

# AMBUNK

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## GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

### THIS WEEK

The October 10, 2022 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Gordon Shaw led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Christi Chambers

Christi Chambers with the Oklahoma Blood Institute was the guest speaker. She has spoken at past chapter meetings about the importance of donating blood. There is always a need.

Recently, OBI launched a new program called Mission Express. It encourages businesses and organizations to host blood drives at OBI centers. That will allow OBI to save on costs that come with sending the "blood mobile" into the field. The Mission Express drives can be held for as long as two weeks or just a day. The additional time gives donors more flexibility in their schedules to visit the center.

Chambers challenged Lawton's AMBUCS chapters to have members roll up their sleeves for a Mission Express drive November 21 through December 4. She purposely scheduled it during the Thanksgiving holiday, because holidays are typically when the need for blood rises. That's due to an increase in accidents and a decline in donations. All members have to do is let the center staff know the donation

### NATIONAL BIG HAT PRESIDENT IN LAWTON



2022-2023 National Big Hat President Wendy Bond attended the District 5-A social on Thursday. Bobby Henderson accepted Bond's Big Hat Club patch on behalf of the Great Plains AMBUCS chapter.

is for the AMBUCS drive. If 15 or more people donate during the two weeks, OBI will give \$10 per donor to District 5-A, which can then distribute the funds to the chapters. Stay tuned for more details as the blood drive approaches.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AMBUCS Branding Time Membership Drive is underway from now until November 30. Members have the chance to compete for a \$100 gift card to Cache Road Liquor or EZ Go. Details on how to participate have been emailed to members. David Denham is leading the effort and can answer questions you may have.
- Members have responded well to Jenny's call to donate store bags for the Lawton Food Bank. Please continue to bring them until just before Thanksgiving. They will be donated to the food bank to help with its holiday meal distribution.
- The next ramp build is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 in Randlett. Dr. Jimmy plans to take a trailer full of materials to the site the day before. Depending on volunteers, he said work could begin that afternoon. This ramp will be a combination of metal and wood. The pieces have been cut, but they will need to be loaded into the trailer. Let Jimmy know if you can help on either day or both. Our chapter has also been asked to assist with an upcoming ramp project in Duncan for the Duncan chapter.
- Sponsorship forms have been emailed to members for the 2023 Bags for Cash Charity Cornhole Tournament. Those who helped secure Court Sponsor last year are asked to seek renewals through November 15. Sponsorships for lower tiers may be sold now.
- Great Plains AMBUCS will not be volunteering to collect donations for Holiday in the Park. Jenny was informed that all shifts have been filled. Members have the opportunity to volunteer for the display setup on October 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

50/50

Paul Warmuskerken drew the 5 of Clubs. The pot stood at \$512

NEWSLETTER

Larry Kindt had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.