



Rock River Valley Ambucs
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Greetings Fellow Ambucs,

Happy New Year! This past year was full of many exciting moments, including: a build on April 23 and big giveaway on April 30th where we gave away our 100th Amtryke; 45-year award ceremony for members Bill Dredge and Bob Shields; made it onto the local news stations; participated in the Rock River Run event and Trunk or Treat event at Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum; bell ringing with the Salvation Army; and ended the year with a fun-filled Christmas party!

In 2022, we created new chapter brochures, was interviewed on 2 local news channels, donated \$800 to the "Overnight Café" (for the homeless), and successfully upgraded our website to include PayPal options.

Although there is still a delay on the orders for Amtrykes, we are able to continue to place orders. We are currently waiting on one Amtryke for our Spring Build. The Second First Church in Rockford is storing bikes for us until the giveaway.

If you know of anyone in need of an Amtryke, please be sure to have them contact us so we can get the order placed! We still have one more recycled Amtryke left to giveaway (size: small 1410). If you or anyone you know would like to help with our recycle program, please let me know.

Ramp building is now on hold until the spring. If you are interested in helping with ramp building in 2023, please be sure to contact Dave Jahn or Jim Nordstrom.

Our Calendar Raffle is in its final month! If you haven't purchased your tickets, now is the time to do so. Tickets are on sale until January 31st. In 2021, we raised \$6,016. In 2022, we raised \$3,553. Tickets must be sold and turned into Lisa Miller by January 31st. If you need more tickets to sell, please don't hesitate to reach out!

We will hold our next meeting in person at Stockholm Inn at 5:30pm on January 12th. Please RSVP to Dave Jahn if you will be in attendance. I hope you all continue to stay in good health and have a fantastic new year!

Ann Hochmann

Check us out at www.rockrivervalleyambucs.com!

Mission Statement

Inspiring people to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence, through a nationwide network of volunteer chapters, working in partnership with physical, occupational and speech therapists; by providing Amtryke adaptive trikes, scholarships for therapists and many forms of community service.

President: Ann Hochmann
Vice President: Dave Jahn
Past President: Rich Lierman

Secretary: Jim Nordstrom
Treasurer: Dick Larson
Media Coordinator: Samantha Hochmann

NATIONAL NEWS

Q: Interested in meeting the National AMBUCS President?

A: Join us on January 12th, where National AMBUCS President Carmela Davis will join us for our meeting!

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Q: What is the Calendar Raffle?

A: This is an annual fundraiser our chapter hosts every year from November through January. Tickets are \$20 each, and every ticket sold is entered into a raffle drawing. The names will be pulled on February 1st, with prizes given away for every day in February. Prizes range from \$50-\$500. Each ticket sold is an opportunity to be entered in for all 28 days of prizes.