



Our Speaker for today's luncheon was Dr. Tedd Mitchell, Chancellor of Texas Tech University.

Dr. Mitchell first talked about AMBUCS and how he became aware of AMBUCS through an older brother who was a member with the Longview Chapter. He also understood the development of the AMTRYKE and was glad to see today's AMTRYKE presentation.

He then made an analogy between bamboo and AMBUCS. The bamboo root system grows horizontally. But when the root system is established, the bamboo grows 1 1/2 inches per hour. It can quickly overrun an area. It was in the 1990's, Ambucs was growing horizontally by developing the AMTRYKE and presenting it to National's Ambucs. Because of this, AMBUCS exploded in its growth exponentially.

Dr. Mitchell then connected how the 70'-90's impacted rural America, UT, Texas A&M and TTU. Of course, UT and Texas A&M were the big ones. But TTU was building its roots and now has sprouted out. In 1971, TTU was approved for a veterinary school. But is wasn't until the 2019 session did the veterinary school and dental school get approval. This was transformational for TTU. There are about 3,000 4-year universities in the US. But only 9 have medicine, law, undergrad level, post-grad level, pharmacy, nursing. TTU now has veterinary and dental schools.

Higher education is at a cross-road. Higher education is to make students job-ready in their degree. TTU is doing phenomenally well in this area. Every 3 years recruiters take a survey as to what recruiters want. TTU is ranked 9th out of 3,000 universities.

Dr. Mitchell stated there is more to education than just workforce readiness. He proposed two questions: What kind of world are we leaving to our children?...And, in our education we need to ask, What kind of kids will be leading the world? Do the young men and women have the soft skills, such as: critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, social skills, emotional skills, so they can feel engaged with others? This is important. Outside of our formal education, there is the school of *life education*. Most of the kids today, only have social media exposure as their life education. That is not always a good thing, because it really emphasizes to the young folks to be self-centered. C. S. Lewis said humility is not thinking less of yourself...it is thinking of yourself less. So part of the educational job is to have students think of themselves less.

When Covid hit and took a foot-hold, how did that impact higher education? Higher education had to immediately assess the problem and take action. This meant getting students who were in Europe back home safely, change from in person classes to on-line classes. We had to do this, despite the Governor decreasing our school budget by 5% and losing income from dorms, etc. In another area, the Covid testing kits from China were garbage. Texas Tech Health Sciences Center changed a research lab to a clinical lab. With the help of the School of Pharmacy, they developed the viral transport media (VTM) in the test tubes. It was so successful, UT called and asked if they could purchase VTM test tubes. Overall, there were 500,000 VTM test tubes produced by December, 2020.

As Dr. Mitchell stated, "Here in West Texas, we are known to work hard and believe it can be done without having the need for accolades." "We don't have to be "braggadoclous" like UT and Texas A&M. We can and do accomplish without having to say it." Dr. Mitchell's speech was powerful and worth seeing in person. The write up is an abbreviation of his speech.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

07/19/2021-Dr. Jon Spiers, Running for Texas Land Commissioner 07/26/2021-Steve Gomez, LCU Women's Basketball Coach 07/27/2021-Board Meeting 12:00 Noon, at Picoso's (Come a little early to order

your food) 08/02/2021-TBA

Inspiring Mobility & Independence



NEED VOLUNTEERS...For the last several Saturdays, Challenger Little League has had play days at the Lubbock Challenger Little League Baseball Field. July 17 is their end of play days and the Big Hat Club and Lubbock Monterey Ambucs memberships are asked to provide the Little League players a party. Richard Hamilton is in Charge of obtaining volunteers to assist in setting up, cooking hot dogs, assembling food, and Clean-up for about 20 to 25 kids and their parents. Two members have already stepped-up (Hugh Lankford, and Jim Berrier), but we need a few more. You will need to be there by 10:30am as serving will begin at 11:00Am. Please call or text Richard (806) 789-6137 and let him know you will be there. Jeff sent out an e-mail to the coaches and will let Jeff know the number count.

Bobby Sanders asked all Ambuc members to remember the phrase: "YES I CAN"



Richard reports the pot is getting really big!!! He is even having to have help counting the money!! So buy your tickets and Good Luck drawing the white marble!!!

ON YOUR MARK. GET SET. GO!!

Ok, we are now in the "final" phase for SUMMERFEST, 2021. Our count-down meter is on. It is requested each member of Ambucs to go out and get two meal gift cards. We don't care where you get them (i.e.: Taco Bell, Double Nickel, etc.) AND they can be in any amount. If you can't bring them to our luncheons, please Call Kadee at 806-777-5244 and arrange a time you can deliver the meal gift cards to her. She is our point person in stashing all the goods at this time for the auction. Let' make this a winning fundraising event. It will take all of us; not just our SUMMERFEST Committee. NOW, Go-o-o-o-o-o get those gift cards or items!!! It is up to you to make the SUMMERFEST EVENT a success!!!

