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### THIS WEEK

The March 8, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kent Jester. Hanna Muirhead led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Lisa Carson, Executive Director of the Lawton Public School Foundation spoke to the club. She joined the LPSF in 2016 after a 32 year career a Lawton Public Schools. Lisa started as a teacher, then a counselor and then an administrator. She said whether you work as a teacher or a principal the job must be a passion. As a principal Lisa tried to do the best job possible with finances. But there is a gap between what a school district can provide and what a teacher needs.

Very often teachers have to pay for classroom items themselves or try to find external sources of funding for bigger ticket items. The mission of LPSF is to bridge the funding gap with grants sent direct to teachers rather than a district administration. The grants can be anything from a \$4000 kiln to make pottery at Eisenhower High to \$160 to help a teacher buy art supplies.

In the past 25 years the LPS Foundation has provided over \$800,000 worth of resources to teachers. This past year was tough for LPSF. Many AMBUCS



*Lisa Carson*

members are donors to LPSF. It's hard to motivate people to give when you can't meet in person. They couldn't have any events, such as the gala they hold every year. In the last 3 years LPS Foundation has provided over \$100,000 in grants. They have received \$200K-\$300K in requests. This year LPSF received only \$55,000 in requests. Many teachers didn't know what they needed due to pandemic related lock-downs. LPSF gave \$40,000 in grants, but is looking into a large STEM project.

LPSF is starting a new Putt for LPS Students golf tournament. It will be held at the Lawton Country Club on April 5. The format is 4 man scramble, 2 putt max. Cost is \$400 per team, lunch is included. There's a few contests and a chance to win a car for hitting a hole in one on a Par 3 hole. 5 sponsor levels range from \$100 hole sponsor up to a \$10,000 double eagle sponsor.

LPSF is selling a new cookbook. Lisa said it was a difficult and personal project. Her mother was a great cook, but passed away due to COVID-19 just days after the book had gone to print. Copies are available at Liberty National Bank at 4005 W Gore Blvd.

LPSF members are Pillars. It's \$1000 annually for businesses, \$500 for families and \$250 for LPS employees.

Lisa said there are about 250 Pillars. She has a goal to increase those numbers by a large margin.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen Martin & Jimmy Roggenbuck attended an AmTryke training course in Fort Cobb on March 5 along with a group of PA students. Past National President Sue Haywood led the course. Sue plans to work with Kathleen's company, H2 Health, on getting AmTrykes into more clinics and maybe starting new AMBUCS chapters in areas on the East Coast.

The Membership Committee is launching a Spring Round-Up contest similar to the one last fall for Branding Time. Recruit 2 or more members before May 1 to get entered. 1st prize is a \$100 gift card to Outback Steakhouse, 2nd is a \$50 Texas Instruments gift card, 3rd prize is a \$25 gift card to use at Mark Glenn's convenience stores. Recruit 3 members to Big Hat and you'll get three tickets in the National Big Hat Raffle.

Online registration is open for the Great Plains Regional Conference. It's important for our club to show up in good numbers to support the event. We plan to present 2 or 3 AmTrykes at the conference.

### NEXT MEETING

John Cobble, Tennis Coach for Cameron University, will be our guest speaker on March 15. Tennis is arguably Cameron's most successful sports programs.

### 50/50

Mark Glenn drew the Joker from a fairly full deck, winning \$39. The deck will be reset next week.

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Mark Glenn also had the winning ticket and his copy of *AMBUNK*.

### GUESTS

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Guest Speaker