

LUBBOCK MONTEREY BUC & BULL



The Fun Way to Serve!!

Invite a guest to the Monday
Luncheon Meeting.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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Noah Babetti, the 4 ½ - year-old son of Mariam and Hicham, was the smiling recipient of his very own new AmTryke at our January 9 Luncheon.

Noah has cerebral palsy, autism, and is hoping to have surgery soon on his spine in Houston. The family has a GoFundMe account in Noah's name to help offset expenses for the Houston trip.

Noah's new bike was donated by Jim Snapp, who was a guest of Member Kadee Harcrow at our big fundraiser SummerFest. In August. Jim was joined at lunch by his son Caleb, who also has mobility issues, and said **he saw the AmTryke presentations at our Event and wanted to help someone get one!**



Our Speaker Monday, January 9 was Shelley Harris, a professional engineer for the Texas Dept. of Transp.

Shelley is the President of the Board for the American Windmill Museum & told us about the new model train layout that he helped design & build for the museum.

It has over 3600 feet of track, 15 trains, & over 40 3-D windmills - taking 3 years to design & 2 years to build.



Our own Elizabeth Middleton receiving a Monterey AMBUCS mug from President Bobby Sanders

Our scheduled speaker for January 30 did not make it, so Elizabeth Middleton filled in and shared info about the club website – www.montereyambucs.org

Hopefully, everyone will take the time to go on and see the incredible job that Elizabeth does in both documenting and sharing our Club. Be sure to give her a Big Thanks the next time you see her.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

02/06/2023 – Erin Vaca – Texas Tech University Career Center

02/13/2023 – NO CLUB

02/15/2023 – VALENTINE DINNER at Italian Gardens

02/20/2023 – President's Day - TBA

02/27/2023 – Christy Reeves – Exec. Director – Habitat for Humanity

02/28/2023 – February Board Meeting Saltgrass Steakhouse at Noon

Here are some quick NEWS BRIEFS.

- **THE LUBBOCK MONTEREY BIG HATTERS** will support the current Membership Contest and at the same time bring attention to those Members who have NOT yet brought in the required number of Members to become a Big Hat member, by wearing the appropriate head cover as outlined below:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (More dates for Summer and Fall will be announced later)

BIG HATTERS, these are the days and the head gear you need to wear:

March 6 – Western Hat – Spring Round Up

April 3 – Western Hat – Spring Round Up

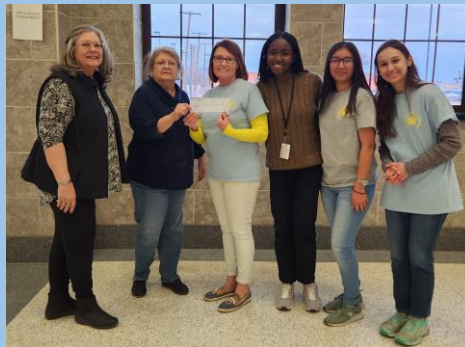
These are the days you can feel free to wear your ball cap (it is NOT mandatory)

March 13, 20, 27

April 10, 17, 24

- On October 3, Melissa Sharp, who teaches both Chemistry and Astronomy at Lubbock High, shared with our club at lunch about the outreach program she started after losing both her 20-year-old daughter Miranda and her 24-year-old son Morgan to suicide.

Below, Monterey AMBUCS Members Donna Rose Shattuck and Vickie Bunting presenting a check for \$500.00 to Melissa and the Sunflowers Over Suicide organization from our Club!



- In the photo below, you might recognize the man in the red shirt, Stephen Liford (our newest Member), from a previous Newsletter article about **Bikers for a Cause Ride on Saturday, October 8**. Stephen, known as “Old Man” in the biker community came to our big fund raiser SummerFest in August and saw the presentation of an AmTryke to a young girl and says he was instantly hooked on our mission.

He shared with Josh Sanders (shown below with his dad President Bobby Sanders) that they should organize a ride with local bikers and donate the proceeds to our Club for AmTrykes - their bike club donated almost \$3,000! Welcome, Stephen to the Monterey AMBUCS, and thanks, Josh, for sharing the story! Everyone get on board & do the same for the Spring Round Up!



