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THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Larry Turilli)



Happy New Year!! 2012 is here, and things are heating up for the Cornbelt AMBUCS™. After a quiet Holiday Season, we've suddenly got a lot of things happening at the same time. Here's a quick look at who's doing what right now in Cornbelt AMBUCS™!!!!

Pete Hettinger is heading up our Scholarship Committee. The application period for Therapist Scholarships is open. If you know a Therapist-in-Training, make sure they

know about AMBUCS™ and our Scholarship Program. You can help them get in touch with Pete using information found on our website, www.cornbeltambucs.org.

Speaking of our award winning web site, look for it to get a major facelift in February. Denny Strauss has been working hard on an upgrade that will make our site even more informative and make it easier for people to find the information they need, just in time for AMBUCS™ Visibility Month in February.

Vicki Strauss is working on our next club social event. We work hard as a club. It's time to get together as a club and play a little. Look for details in an upcoming email and on our website calendar soon.

I'm working on our Annual Pancake Breakfast. You're all familiar with this. You'll get info on our breakfast in next month's Newsletter and in your mailbox sometime in February.

Don Stogsdill is heading up a new fundraising effort. Look for Don to find a way for us to get together and have a little fun, and turn a few hours some evening into cash we can use to put some deserving young child on an AmTryke®.

That's a lot of Cornbelt AMBUCS™ activity, and it doesn't include the ramp work that Bill McHie and Brian Burcham lead or the AmTryke® work that Al Bedell does each and every month.

Look at all the folks involved in Cornbelt AMBUCS™ work. There's so much going on. Find a place to pitch in. Watch the newsletter and check the web site for updated status on all the activity above. Contact someone above and get involved. It's a great time to be a Cornbelt AMBUCS™!!!!

Larry Turilli



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012
 Time: 7:15 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 4, 2012
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp builders -

Can you believe it!... two ramps in one day!... for two young students with disabilities... and right before Christmas... so they can get out and enjoy the holidays with everyone else! Now, that's what I call "making a difference"!

We certainly appreciate all the volunteers that came out in December... to remove a ramp on a Friday and build two ramps on Saturday! The Ermantrout family donated their entire ramp back to our organization... to be used in memory of Sue... to help us build two ramps for two young ladies with disabilities. Ms. Robdelo was the first recipient as we started our ramp building that Saturday morning. We had plenty of help, including the Diversity Project Scholars, again... and as you can see, there were plenty of smiles at the end of the project... along with a ramp at her new home in Bloomington.



Well, we didn't stop there... we loaded up more materials and headed to Lake Bloomington and built a ramp for the Merrill family that same afternoon. The weather was great!... and we even had some great refreshments! As you can see, we got more smiles and another nice looking ramp completed... and just in time for Christmas! (I'm not sure that Santa could have done both ramps that quick!)



I hope everyone realizes the magnitude of the gift that they provided for these two families, today. Thanks, again to all our volunteers who have helped us throughout the year. Enjoy the holidays!... I'm sure these two young ladies will!...

Thanks, again, and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Notes from Al...



AmTrykes®

Just prior to the school Christmas break this year several Cornbelt members traveled to Stevenson school to meet with past Cornbelt Therapist of the Year, Karen Klein and present a wonderful Christmas present. Melikte was so excited and adapted to the bike immediately.

From the pictures below it is difficult to tell whether Melikte or her mother were more excited when the bike was presented. Karen and the mother both indicated the AmTryke® will provide her with the opportunity to ride a bike. The bike will provide her with more exercise, improved motor planning and coordination. The Amtryke® will also help her to constructively use her extra energy. As you can tell Melikte is a beautiful girl with lots of energy.



We also received a wonderful thank you card from Melikte's volunteer grandparents, Peggy and Mark Swerdlik. They said, "On behalf of Melikte and her mother we want express their sincere gratitude for the gift of the bike. Melikte has lots of energy and the bike is perfect for her to ride off some of that energy. The bike was certainly a true gift of Christmas. Her mom could not afford such a wonderful present. We are so appreciative and look forward to many bike rides around our neighborhood for Melikte."

Again, the AmTryke® was a great gift and this one will get lots of use. Thanks again for all your help.

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