

**GREAT PLAINS
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NEWSLETTER**

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THIS WEEK

The August 30, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kent Jester. Jeff Sadler led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lisa Carson, Executive Director of the Lawton Public Schools Foundation, was our guest speaker this week. Lisa grew up in Lawton, attended its schools and Cameron University. She worked at LPS for 32 years as a teacher, counselor and principal. She retired from LPS to take the director job at LPSF. Lisa says it is a great job.

The LPSF is a 501(c)(3) group. Its goal is to raise as much money as it can to meet the needs of LPS teachers. Teacher grants is the top program at LPSF. This year they have \$100,000 set aside for grants. The pandemic has made the past couple years pretty unusual. The LPSF had \$100K reserved for grants last year, but received only \$30K worth of requests. Many teachers didn't know what the school year would look like, so they didn't turn in requests.

The LPSF does most of its fund raising via two events. One is coming up soon: the breakfast at Golden Corral. In the past Golden Corral has covered all the food and labor costs. The LPSF is



covering food costs this year due to the pandemic's hit on the restaurant. The breakfast will take place September 17 from 6:00am to 9:00pm. Sponsor levels at the breakfast are \$200, \$300 & \$400.

LPSF works to recruit Pillars. They're \$500 per year for individuals or families, \$1000 per year for businesses. 100% of Pillar funding goes to the classroom. Lisa said Lawtonians are generous if they know what they're donating will be spent as intended. Lisa promised she will be a good steward of those funds.

Lisa said if you give your time that's huge. Doing so takes more effort than writing a check. She told us about a military couple who agreed to help a 5th grade class every afternoon with its math classes. LPSF can match people with certain skills up with classes who can utilize them. She asked anyone who wants to serve on the LPSF board to get in touch with her. Our club has several members who have served on the school board or in other ways with LPS.

During Q&A Lisa told us about another LPSF fund-raising effort, their cook books. They're \$30 each. The books contain recipes submitted by residents of Lawton. There are stories inside from teachers telling how LPSF grants have impacted their classes and stories about the recipes. Lisa's late mother gave a

recipe for cinnamon rolls. You can get a cook book by visiting Lisa's office at Liberty National Bank on Gore Blvd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bags for Cash tournament happens next weekend. Kent asked for about 6 people to help set-up Friday at 5:30pm. On Saturday teams will start signing in at 11:00am. The first bags will fly at 1:00pm. Some help will be needed for tear-down on Sunday. An email will be sent when that time is set.

The District 5A meeting/social will take place Thurs. 9/9 at VFW Post 5263, 103 NE 20th Street. Happy Hour starts at 6:00pm. For those attending, if you have not already paid for your seats please pay Jenny Clement-Shaw during the meeting that evening.

The second quarter of the club year is now underway. Dues statements will be sent out this week.

In AmTryke news, the club may donate the AmTryke built last week at the Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament. At least 3 new AmTryke requests have been made to the club. A few members are gathering up used AmTrykes they have or know about to build up a "bone yard" for parts or whole AmTrykes. Kathleen Martin and others are working to convert a stack of paper records into digital form to make AmTryke tracking efforts easier and more efficient.

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No drawing this week.

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GUESTS

Megan Siaca-Cook (app submitted)
sponsored by Hannah Muirhead,
CPL John Jackson
sponsored by Sarah Kline,
Lisa Carson
Guest Speaker