As we begin our Spring Membership Round Up this month, here is a great piece produced by Elizabeth Middleton to help all of us, as current Members to better understand, not only what we can do to bring in New Members, but, more importantly, what each of us can do to make sure they become Active Members.

IT'S ALL ABOUT RECRUITMENT AND SPRING ROUND UP

A chapter cannot stand still in its membership, or it will fall by the wayside. For a chapter to grow and be vibrant there must be planned approach...**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS THE KEY.**

WHAT ARE THE SEVEN GOLDEN STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT?

Establish Contact	Awareness
Arouse Interest	Follow Up!!
Ask For a Commitment	Follow Up Again!!
Retention and Follow Up One More Time!!	

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO LOOK FOR IN A NEW MEMBER?

You should ask any person whom you think can fulfill the membership requirements, the following.

- Can he/she afford to belong.
- Will he/she attend an orientation meeting after joining.
- Will he/she serve and participate on one or more committees of his/her choice.
- Will he/she try to attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled meetings socials for the year.
- Can he/she schedule personal time for benefit of the chapter when necessary; such as SummerFest, etc.
- He/She believes in the AMBUCS MISSION, "Creating Independence for People with Disabilities."

AS A MEMBER OF AMBUCS, WHO SPONSORS A PROSPECTIVE GUEST, WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Find out what your prospect wants from their membership: Three common reasons: service of the club (mission), business contacts (networking), and making new friends (social).
- Oversee your new member by seeing the club is meeting their reason for joining.
- Be there as an informational resource and guide them to feel welcomed and have the desire to participate. "Shoulders Together."
- Should they be in the prospective stage and have not committed yet, keep asking them to attend. When introducing them at the luncheon meeting, do so with the reason they associate with the club. Example: This is Jimmy Jones with XYZ Corporation. Jimmy is a guest of Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS. Because of our MISSION, Jimmy is considering in becoming a member of the LUBBOCK MONTEREY AMBUCS. Help me welcome Jimmy to today's luncheon meeting. (Members should come up and talk with Jimmy after the meeting to make him feel welcome and interested in him joining.)

HOW SHOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CHAPTER OF LUBBOCK MONTEREY AMBUCS TO YOUR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER?

AMBUCS is made up by a group of people who believe in the MISSION of AMBUCS. AMBUCS is designed to create independence for people with disabilities and this is accomplished both at the chapter and national levels.

WHAT IS A CHAPTER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS support many community service projects. Two major projects are Scholarships for Therapists and AMTRYKES for those with disabilities. Other projects, agreed upon by the board during a fiscal year are Lubbock Challenger Little League, Arrow Foster and Adoptions, Sunflowers for the Prevention of Suicide, etc.

WHAT ABOUT PROGRAMS AT THE LUBBOCK MONTEREY AMBUCS MONDAY LUNCHEON MEETINGS?

The program committee, strives to obtain speakers who are meant to inform, allow you to grow in knowledge and understand areas of interests and needs.

AS A MEMBER, HOW DO WE HAVE FUN BEING A LUBBOCK MONTEREY AMBUC?

AMBUCS is an active civic/social chapter, allowing opportunities to meet new friends, having socials for you to build friendships, new networks, and be a part of other functions within the chapter, while having fun and demonstrating "Shoulders Together".

WHAT ARE THE CHAPTER'S OPERATIONS?

Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS runs its chapter in a simplified manner through the board and committees. Each member participates on at least one committee of their choice. You put your input at the committee level regarding the directions of the committee and chapter's direction. All chapter business is conducted at monthly board meetings and reported to the chapter by committee chairpersons or at a luncheon meeting. Members can come to board meetings.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR PROSPECTIVE GUEST BECOMES A NEW MEMBER?

- Secure the signed application.
- The chapter President or Secretary will write a letter of congratulation and welcome the new member.
- The applicant is inducted into membership by the President in a formal ceremony before the chapter members.
- The new member fills out a committee preference sheet and chooses one to three committees to serve on.
- The sponsor pays special attention to the new member and makes sure the chapter delivers on why the new member joined and is meeting the member's needs and wants.

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS?

