

**GREAT PLAINS
AMBUCS
NEWSLETTER**

AMBUNK

AMBUNK is a publication of
Great Plains AMBUCS, Lawton, OK
Edited by Bobby Henderson
greatplainsambucs@gmail.com
[facebook.com/greatplainsambucs](https://www.facebook.com/greatplainsambucs)

THIS WEEK

The July 19, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kelly Harris. Jeff Sadler led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kaytlyn Kizarr, a PhD Physical Therapy student at OKC University, visited the club to accept a \$500 scholarship check. Kaytlyn grew up in Marlow. She went to college, not knowing for sure the career she wanted to pursue. Kaytlyn attended Cameron & a couple other schools. She was leaning toward the physical therapy field. After some experiences she found her calling via an outpatient clinic and felt she finally found her purpose.

After a year off school, doing work at a clinic Kaytlyn was accepted to Harding University in Arkansas. Then 2 weeks before class started she got the call from OKC University. She is in her 2nd semester of an accelerated 2½ year PhD program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Ezerski gave us an update about Children United. Joe Chesko's passing left a big hole to fill and the pandemic has compounded the problems. But the group has new leadership. The annual



dance event has been delayed again to February 2022. On Oct 23 a fund-raising walk will be held in Elmer Thomas Park. About \$170K has been raised so far for the inclusive playground. Some pieces were bought already for a big discount. The cost of remaining pieces has soared. The initial budget of \$450K is now up to around \$700K. The hope is they'll raise \$300K by next June, get a some grants and get construction going Fall 2022.

Jenny Clement Shaw and Kelly Harris are working getting us new name tags and a 40th Anniversary challenge coin. Our chapter's 40th birthday was on July 18. Because September is going to be really busy our 40th anniversary party is going to be pushed back a few months to February, 2022.

Despite parts shortages we do have quite a bit of activity going on with AmTrykes. Jimmy Roggenbuck has been refurbishing and re-purposing old AmTrykes. The club got a new one that was accidentally double ordered. If we keep up the current pace the club could end up with 12 AmTrykes donated by the end of the club year.

Kent Jester was presented with a \$25 gift card for winning the June recruiting contest. Kelly Harris has to tabulate results for July. Keep bringing guests to the club meetings.

The Bags for Cash tournament is a little over a month away. The court sponsors are pretty much sold out. Kent and Jenny collected \$4550 in sponsor money as of last Monday. The sponsor slots remaining and a couple other deals could have us near \$10K before making any money on the tournament itself.

Jeff Dunning was picked at the Super Hero of the Day. Jeff said he came to respect the members of our club and the passion we carry. He said it makes so much sense for him to be a part of this club and help with its mission.

Gordon Shaw reminded us of the Big Hat social at the OKC Dodgers game August 15. Big Hat Raffle tickets are still available for \$20 each. Gordon also told us about his extensive driving itinerary to visit AMBUCS clubs across Region 5. He is running to be the next Region Director.

50/50

Mark Glenn picked the 7 of Clubs. The pot was left standing at \$171.

NEWSLETTER

Dale Keesee had the winning ticket and a copy of AMBUNK.

GUESTS

Kaytlyn Kizarr
Scholarship Recipient