

Love Notes

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Creating Mobility & Independence
for People with Disabilities

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President's Message by Pat Hubly

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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It is said we are known by the company we keep. Well, I've been keeping company with some pretty heady people these last many months; people who have set aside hours and days of their time to try to make life better for others. People who have stepped up and done amazing things to meet the needs and challenges of persons with disabilities. People who have built ramps, served hot dogs to the Special Ed children, attended board, committee and membership meetings, researched and ordered AmTrykes, adjusted and fitted AmTrykes to the recipients, manned booths at fairs, rang bells at Christmas, held meetings at their homes, sold Pot of Gold calendars, bought tickets and attended the Big Hat raffle, ordered flowers and sent cards to our ill or bereaved members, read through dozens of scholarship applications and interviewed the same number of applicants, gathered silent auction items and door prizes. There are those who month in and month out prepare financial statements and secretary reports, write, publish, print and mail the newsletter, bring the name badges and American flag to the meetings. Some of these same people attend conventions and conferences in distant and not so distant places and have a fun time doing it. Still others contribute by their donations and dues, and maintaining their membership in this, the greatest service club around. Everyone, every single member of our club, has something of importance and value to contribute. Have you ever stopped to think about just how much we do accomplish ***Shoulders Together!***

This 2008-2009 club year we have built five ramps, given away five AmTrykes, provided 100% Living Endowment support for the Scholarships for Therapists-Scholars program. We held successful fundraisers. Our club grew from 31 members to 51 members as of May 15, 2009. We changed the name of our club to Rock River Valley effective June 1, 2009. These are just a few of the many accomplishments Loves Park AMBUCS have had.

What an awesome ride it has been! Thank you everyone for being the hard working, devoted AMBUCS that you all are, and for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your president. ***AMBUCS, you ROCK!***

Spring Conference was well attended by chapter members. Here you see Brad at President's training. Smart!



Pat, Bo, Brad, Dar, Tracy, Rich and Linda at Spring Conference in Bloomington. Fun!!

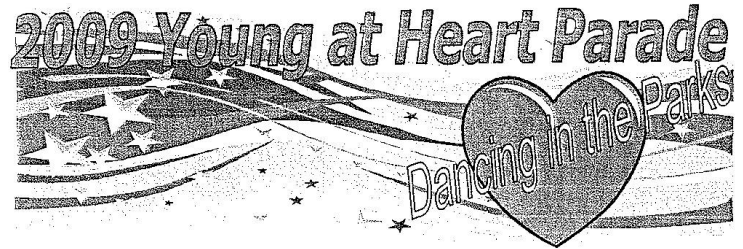


April meeting notes

April's meeting was combined with the Spring Roundup Invitation to ... event. The evening began with a round of Human Bingo as an icebreaker.

During the business meeting portion, a motion was made to change the name of our club from Loves Park AMBUCS to Rock River Valley AMBUCS. Motion was seconded and passed with only one dissenting vote.

Several members presented short overviews of our club activities to the numerous guests in attendance: Terry Brown, Ramps; Robb Hauser, AmTrykes; Chris Shields, Scholarships for Therapists; Joe Geraghty, Socials; Angie Hauser, Fundraising; Jim Nordstrom, Big Hat; and Brad Shields explained the dues structure. As a result of our efforts, we now have six new members!



AMBUCS – IT'S PARADE TIME!

The Young-at-Heart Parade is this Saturday, May 23rd. We have talked about being in it for years...so this is our year. Can you just imagine! The NEW Rock River Valley AMBUCS (the old Loves Park AMBUCS) have been invited to participate. How exciting! Us marching down North Second Street passing out candy to the delight of kids and parents!

Put on your dancing (walking) shoes and join us. Get out your wagons; put your children, grandchildren, pets in them or ride our trailer float and have FUN with us! We will also have an AmTryke on display. Any more ideas or suggestions, call Pam Shields at 815/633-3466.

Donuts and drink will be provided at 8 am. Line up is from 8 - 9 am in the Woodward Governor parking lots. Come on out and let's have some fun! See U there!

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May meeting and member & officer installation

Everyone must know by now that the May meeting is Thursday, May 21st at Ciao Bella (formerly Basil Café), 6500 East Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, beginning at 6:30 pm with dinner served at 7 pm. Guests are welcome and encouraged. All members' dinners are free of charge; price for guest is \$16.50, tax and tip included. There will be an AmTryke presentation and induction of new members as well as installation of new officers. Greg Ferris, Central Region Director, will be in attendance to handle installation duties and to bring us up-to-date information from National and the upcoming Reno conference. Come listen to what our new president, Brad Shields, has to tell us about his plans for this AMBUC year. You won't want to miss it!

