

AMBUNK

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GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

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THIS WEEK

The March 20, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Clarence Fortney

Clarence Fortney, Superintendent of Great Plains Technology Center (GPTC) was the guest speaker. He shared his story of chapter member David Denham's mother hiring him as a welding instructor in 1979.

Fortney is now in his 43rd year at GPTC. His institution is one of 29 across the state of Oklahoma. Each is governed by its own local board of education. That allows Fortney and other leaders to introduce ideas that are best for industrial education in their own communities.

GPTC has 185 employees across two campuses in Lawton and Frederick. Fortney said about half of the current student body are high school students and the remainder adults. He said the school is doing all it can to keep up with the demand for business and industry training for local employers. For example, Fortney said they are working to fulfill the need of Goodyear to train 60 industrial maintenance workers.

GPTC is considered a Gold Star School based on standards that include student placement.

GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS AMTRYKE RODEO



CHAPTER NEWS

- Great Plains AMBUCS hosted an AmTryke Rodeo on Saturday, March 25 at Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry in Lawton. The event provided an opportunity for several AmTryke recipients to play games, navigate through an obstacle course and have their Trykes checked for mechanical needs. One attendee, Nathan, had outgrown his AmTryke and received a larger model to allow him to keep on riding!
- As of Monday, Zeldon Rice was down to just 5 tickets left for the National Big Hat Raffle! Tickets are \$20. Winner gets to choose one of several vacation destinations.
- United Way Day of Caring is Friday, April 21. Tanna Vu said this would be a great opportunity for our chapter to complete a service project. The day will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Farmers Market. Volunteers will then be assigned to a project, which could be anything from gardening to painting. Please let Tanna or Jenny know if you're available to volunteer by April 7.
- Vic Menendez will have a signup sheet at the next meeting to volunteer for the Prince of Peace Easter Pageant, April 1 and 8 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members will collect donations and hand out programs to visitors who are arriving for the pageant. Vic said it's a great civic duty and an opportunity to spread the word about Great Plains AMBUCS and what we do.
- Joe Elkins is leading the chapter's Spring Roundup membership campaign. He's brought 3 guests who have all submitted applications! The Roundup is underway through April 30. Member who receives the most points for guests, new members and Big Hatting, will receive free hotel stay and fees paid for regional conference.

GUESTS

Billy Dean
Misty Delgado
(Applications Submitted)
Sponsored by Joe Elkins

50/50

Jeff Dunning drew the 10 of Clubs. The pot stood at \$426.

NEWSLETTER

Gordon Shaw had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.