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION CORNER



Our Fire Extinguisher Birthday Wishes
Go To
Mike Webster 07/05
Stewart Townsen 07/05
Jennifer Loper 07/10

Anniversary Wishes Go To No one claimed this honor.





GET THEM BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE

AMBUCS BIG HAT CLUB is selling raffle tickets!! Here's your chance to spend just \$20.00 per raffle ticket for your chance at 1st Prize \$5,000.00, 2nd Prize \$3,000.00, and 3rd prize \$2,000.00. Drawing will be held at the National Conference. You do not have to be present to win. So, if you want the possibility of some extra pocket money while support a great cause, see Richard Hamilton for the tickets. You can pay by cash, check or have Richard notify Roger you want to be billed. Our CLUB has 40 raffle tickets: that's basically 1 ticket for each member. Hurry and get them while they are available. If you can, purchase more than one!!

Today an AMTRYKE was given to Rebecca Loewen. Rebecca lives in Seminole, Texas and is a shy, 4 year old who was born with spinal bifida. Her family who attended the presentation were: Sara (mother in the picture), Elena (older sister-not in picture), and Joseph (older brother-not in picture). Rebecca was referred to the Lubbock Monterey Chapter of Ambucs for an Amtryke by her Physical Therapist, Kelly Campbell. Our mission is to inspire mobility and independence to those with physical or mental disabilities. Her AMTRYKE will allow her to ride with her friends and family while strengthening her muscles, improving her coordination and social skills. Rebecca's AMTRYKE was sponsored by **Primitive.**



Primitive. provides software development, website design, digital marketing and branding. They are filled with passion, imagination, innovation ingenuity, and innovation in crafting winning solutions to those who seek their services. Thank you so much Primitive. And Rebecca, happy riding on your very own AMTRYKE.



Please keep the following in your prayers.

- Cory Sandefer for improved health as he goes through his treatments.
- Landon King and family.
- Taylor Bristow and family: Taylor's wife's grandmother, Gayle Rice, and her uncle, Monty Watson passed away. Please pray for comfort and peace.
- Robbye Hendryx was in hospital for 5 days with a respiratory infection. Now home and was able to attend today's meeting>
- Pam Sweeten's friend has an upper respiratory infection.
- Bobby and Debbie Sanders as their life long pet passed away.

AMBUCS FOCUS INFORMATION

Guest for today's luncheon: Jim Berrier's guest was Tommy Boyd. We all assured Tommy the restaurant was dead and he didn't have to cook hamburgers any more. Tommy was a former member of our Chapter. We enjoyed getting to see him and maybe Jim can twist Tommy's arm for him to come back!! Thank you Jim for bringing a guest.

On another note, Karen and Ron Rummel attended today's luncheon. Both of them had to go inactive and we sure enjoyed getting to see them. Come back when you can.

Check out the website (montereyambucs.org) for the SummerFest 2021 information. There are 3 ways to purchase tickets to this event:



- 1. Eventbrite.com** See QR Code
- 2. In person at Ralph's Records 3322 82nd Street, Lubbock, TX**
- 3. In person from any Lubbock Monterey Ambucs member

Ticket cost \$60.00** per person

(Please note: Handling fees and administration fees will be added on Eventbrite tickets sales. On Ralph's Records sales there will be a \$1.50 fee added.)

Each member WILL BE issued four (4) SummerFest Tickets to sell. Some members purchase these tickets and give them away. REMEMBER-each member and their significant other will need a ticket (\$60.00 each) to attend this event. Ticket sales are an important part of raising funds for our Amtryke and Scholarship Programs. Need additional tickets, Kim Davis, 806-773-6320.



Well, this was an exciting day for Robbye Hendryx. Robbye is now an AMBUCS LIFE MEMBER!!! Richard Hamilton had the privilege presenting Robbye with her LIFE MEMBER CERTIFICATE. This means she will have reduced dues and will receive the National Ambucs Magazine free. We are so happy for Robbye to receive this designation.

CONTRATULATIONS ROBBYE!!

On the next page of the newsletter is an updated page containing the 2021-2022 Officers, Board Members, and Committees. Please look over as we are still needing members to step up on some of the committees. The 4 committees needing more members are: (1) Publicity/Visibility Committee--needs 4 more members; (2) Sponsorship Committee--needs 4 more members; (3) Membership Committee--needs 3 more members; and (4) Finance Committee-- needs 3 more members.

Should you want to join any or all of the committees still needing members, please call Bobby Sanders at (806) 928-5945. The committees are the life line of our club. It is the committees that get things accomplished. So please, take the time and sign up where needed. Thank you.

LUBBOCK MONTEREY AMBUCS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

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