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LAST MEETING

The August 29, 2022 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Vic Menendez & Jenny Clement-Shaw

The program was devoted to the recent National Conference in Birmingham. Gordon Shaw was sworn in as Great Plains Region Director. He and Jenny arrived on Saturday to help with the set up. Gordon said the Birmingham Chapter has a two-story commercial building where they meet and build AmTrykes. Volunteers met at the building and loaded a truck twice for delivery to the conference. They opened the conference store the following day.

The Great Plains region hosted a social later in the week. Gordon said over 100 members from Great Plains chapters attended the conference. The region includes Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Nebraska.

Carmela Davis of the Longview, Texas chapter was sworn-in as the new National President. Gordon said Davis has a focus on training. She plans to offer Zoom training twice a week in the future for Region Directors. They, in turn, will pass the lessons on to the chapter level.

Gordon said there has been another delay in receiving AmTrykes. He estimated that our region will receive a shipment in

in October. No pro series will be included in that delivery. Following that, shipments should arrive monthly, for six months. Most in the first order have been spoken for. Gordon is advising chapters to order AmTrykes whether they have a recipient identified or not.

Kent Jester spoke about the district's successful year. Mountain Metro AMBUCS was honored as the club of the year, Bryan Jester received the District Governor award, Jimmy Roggenbuck received AMBUC of the Year honors and Dr. Rose Lepien was named National Project Manager of the Year. Kent said it shows how Lawton's chapters support each other and live the *Shoulders Together* motto.

Caitlin Martin shared her experience as a first time National Conference attendee. She said she loved giving away AmTrykes, seeing AMBUCS from all over the country and dancing. Jenny credited Caitlin with getting people to dance during an evening social.

Kathleen Martin said children received the majority of AmTrykes at the conference. She said there was a build Tuesday morning and another the following afternoon. Her biggest takeaway from the process was learning to make a plan, but being flexible. UAB physical therapy students assisted with the donations and the children were able to ride their AmTrykes on a racetrack. Kathleen also learned more about AmTryke use in Special Olympics. She plans to look into how that can be implemented locally.

Tanna Vu provided a volunteer's perspective. She was paired with two young girls, both named Lizzy. The first was a four-year-old who has MSA, requiring her mother to carry her. Her school therapist recommended her for an AmTryke. Tanna said Lizzy was overjoyed to receive it, as were her mother and grandmother. The other Lizzy was three years old and was born with no arms. She was shy until she received her Tryke, but then she took off on it.

Tanna said it was great to see the impact of what AMBUCS do and we need to share the stories with others.

It was Alan Jolly's first National Conference since 1986. He is proud of the fact that chapters from across the country all know about Lawton, Oklahoma. He said it's a credit to the success of our chapters. He was impacted by the expanded scope of what AMBUCS do and the ability to help others.

Kelly Harris accepted an award on behalf of the chapter for earning a superior chapter designation, 18th overall in the nation. Kelly said Great Plains AMBUCS were a 100-percent Blue Chip chapter for the third year in a row.

Jenny and Kelly spoke about a William L. White scholarship donated on behalf of the chapter in honor of Vic Menendez. It marks the fifth given in his name.

Vic was honored at the National Conference for his service as National President. He said the job of former leaders is to find new leaders within the organization, and that starts with Great Plains AMBUCS. He challenged members to seek opportunities to serve in leadership roles within the chapter and beyond.

FLAME OF THE WEEK

Jimmy Roggenbuck was selected for the honor following his National AMBUC of the Year award. He is the first chapter member to earn the designation. Jimmy thanked the group for their support and encouraged everybody to thank his wife too.

GUESTS

Essence Perry
Returning Guest

Colbie Gilbert
Sponsored by Classic Chevrolet

Angel Dow
(Application Submitted)
Sponsored by Megan Siaca-Cook

50/50

David Denham drew the Eight of Spades. The pot stood at \$417.

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Caitlin Gatlin had the winning ticket and her copy of AMBUNK.