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November 14, 2022

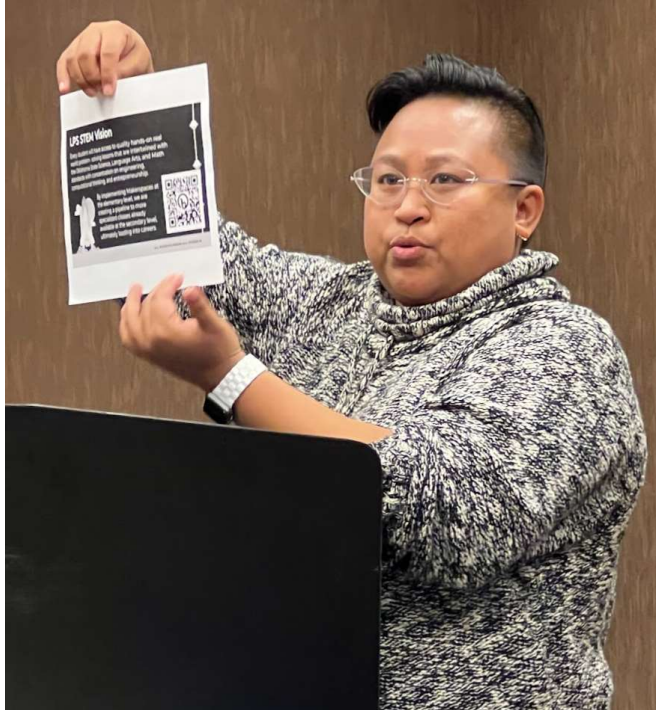
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GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

The November 14, 2022 chapter meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Vanessa Perez

Vanessa Perez, the Assistant Director of Educational Technology for Lawton Public Schools, was the guest speaker.

Perez said one of the frequent questions she gets from parents is “what is a Makerspace?” She said, “the simplest answer to that is, it’s a dedicated space for our kids to go and make something.” Perez said LPS has worked to make that available to students, much like art and PE. The program includes the tools needed and certified teachers. Classroom teachers participate to learn with their students. Perez said students arrive with a range of skills, from those who know how to weld, to those who don’t know how to use a tape measurer. She said the program encourages students to problem solve and do real things. The focus is on STEM, with a target on engineering, computational thinking and entrepreneurship. LPS is hoping to create a pipeline for younger students before they reach the technology center and collegiate level. Students attend Makerspace once a week in elementary and a camp is available in the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ron Albert, VFW Post 5263 Commander, is looking for sponsors for Wreaths Across America. The project places wreaths on the graves of veterans during the Christmas season. Contact Ron if you would like to donate a wreath or volunteer for the placements.
- Kent Jester said the deadline for court sponsors for the Bags for Cash cornhole tournament has been extended to allow more time for renewals. Other sponsorship opportunities remain available.
- Ramp requests are accumulating. Dr. Jimmy and Kelly are reviewing the requests and will advise the chapter on scheduling.
- Kathleen Martin and the Duncan chapter have been working to acquire used AmTrykes and parts. She said if there is a request in Lawton, they will donate the Trykes because they don’t want them to just sit in storage. Kathleen will also be reaching out to veterans in our chapter to see if they want or need an AmTryke as part of AMBUCS National Veterans Initiative.
- Kelly Harris said recruitment will begin at the beginning of the year for flag service customers. Routes will then be established, as well as inspections for placement sites. He plans to hold a meeting for volunteers in January.

GUESTS

Marshall Taylor
Sponsored by Hannah Muirhead

Ron Albert
Sponsored by Gordon Shaw



- Chapter Christmas Party arrangements are being finalized by the Social Committee. The party will be December 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Aaragon Chiropractic - 1201 W Gore Blvd. Tickets will be \$15 and will include catering by Olive Garden. There will be no charge for children 12 and under. It will be BYOB for adult beverages. Christmas Pajamas is the clothing theme. There will be a Dirty Santa exchange with gifts valued at \$20.

NEW BIG HAT CLUB MEMBER



Kathleen Martin received her temporary Big Hat from Zeldon Rice at Monday’s meeting. Congratulations Kathleen!

50/50

Chuck Morgan drew the 10 of Hearts.
The pot stood at \$113

NEWSLETTER

Kathleen Martin had the winning ticket and her copy of
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