

Greenebucs Monthly Newsletter



National President - Donna Carlton-Vish

August 2024



Greenebucs Chapter of Ambucs,
Greene County Ohio
Meets at Lofinos Center, 3868 Dayton-Xenia Rd.
Beavercreek Ohio
3rd Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

Mission

Our club's mission is to provide help, and support for people/children with disabilities throughout our community.

2024 Greenebucs Officers

Louise Gibson - President
Julia Hall - Vice President
Tracy Jaudon - Treasurer
Sandy Zimmerman - Secretary
Pat Buckholt - Big Hat President

National/District Officers

Donna Carlton-Vish - President
Gordon Shaw - President Elect
Jud Freeman - Mid States Director
AMBUCS CEO - Jessica Wall

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Don't Forget These Dates

August 14 - Board Meeting. S. Zimmerman's

August 21 - Membership Meeting, Lofino's Plaza

August 29 - Social @ Great Council St. Park

September 28 - Buddy Walk, Fairborn Community Park

Plaque Presentation to Indian Lake Moose Lodge

On August 7th four Greenebucs made the trip to Indian Lake to present the Indian Lake Moose Lodge a plaque in appreciation of their past and ongoing support of Greenebucs and our mission.

Over the years Indian Lake Moose has been a staunch supporter of our Chapter, giving money for Amtrykes and championing our mission the the members of the Lodge.

Greenebucs greatly appreciates their support and wanted to present them with a small token of appreciation. President Louise Gibson, VP Julia Hall, and Board Members Gussie Jones and Chuck Gibson were on hand for the presentation.



Tour Great Council State Park

Join your fellow Greenebucs on a guided tour of Ohio's newest State Park celebrating the Indigenous Peoples who lived and worked here before, during and after Europeans arrived in the area. August 29, 5:45 PM at the Great Council State Park.

July Membership Meeting Speaker

Our Speaker at the July Membership Meeting was Cherie Dixon from Violence Free Futures. Cherie gave an overview of the organization, it's history, it's mission and how the organization impacts the community and the lives of the people it serves. We all came away with a better understanding of the important services this organization provides to our community.



[Violence Free Futures Website](#)

2024 National Conference

AMBUCS 102nd National Conference concluded Saturday August 3rd 2024 in Tulsa Oklahoma.

It is impossible to convey all the information, education, socialization, and fun that is a part of our National Conference. You come away with a new outlook, and reinvigorated to strive even harder to fulfil our commitment to the mission. Every Greenebuc should start making plans for Des Moines IA next year.

First Impressions

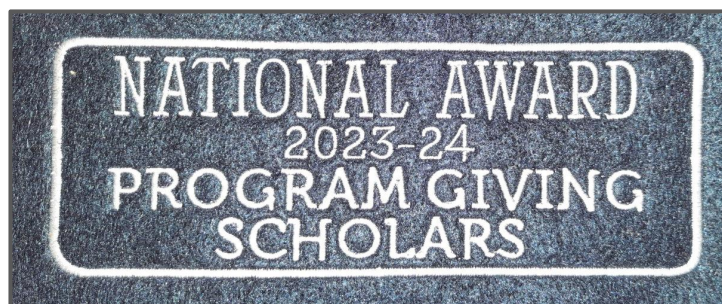
Tulsa was Hot! Temperatures hovered in the high 90's and low 100's most days. Our hotel was very nice both in the amenities, conference rooms and guest rooms. AMBUCS staff, Conference Planners and Volunteers should be commended for an excellent job.

While only 4 Greenebucs made the trip I think we represented our Chapter in an exemplary manner.

National Conference News

We got Patches!

We were awarded a number of patches for our accomplishments in the previous year.



Thanks to Past President Leti Hall, Past Vice-President Karen Lampton, Directors, Chairpersons, and Members for working so hard to achieve these honors.

National Conference News

Wednesday found us arriving at the conference, getting registered and attending the Opening Night Dinner. Our guest speaker for the evening was Sean Lewis a young man that has worked to thrive despite his challenges. Sean's motto is 'You Just Have to Find Another Way'. and Sean gave us a speech inspiring all of us to Find Another Way. Sean can be contacted through his website [Rolling with Sean Lewis](#) After dinner, there was plenty of socializing, music and dancing. It was a great evening.



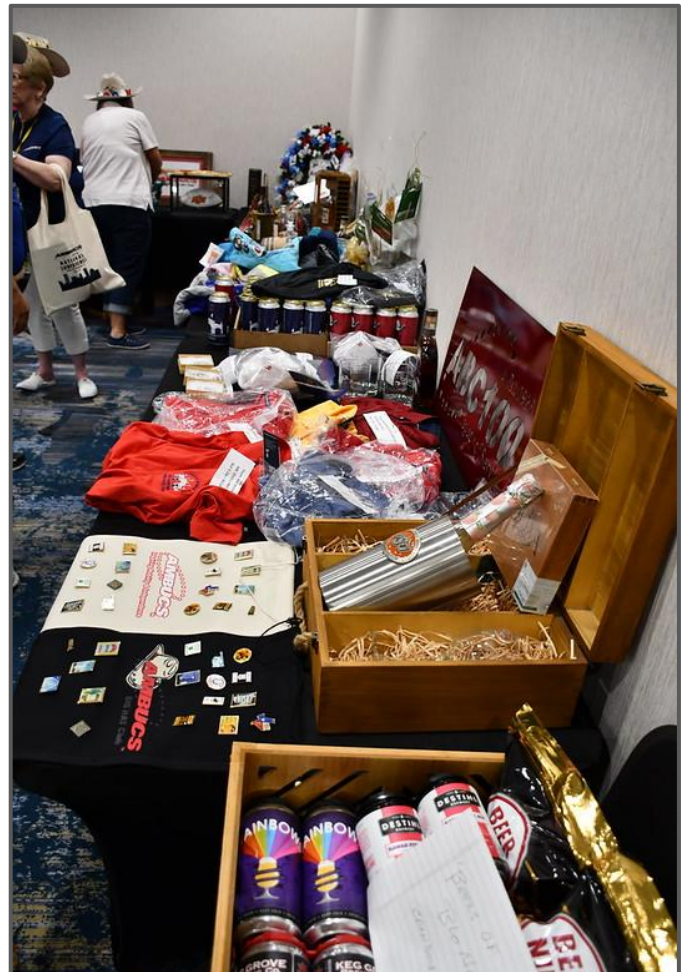
[More Conference Photos can be found on the AMBUC Flickr page](#)

