

# AMBUNK

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## GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

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### THIS WEEK

The March 6, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Tanna Vu

Tanna Vu, chapter member and Director of Community Engagement for United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, was the guest speaker. She said the organization's annual fundraising campaign is winding down. As of last week, 83 percent of the \$1.35 million goal had been raised.

Vu said 19 agencies recently submitted applications for funding for the next fiscal year. She said the Community Investment Committee (CIC), comprised of community members, evaluates each request to help make the determination for funding. Vu said 25 new members will take part in this year's CIC. They will eventually present their recommendations to the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma board of directors for the final decision.

Vu said the need for agency services is higher than it has ever been. Agencies are reporting a large number of first-time recipients. The Lawton Food Bank, for example, is seeing a 70 percent increase in distributions. Vu said there's been a focus this year on determining which parts of Comanche County have the most needs.

**Chapter Chat**

**Ramp It Up!**

**Monday, March 13**  
6:30 pm ET/5:30 pm CT/

### CHAPTER NEWS

- Larry Kindt is leading the Chapter Awards Committee. Nominations are needed for AMBUC of the Year, Therapist of the Year, Project Manager of the Year and other work by chapter members worthy of recognition. Awards will be presented at the installation banquet June 1, but Jenny would like to have the honorees selected by April 1.
- Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament opens Friday evening. Volunteers are needed for setup in the afternoon at Apache Casino Hotel. Competition begins Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Members who would like to help are welcome to stop by. There will be an AmTryke presentation on Saturday with the time TBD.
- The Spring Roundup membership recruiting campaign is underway through April 30. Member who receives the most points for guests, new members and Big Hatting, will receive free hotel stay and registration paid for regional conference.
- District 5-A meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at La Grand Cantina in Lawton Central Plaza.

- Members are still needed to help with the AmTryke Rodeo March 25 at Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be an event for children, so it will take plenty of adults to keep everything running smoothly. Contact Kathleen Martin to sign up.
- Vic Menendez is requesting members help with the upcoming Prince of Peace Easter Pageant, April 1 and 8. Each year the chapter volunteers to collect donations and hand out programs as visitors 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.
- Gordon Shaw said the Regional Conference schedule is coming together. It will be May 4 - 6 in Salina, Kansas. He said there will be good speakers and information for attendees. Great Plains Region will soon add North Dakota, South Dakota and Colorado to its ranks.

### GUESTS

Brad Burgess  
(Application Submitted)  
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50/50

Kent Jester drew the Two of Diamonds. The pot stood at \$393.

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Dale Keesee had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.