

AMBUNK

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GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

The October 3, 2022 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. She led the group in the AMBUCS prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Jeanette Klein

Jeanette Klein with Children United was the guest speaker. She is now leading the effort to continue the late Joe Chesko's vision to build an inclusive playground in Elmer Thomas Park. The idea was born in 2018 when Chesko witnessed a child in a wheelchair who was not able to play.

Since then, the organization has raised \$478,000 for the project. A topography survey was recently completed, and plans are moving forward for an additional 20,000 square feet of playground space adjacent to the existing playground. Klein said construction plans will soon be presented to the City and the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority. The new playground mainframe has already been purchased.

Children United is looking for sponsors for a fundraising walk on November 12 at Elmer Thomas Park. Donations can also be made to support the effort. Klein said she hopes people will attend to show their dedication to the project. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

OFFICIAL BIG HAT PRESENTATION



Big Hat Club President Zeldon Rice presents Paul Warmuskerken with his official Big Hat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District 5-A Governor Bryan Jester invited the chapter to the Lawton AMBUCS upcoming Pancake Day. It's happening Monday, November 7 at the Great Plains Coliseum. Our chapter will hold our weekly meeting at the event. Sponsorship opportunities are available this year to cover the cost of expenses.
- Kent Jester announced that the main court and prize sponsors have been secured for the next Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament. Prior court sponsors now have the opportunity to renew their commitments by November 15. Broadcast partner, buddy and t-shirt sponsorships are available now.
- 2023 National Big Hat raffle tickets are now on sale. They are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The prize includes one choice of five possible destinations. They are available for anyone to purchase until the next national conference in August 2023. See Zeldon Rice to get yours.

- Mountain Metro AMBUCS will host the monthly District 5-A social on Thursday, October 13 at 6 p.m. It will be held at VFW Post 5263 - 102 NE 20th Street. Loaded baked potatoes will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase.
- Great Plains chapter will participate in the upcoming Holiday in the Park event. Jenny will provide details soon on the evenings that we will collect donations. Groups receive 20 percent of the collections each night.

GUESTS

Bryan Jester
District 5-A Governor

Zachary Miller
Sponsored by Jimmy Roggenbuck

Denise Stahl
Sponsored by Kathleen Martin

50/50

Caitlin Gatlin drew the Two of Hearts. The pot stood at \$486

NEWSLETTER

Kelly Harris had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.