






# MESSENGER

## National Awards Abound

-  **1st Place Community Service**  
*(one of the top three national awards)*
-  **1st Place Chapter Web Site**
-  **2nd Place Class 2 Scrapbook**
-  **Superior Chapter — #8 in the Nation**
-  **AMBUC of the Year — Cliff Bauerle** *(Top National Award)*



## National President Visits Our Club FIRST

Cliff began by telling us that being selected as the **AMBU C of the YEAR** was the biggest honor of his life. He said that anyone can achieve this. All it takes is a deep passion for AMBU CS and a lot of dedication. He challenged us to strive for it!

### Highlights and news from the convention:

- \* Greg Ferris is the new national president elect now that Sonya Rigano bowed-out for personal reasons.
- \* Motivational speaker DJ

Gregory, who has cerebral palsy, talked about achieving his goal of walking in 44 golf tournaments in 45 weeks. This would be an enormous accomplishment for anyone, but with his physical limitations it is both amazing and inspiring.

- \* 42 AmTrykes were given away during the convention. The event stirred up a lot of emotions and support: \$12,000 was donated by the Reno community; and Cliff's son and daughter-in-law

are excited about potentially starting an AMBU CS chapter in Reno.

### Cliff's Platform for the new year includes:

- \* Build 20 new clubs, which ultimately will raise more money for the organization. Clubs receive lots of points for building other clubs. \$150 goes to the club when a national permit is filed by the new club. Cliff said he is counting on Mid Cities to cultivate the Lewisville and Addison clubs this year.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Compass Church & GRACE Community Outreach—Feed the Kids	20-24
Scrapbooking @ Janice's house 7-11P	24
<b>Ramp Building &amp; Yard Work Project</b> 9:00 a.m. to ???	<b>25</b>
Weekly Meeting <b>Guest Speaker</b> Teresa Ramirez, Topic: People First	27
Fundraising Committee Mtg. @ 7:30 p.m.	27

### ACTION ITEMS

- Plan to work on Saturday, 7/25 to help with yard work and ramp building.
- Bring School Supplies to our next meeting.
- Roma bring next week's door prizes.
- Fundraising Committee bring your ideas to the meeting next week.

50/50 Winner: Ralph  
Door Prize Winners:  
Helen & Teresa (of course!)

## Nat'l Pres Visits...story continues



Cliff presents his very first National President Visitation Patch to Mid Cities AMBUCS

- \* Considering a restructure of the Friends memberships.
- \* Will look at narrowing the number of conferences per year to two in hopes of increasing attendance.
- \* Fall 2009 Conference in Grapevine: Oct. 15-17 ~ No excuses, we need to be there!
- \* National Conference 2010 in Naples, FL: June 7-10

### Money, Money, Money...

- \* Austin pledged \$250 for living endowment
- \* Sharean Williams donated \$50 to our club after attending the golf tournament.

## District Governor Attends July 13th Meeting

Roma Rusk, our new District Governor delivered a heartfelt speech at the July 13th meeting. In her own words...

"I am very honored to be the District Governor. We have the greatest district in all of AMBUCS. As District Governor, I will support the clubs in my district and articulate the latest and greatest happenings from National AMBUCS.

I have always dreamed of being a cheerleader and now I get my chance because that's my main responsibility in this role.

My goal for the coming year is to

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support our National President Cliff Bauerle with his 'team concept.' With this in mind, I will be working to have a community project where Irving, Yellow Rose and Mid Cities will come together as a 'district team.' In addition, I have special plans for a district social.

My hope is that each of you will embrace the 'team concept' and roll-up your sleeves now more than ever to accomplished great things this year.

Remember, it takes a village, not just a few chiefs to get it done in a mighty way! And, of course, I will continue to be in the trenches with you!

Your suggestions for ways to improve not only our club, but also the district are always welcomed.

As I travel to meet with the other clubs in my area, I will take each of you with me in my heart."

## Tryke Recipient Needs Our Prayers

Many of you have met Kaitlyn Gallegos at the time we presented her with her tryke or at one of the last two Reunion Picnics. She is adorable!!

