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**THIS WEEK**

The June 7, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kelly Harris. Kent Jester led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

OK State Representative Daniel Pae was our speaker. In 2018 Daniel was elected to the District 62 seat formerly held by John Michael Montgomery, who is now an OK State Senator for District 32.

The state legislature began its session under very unusual conditions, thanks to the pandemic. Better than expected tax revenue and federal relief gave the state a budget surplus. They were able to pass an \$8.8 billion budget. Some highlights include \$3.2 billion for common education. \$800 million went to the Rainy Day Fund, boosting it up to \$1.3 billion. \$14 million is going to help fund rural broadband access. 30-40% of Oklahomans don't have access to true high speed Internet. 30 million is going to the film rebate program. Martin Scorsese is currently filming Killers of the Flower Moon in Osage County. Our state has lots of potential to attract movie & TV productions in the same manner as Georgia or New Mexico. Such business can boost tourism and improve the state's image nationally.



Redistricting takes place every 10 years. Work finished on the state level, but the 5 congressional districts will be re-drawn in a special session this coming Fall. Locally the state house and senate district lines have had some changes. Rural areas have been losing population while cities like OKC have been growing. Every house district has 39000 people; every senate district has 82000. Lines are drawn to that balance.

Daniel also talked about the complex issue of Medicaid expansion & how the state is working to fund it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our club has a membership contest each month to encourage recruiting. In June the prize is a \$25 gift card to use at Mark Glenn's convenience stores. Bringing a guest is worth 1 point, a second visit is worth 2 points, if the guest joins that is worth 4 points. Point values double for bringing back a former member. The one with the most points at the end of the month wins the prize.

Last month the flag project was approved by the board. But it has hit a snag due to a shortage of poles. So the project has to be postponed. The good news is we're back on for being able to sell drinks at the Freedom Fest June 26. It will run from 6-11pm. We will have

two work shifts, 5-8pm & 8pm to close. The club is in talks to get Kegzilla there. The club agreed to buy a *sponsorship* from the city: 20% of our net profit up to a max of \$1500.

The Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament is set for Sept 10, 11 & 12 at Apache Casino. Right now we need to sell sponsorships. Some court sponsors, including the main court, have sold, but plenty of others are open. Kent Jester has forms available.

On Thursday, July 1 the club will have a social at Cache Road Liquor: a mixology class. Cost is TBD. If there is a certain drink you want to learn how to mix contact David Denham so he can put in the drink request.

Kelly Harris began a new thing called Super Hero of the Week, to give chosen member a chance to say a few words about themselves. Kelly chose Waheed Gbadamosi this week. Waheed works at a local bank and he serves in the National Guard. He joined our club at the beginning of the year.

**NEXT MEETING**

We will have a club business meeting on June 14. Shawn Maudlin from SW Sales will visit to discuss drink sales plans for the Freedom Fest. In related news, Mark Glenn obtained permits our club needed from the state to sell beer; copies of the permits have been filed with the city. Basically, we're legal now with June 26 coming up fast.

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No drawing this week.

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| <p><b>GUESTS</b><br/>A.J. Watson<br/>sponsored by Zeldon Rice<br/>Daniel Pae<br/>Guest Speaker</p> |
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