National Conference News

Thursday Started with the National Big Hat Business Meeting, followed by the General Business Session, and then the National Big Hat Lunch and Auction.

The General Business Session gave the attendees an overview of how AMBUCS is doing. Lots of charts and numbers, suffice to say we are doing good. Our membership is growing! 15 New Chapters! We are now up to 165 Chapters nationwide and 3800 members, up from 3600 the previous year. \$196,000 dollars in scholarships to 230 students, 1014 reported Amtrykes, and 573 reported service projects.

As always the Big Hat Lunch and Auction was a lot of fun, with a large number of Auction items selling with all the proceeds going to help fund our mission.



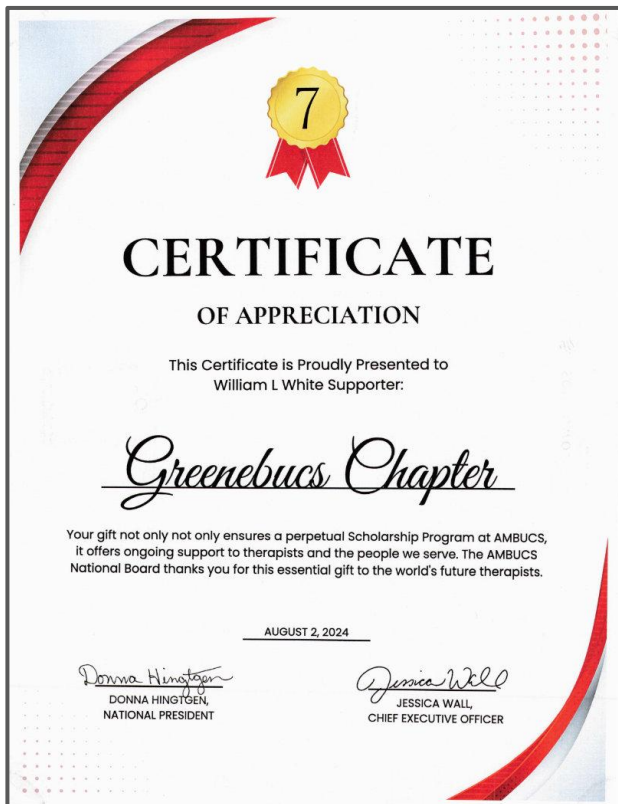
National Conference News

Friday morning brought us Regional Caucuses. Mid-States Director Allen LeMieux handed out awards for Chapter achievements, and we had an introduction to Jud Freeman, our incoming Regional Director. We had informal discussions about fundraising, membership growth, and ways to better communicate with regional chapters.

Later that morning we had our Foundation Program, which featured award presentations, pledges, and a speech by the 2024 Therapist of the Year.

After Lunch we were offered Educational Sessions with several topics to choose from. Everything from HUB updates, Introduction to Canva (graphics program), to hands on assembling of the new generation of Amtrykes.

The day ended with the Awards Program which highlighted the accomplishments of both individuals and Chapters over the past year.



[Lots More Conference Photos Here](#)

National Conference News

The final day of the Conference was Saturday. Saturday started with the annual Trek for Trykes 5K. Your fellow Greenebucs decided not to participate, the weather was fine, we're just lazy! However, Greenebucs did make a contribution. Bill and Pat Buckholt also made a financial contribution.

After the Trek, the General Session started, featuring candidate speeches and the latest national news and developments.

Following lunch was the Great Amtryke Giveaway. As always the Amtryke Giveaway is the highlight of the Conference.

Greenebucs sponsored two Amtrykes. Unfortunately one of the riders we sponsored could not make it to the giveaway, but arrangements were made for a local Chapter to deliver the Amtryke to the child. Again there are photos of the entire Giveaway on the [AMBUC Flickr site](#).



National Conference News

Saturday evening was the Presidents Dinner. This gala event is where we honor the outgoing National President Donna Hingtgen and presentation of the Project Manager and Ambuc of the Year followed by the installation of new National Officers. Congratulations and a big thank you to all the past and future AMBUC leaders!



Jackie Ruis - Ambuc of the Year



Paula Watson - Project Manager of the Year



Gordon Shaw- Ambuc President Elect



Incoming Regional Directors



Incoming President Donna Carlton - Vish Takes the Oath of Office