Kaitlyn's last MRI revealed two new tumors, one on the brain stem and the other on the front lobe of the left ventricle. Thank the Lord they are small in size possibly allowing for a very sophisticated non-invasive surgical removal. The tumors totally shocked both the doctors and the family as Kaitlyn's original tumor was a type that historically "might" only re-occur at the sight of the original surgery, heretofore unknown to



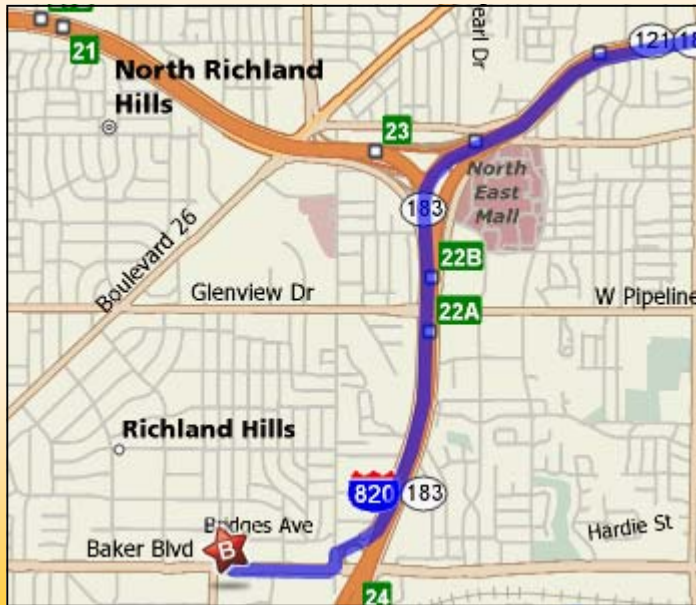
develop elsewhere in the body. Presently, we all need to pray that the forthcoming MRI will determine that the source of these tumors is NOT coming through the spinal fluid because if it is the treatment would be chemotherapy, which they would prefer NOT doing. If the spinal fluid is clear, the tumors will be removed with a non-invasive surgery.

Dear friends, please hold this family close in your prayers. The cards we sent this week to Kaitlyn, her parents and grandparents assured them that we would.

# Volunteer Opportunities



**WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD & YARDWORK**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 25**  
**9:00 A.M. to ???**



**Location:** 3311 Ruth Road, Richland Hills 76118 ([Mapquest](#) for more detailed directions.)

**Yard Project:** Do you have a hedge trimmer and/or lawn mower that you can bring. Please let Greg know ASAP!

**Ramp Project:** The Three Amigos (Greg, Orval and Darrell) will bring the tools needed for this.

**Attention All Helpers:** Wear your blue Mid-Cities AMBUCS t-shirts (from the golf tourney). Wear a hat because it's will be HOT! Bring your yard work gloves.

## School Supplies Needed



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING NEXT WEEK...JULY 27TH OR YOU CAN GIVE MONEY TO ROMA TO SHOP FOR YOU.**

### Shopping List

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|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Backpacks               | Scissors       | Crayons            |
| Pencils                 | Notebook Paper | Glue Sticks        |
| Pens (black, red, blue) | School Boxes   | Construction Paper |
| Rulers                  | Folders        | Map Pencils        |

## Guest Speakers Needed

All members are encouraged to find guest speakers for our meetings. Current available dates: 8/3, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31. Janice requests that you check with her for available dates before confirming with your speaker. Once confirmed, submit speaker's information to include name, company/organization, speech topic and brief bio.

Make sure to submit your information well in advance so announcements of the speaker's appearance can be published in the *Mid-Cities Messenger* to entice lots of attendance AND the inviting of guests.



**Keep Collecting Old Cell Phones & Printer Cartridges**

The money we make on this project will go to help offset miscellaneous club expenses.

## Photo Gallery



Home of the National Convention



The BEAST



AMBUCS Are Out Of This World



Enjoying the Big Matters Breakfast



Hittin' the Saloons during free time!