

AMBUNK

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THIS WEEK

The June 6, 2022 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jenny began the meeting by thanking club members for their attendance and participation in the club's recent 40th Anniversary banquet. She said the event was a big success and she is especially grateful to members who served on the planning committee. She is most proud of bringing together all three AMBUCS clubs in Lawton for a celebration of the good work that members do in the community.

This week's club meeting was the first of Jenny's new term as president. Immediate past president Kelly Harris presented her with a pin to recognize her election and Jenny presented pins to the new club officers.

With the absence of a guest speaker, Jenny had the opportunity to share her vision and goals for the club during her presidency. She has accepted a challenge from another chapter to grow by 25 members. She believes that can partially be achieved by reaching out to recruit former members. She said members should also look for younger recruits who will bring new ideas and energy to the group.

Jenny highlighted the club's efforts to carry out the AMBUCS mission of helping people with disabilities by giving them mobility. She praised work by Dr. Jimmy Roggenbuck and Kathleen Martin to provide AmTrykes to applicants recommended by therapists. However, she said help is needed to find therapists to award scholarships. Money is available through club funds and national resources.

Community service will be a major focus of Jenny's term. She encouraged members to share ideas for potential projects that they are passionate about. For instance, Jenny said a local VFW chapter needs help retiring over 2,500 flags. Our club will also earn "points" for community service from National AMBUCS thanks a change in score card accounting.

Committee membership was finalized at the meeting and those who did not sign up were assigned by Jenny. You can contact her if you would like a different assignment. Members are encouraged to assist other committees.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Operational Region Director Gordon Shaw provided an update on plans for the AMBUCS National Conference August 23-27 in Birmingham, Alabama. While registration for the event will open soon, members can now book their stay at the Sheraton Hotel for \$139/night. The special rate will be available for three days before and after the conference. Gordon said the theme for the event will focus on AMBUCS 100th anniversary and its history throughout the years.

FLAG PROGRAM

Gordon and Kelly report that the flag program is rapidly expanding. They delivered about 60 flags for Memorial Day. Kelly says calls are coming in from additional customers and he expects there to be about 70 to 80 in total by the end of 2022. They will pay \$60 per year to have flags displayed on major holidays. The program has raised about \$3,300 so far.

FREEDOM FEST

The Lawton-Fort Sill Freedom Festival is quickly approaching on July 2. Jeff Dunning announced that committee members have selected the beverages the club will be selling beginning at 11 a.m. Set up will be near the big stage area. A signup sheet for volunteer shifts was distributed during the club meeting. If you would like to help, reach out to Jeff. Additionally, a representative from the ABLE Commission is expected to attend a meeting prior to the event to brief members on laws and regulations for alcohol sales.

RAMPS

Dr. Jimmy has scheduled the installation of a new wheelchair ramp for 8 a.m. Saturday June, 18. The location is 1829 NW 22nd Street in Lawton. He said it will be rather large with one landing and two runs. A pre-build has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at Alan Jolly's business located at 3809 SW Bishop Rd.



Jenny Clement-Shaw presides over her first meeting as the Great Plains AMBUCS President for 2022-2023

TRIVIA SOCIAL

The next trivia social is scheduled for June 23 at Red Dirt ReLoaded. More details to come, but let Hannah Muirhead or the Social Committee know if you plan to attend. Potential members are also welcome at this pay as you go type event.

SPARK OF THE WEEK

Among Jenny's first executive actions was a change to the Super Hero of the Week award. Henceforth, the honoree will be known as the Spark of the Week. Kelly Harris was the first to be selected following his successful year as club president.

GUESTS

Tanna Vu
(Transferring membership from Clinton)
Sponsored by Kelly Harris

Todd Rivers
Sponsored by Jeff Sadler

Emily Rose
Paul Warmuskerken's daughter

50/50

Josh Powers drew the Queen of Hearts out of what was nearly a full deck. The pot stood at \$141.

NEWSLETTER

Zeldon Rice had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.