

Pack the Place - Janet Myers

AmTrykes were featured during the meeting with the display of 5 different AmTrykes, a slide show of photos from the National's Rodeo AmTryke giveaway in Kansas City and a video explaining the AmTryke program and why it is so important for the therapeutic aspect as well as children being able to be children riding bikes.

As always, sniffles could be heard around the room from several afterwards. Launie Morgan, AmTryke Coordinator, spoke of her enthusiasm for the AmTryke and how truly she enjoys being an AMBUC. This being a time to increase membership, she stated that AMBUCS is looking for members who want to be involved and that every member needs to give 110%.

She encouraged all guests to become members to enjoy the rewards of helping children with disabilities. Donna Carlton-Vish wrapped up the meeting by showing each AmTryke, explaining the various features of each. She also asked that everyone stop and take a look at our District's Mobile Trailer in the parking lot that is used to transport Trykes and equipment to various sites in the District.

Branding Time (a National membership drive from October 1 to November 30)

In brief, 1 Point for Attendance for every Noon meeting attended; 2 Points for bringing a prospective member to a meeting; 5 Points (+ a Spur from National) for sponsoring each new member; 10 Bonus Points (+ Branding Iron and a BIG HAT from National) for sponsoring 3 new members (that's 25 Points for 3 members); and 50 Points for asking 10 people to join (and be eligible for National Contest via web form).

Small Prizes will be awarded each week to the member who brings a guest and to each guest in attendance. The member with the most points on November 29 will be given 1 year free membership from June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 to correspond with their current membership type. Each new member will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

Prizes will be awarded during the December 6 meeting. Good Luck, Everyone!!! Start asking your friends and business associates to join AMBUCS today!

Holiday Parade of Lights

The Holiday Parade of Lights will be November 16. We would like to get some volunteers to be in the parade, particularly a truck to pull the trailer and a few kids to ride AmTrykes along the route. AND we will have an impromptu social on Wednesday, November 15, with food and drinks for a minimal cost to decorate the trailer with lights, location to be decided later.

Sprayground for Everyone

Bob Richard is soliciting volunteers to be on the Committee. Your job, in part, will be to help raise funds and be involved in the final design process. Signup sheets will be available at the next few meetings or you can call or email Bob and let him know.

The AMBUCS Sprayground for Everyone partnership with the City has finally been announced publicly!!! Bob Richard and Bill Fulton, as well as Pat & Andy Phillips and Janet Myers, were present during the October 17th City Council meeting to announce and display drawings of what the park will look like.

\$50,000 has already been committed (which includes the club's \$20,000) for the projected \$125,000 project. Several grant applications have been mailed out and members are now asked to become Century Club Members for a \$100 donation. Plans are to have all funding by March or April, begin construction in April and have the park opened by June 2007.

Guests

Pat Chantos & Mary Chantos were guests of Dale Fitzpatrick, Cherie Turner and John Paul Hart were guests of Lon Henderson, Cher Pollock and Pat Yapp were guests of Pat Phillips, Rebekah York was guest of Amber Oxner and Lisa Reed was guest of Janet Myers.

General Announcements

John Hegg with First Illinois Credit Union was recognized as a new member (sponsored by Bob Richard in January 2006) and given a membership pin and packet.

A Welcome to AMBUCS dinner and orientation will be held in November and new members since July 2005, their spouses and sponsors will be invited to attend. Bill Garrison, Chairman, will be finalizing plans and sending out invitations soon.

Another donation from Ford Gum & Machine Company, Inc. for third quarter sales from gumball machines was received of \$290.00!

The Gao Grotto presented AMBUCS with a certificate for sponsoring a hole for their Golf Scramble that raised \$6,000 for Cerebral Palsy.

Attendance at Noon Meetings has averaged 20 members since June. That doesn't say too much about a membership of almost 100! Everyone needs to take an hour break from work and have a bite to eat. This is not only good to nourish the body, it also is GREAT for the mind. When you take a break, you are energized to go back and finish the day. Take a break and join us!

Fall Raffle

The raffle generated about \$17,000 and will be used to fund our Summer Camp program next year. THANKS to Curt Ellis and Pat Phillips for their dedication and hard work in making this another successful event. Thanks also to all who bought tickets, sold tickets, collected door prizes, donated door prizes, volunteered to work the event and/or attended the dinner.