

Week of: August 22, 2022

Lawton, OK **GREAT PLAINS**

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2022 NATIONAL AMBUCS **CONFERENCE**

Great Plains AMBUCS took center stage this week at the National AMBUCS Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. The chapter and several members were honored for the dedication to AMBUCS mission to inspire mobility and independence. Hear more about the delegation's experience at the Monday, August 29 chapter meeting.



CHAPTER HONORED FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



Kelly Harris - Great Plains AMBUCS President 2021-2022

NATIONAL AMBUC OF THE **YEAR**



Timmy Roggenbuck

WILLIAM L. WHITE DONORS **RECOGNIZED**



Gordon Shaw & Jenny Clement-Shaw



50/50 Kent Jester drew the Eight of Clubs.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT **HONORED**



Vic Menendez - National AMBUCS President 2019-2020

CHAPTER MEETING

The August 22, 2022 club meeting was called to order by Alan Jolly. Jeff Sadler led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miranda Bennett, a 911 operator for Fort Sill was the guest speaker. She explained her mission to collect information from callers in need of emergency services. She said operators will ask a standard set of questions depending on the circumstance. Bennett said that does not delay response, because she is relaying that information to a dispatcher, who in turn sends the appropriate first responders.

Bennett said location is critically important for 911 callers, especially for those in rural areas. Giving operators the closest cross streets helps. Location is also important to ensure the closest first responders are alerted. GPS location from cell phones can sometimes result in calls going to the wrong dispatch in Comanche County. Bennett said information is still collected and transferred to the correct dispatch.

If you ever accidently call 911, Bennett said it's vital to let operators know it was a mistake, otherwise there will be an emergency response to your location. Cell phone users can now also text 911 instead of calling. Bennett said operators will text back and relay the information to dispatchers.

GUESTS

Essence Perry

NEWSLETTER

Bobby Henderson had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.