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Greetings Fellow Ambucs,

2023 is already off to an exciting start! We had a successful February Calendar Raffle fundraiser. Our fundraiser had a net profit of \$4,633! Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual event. A full list of winners is now posted on our website.

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, and we just received a new referral. The Second First Church in Rockford is storing bikes for us until the giveaway. We will need to discuss a potential date for our Spring Build & Giveaway at our upcoming meeting.

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.

We have received 2 ramp build referrals. If you are interested in helping with ramp building in 2023, please be sure to contact Dave Jahn or Jim Nordstrom.

During our Calendar Raffle, we sold 352 tickets! This is more than we sold last year, and the proceeds will go a long way to helping our chapter. We want to give a huge thanks to State Farm, Bob & Chris Shields, and Lisa Miller for all the work and effort that went into this program!

We will hold our next meeting in person at Stockholm Inn at 5:30pm on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Dick Larson will be presenting on his attendance with Vets Roll, and you're not going to want to miss it! 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 month!

Ann Hochmann

Check us out at [www.rockrivervalleyambucs.com](http://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.**

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Vice President: Dave Jahn  
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Secretary: Jim Nordstrom  
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### **NATIONAL NEWS**

**Q:** How can I participate in AMBUCS on a larger scale?

**A:** The next Central Regional Conference will be held in Springfield, IL on April 21-22. RRVA Chapter members will receive details in a separate email shortly. If you are interested in attending, please let us know!

### **RRVA AMBUCS TRIVIA**

**Q:** Where do our referrals come from?

**A:** Amtryke referrals can come from a variety of sources. We mainly receive these referrals from hospital therapists; however, we also receive many from school therapists and private therapists. Therapist referrals are important, because they are able to help us determine the type of tryke needed as well as the appropriate size for the child.