, for now... and I'll keep you posted on future ramps we have to build. Thanks, again, to everyone who has been a part of our ramp-building team... we have certainly made a difference in the lives of people with disabilities in our community!

See ya' at the ramps... in the spring!...

Bill McHie

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**Notes from Al...**

AmTrykes®

Along with the weather our AmTryke® activity was a little cool. We did not directly deliver any new AmTrykes® to anyone. We did help Normal West assemble the AM 1420 Pro-Series the school ordered and purchased for their use at the school with multiple students.

We have one young person from McLean who attends Olympia High School on our waiting list for a bike this spring.

The new electronic AmTryke® store is now available at AMBUCS™.com. Also, there are several new AmTryke® training videos just waiting to be viewed. Please take a moment and take a look at our National Website.

If you are aware of any person, child or adult, who could benefit from one of our bikes please let me know.

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