- Lubbock Monterey Chapter will grow.
- New ideas keep the chapter flowing and prevent staleness.
- New members move up by growing within the ranks and taking on responsibilities of the chapter.
- There is a common Mission allowing growth in funds, helping those who need scholar ships, AMTRYKES, and fulfill other approved community service projects.
- Development of new friendships and new networks. • Socials support "Shoulders Together" while having fun.

We are the Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS. Proud of our past. Engaged in the present. Excited about our future. As it was in 1960, and as it still is today, We Stand Shoulders Together.

Inspiring Mobility & Independence



**Bobby Sanders asked all AMBUCS members to remember the phrase:
“YES I CAN”**

Marble-O

Marble-O is a fund raiser for the Big Hat Club. The monies raised go to auctions at the Regional and National Conventions to purchase AMTRYKES. Richard Hamilton has recently added a new marble to the bag...a shiny white and blue marble. Should you draw that one, you'll receive \$10.00. Draw the cat-eye marble, you'll receive \$5.00. Draw the white marble, you'll receive one-half of the PROGRESSIVE MONEY COLLECTED to that date. To participate and have a chance to draw, you **must** purchase a ticket(s) from Richard. GOOD LUCK!!

Had a change in your phone number, home address, email address, etc.? Please email Elizabeth Middleton, emiddleton7aol.com, and provide the changes so we can update the member directory, mailing lists, email list, etc. Thank you.

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION CORNER

Our Fire Extinguisher Birthday Wishes

Go To

Jim Anderson 02/08

Subodh Patel 02/15

Ron Rummel 02/16

Jeff Gibson 02/18

Patty Hamilton 02/26

Monica Luster 02/27

Anniversary Wishes Go To

Subodh and Gita Patel 02/01

Hugh and Bobbie Lankford 02/14

Ron and Karen Rummel 02/15

Rollo and Cindy Gurss 02/28



HAND SHAKER PROGRAM

The hand shaker program is designed for you to get to know your fellow AMBUC, and it is also a fundraiser for the Amtryke program. Each member puts a dollar into what is referred to as the "Hand Shaker Pot" when they come into the meeting. At the end of the meeting if your badge number is drawn you are eligible for half of the monies collected for that meeting.

To be eligible to win half of the pot you must do the following:

- Put in your \$1 (that is no option)
- Before you sit down to eat, you are to go around the room and greet each member who is already seated and call them by their first name (i.e.: Hi Richard). If it is a guest, you are to introduce yourself to the individual.
- Each member's badge has a number applied to the back of the badge. At the end of the meeting, usually our speaker is asked to pull out a chip with a number on it.
- If that person is present at the meeting they are eligible for half of the pot, **provided they shook or into today's world - did an elbow or fist bump with the mystery hand shaker.**
- If they did not make contact with the mystery hand shaker, then the money rolls over to the next meeting.
- The "Hand Shaker Program" raises around \$480 during our fiscal year or half of an Amtryke.
- It is the responsibility of the Sargent-at-Arms to pick the mystery hand shaker for the meeting.



PRAYERS FOR:

Let me know if there are any special prayer requests to post.

Special blessings for elected officials.

Special blessings for City, County, State, National and International leaders.

Special blessing for our AMBUCS Officers.

Pray for our Membership to get a fresh fire for our mission, and for open hearts and minds in the prospective New Members with whom we share that mission!

Dave Hallberg is our AMBUCS Southwest Region Director and he is a "hands-on" type of guy!! He is our go-to support person when we need information, assistance, and/or guidance when it comes to the operations of our Chapter. *Dave has lots of resources to help for all who just ask.* He has great ideas and has a terrific success record. Should you have questions, you can give him a call: (817) 247-0494 or email him at swrambucs@gmail.com. Thanks Dave for being so "hands-on".
"Shoulders Together".

MISSION STATEMENT:

Inspiring people to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence, through a nationwide network of volunteer chapters, working in partnership with physical, occupational and speech therapists; by providing AMTRYKE adaptive trykes, scholarships for therapists and many forms of community service.

How can you help? You can become a [member](#), a [sponsor](#), or make a [donation](#) to the Lubbock Monterey Chapter of AMBUCS. For more information, please visit our website: montereyambucs.org