

## Amtrykes

**On December 5th,** three AMBUCS, Scott Price, Bob Lacey and Sally Denhart, along with four therapists held an Amtryke Fitting Day at the Carle Clinic North Lincoln building in Urbana. Carle therapist, Earl Martin, had been working with Amtryke Ambassador, Scott Price, on the plan for a while. Top priority for Carle Clinic, and us, was the safety of the therapists and the people coming in. We cleaned all the Amtrykes we used before we started and between each use. Masks and hand sanitizer was in abundance and all were safe!

Four children and one adult tried out the different models of Amtrykes and our Chapter placed the orders soon after the event. We hope to receive the trikes soon and we'll assemble them as soon as possible.

Big thanks to Carle Clinic for allowing us to have this event! And thanks to Earl Martin and the other therapists who gave up part of their Saturday to make sure these great kids and adult will continue to move forward with their therapy!

Here's some pictures from the day.



Scott had a refurbished, side-steer adult Amtryke so he was able to deliver it to Denise, the one adult who attended the fitting. Here's Denise on her new Amtryke. Thanks much, Scott, for keeping our mission moving while keeping our costs down!



## Tidbits

**Member Judy Dramsted** wants to thank us for her birthday card and all the good wishes. She spent her birthday at their house in Mexico where they take Covid very, very seriously! Temperatures taken everywhere; hand sanitizer required; you must step on disinfectant mats before entering grocery stores, and the number of people allowed in at a time is strictly limited. Just the same, she and Steve kept to themselves and only had a few meals at an open-air restaurant near their home.



## 2021 Events

**Well, there aren't any.** Sadly, most events have been canceled. Our Board and Event Leaders are working on some ways to move forward with our fundraising and community service. Here's some information from our leaders:

**Kyle Moe, (Barstool Golf)** "Due to the current environment, Barstool 2021 will not be taking place this year within its regularly scheduled timeframe. If things change significantly for the better, we may entertain a Barstool event this summer—I am sure the bars would welcome the business! This, however, will depend entirely on the state of the virus, local restrictions, and is not guaranteed by any means. We will continue to monitor and keep everyone updated. Stay safe and support your local businesses if possible. Thanks!"

**Cris Vowels, (Challenger League)** "The Tom Jones Challenger League board is meeting via zoom on January 19th to plan for summer ball—or as best we can do with whatever limitations are in place. Will keep AMBUCS up-to-date as decisions and plans are made."

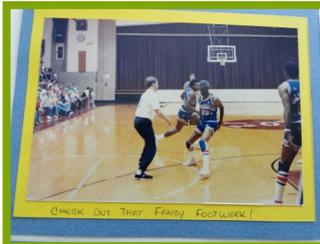
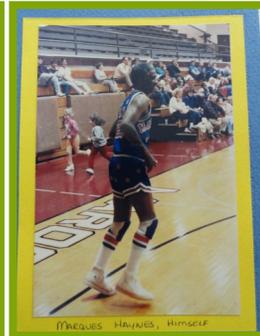
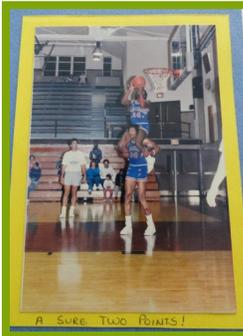
**Sally Denhart, (disAbility Expo)** "Plans for the disAbility Expo in 2020 were first postponed and then canceled. The event organizers kept working and exploring possibilities and have come up with a way to host the event virtually. On December 8th I recorded a 1 minute intro listing all of the things we do which will be played before the virtual event on January 21st. After the intro, exhibitors will host chat rooms for attendees to ask questions. Several representatives from our Chapter can be in the chat room answering questions. Here's hoping this event is as popular as the in-person one!"

**Renaë' Strawbridge and Larry Windingland, (Amtryke Road Rally)** "Plans are on hold for the Road Rally until events are allowed inside in an effort to protect both kids, their families, and our Chapter members."



## From the Editor

**Last month I shared some pictures** from one of the two scrapbooks found in our small storage unit. The second one was from 1987-1988 and showcased some fundraisers, meetings, community service, and the regional and national conferences. One of the fundraisers was a basketball game between a team of AMBUCS members and local media, against the Harlem Magicians featuring Marquette Haynes, former Harlem Globetrotter. The rules for the night were in the old Globetrotters style with lots of fun, silliness, and potential humiliation of the AMBUCS team. The game was played at Champaign Central High School and tickets were \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All the proceeds benefited the Crisis Nursery. Marquette declined to give his age in an interview given that month, but at the time he had been playing b-ball for over 66 years! That's Marquette in the 4th picture below. The final score of the game was not part of the scrapbook but it's a safe bet that the Magicians won the day!



## Splinters From the Board

**The Board did not meet this month** but acted via email on two items:

- ==> Voted to give our Urbana Gardens waitress, Dee, some funds to help replace her lost tips
- ==> Voted to allow use of the ramp trailer for a special build

## Winning Chances

**No meetings**—no wins!