

# LUBBOCK MONTEREY BUC & BULL



The Fun Way to Serve!!

Invite a guest to the Monday  
Luncheon Meeting.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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To wrap up one of our club's best years on record, we gave away 4 more AmTrykes at our May lunches, and to keep with today's being Memorial Day 2023. I'm starting in reverse order and going straight to our 2 giveaways on last Monday, May 22.

Shown above with President Bobby Sanders and Club Ambility Chair Hugh Lankford are Felipe Ybarra and Eddie Love with his wife Shawneequa.

Both Eddie and Felipe are Veterans of our country's military, and we want to first and foremost thank them (and ALL VETERANS) for their service!

Eddie suffered a knee injury in Thailand, while serving in the Air Force. He says he has *"tried to stay active, & now needs a bike to reduce his knee pain."* He says he has lost much of his balance and needs to get out and build that back up, as well as *"working on losing some weight!"* 😊

Eddie was introduced to the AmTryke as a viable solution by Angie McDonald, one of the PTs at the local Veteran's Hospital, and the wife of our very own long-time Member Gary McDonald. Way to go, Angie! Eddie's bike was donated by local VFW 2466.

Felipe was stationed in Germany with the Army, and like Eddie has reduced mobility due to his service and is anxious to learn how to operate one of these newest AMBUCS Vet Bikes, which have 24 gears!

These guys have been waiting on their new bikes for close to 10 months due to the supply chain issues of Covid, but what a blessing to finally start getting Vet Bikes in again. Our Club donated Felipe's new bike.



Our other two AmTryke presentations were at our first lunch of the month on Monday, May 1, with one going to Gabrielle "Gabby" Powell who is shown on the left above. She was joined by family member Julie Powell and her PT Deidre Bailey from Lubbock Cooper ISD.

The other AmTryke was presented to Cooper Drake, who was joined by family members Brindle, Dalton, & Dillon Drake, Chelsea Evans, Linda & Kenneth Yeager, and her PT Amber Williams with the Neuro and Pediatric Center.

What a great way to wrap up our last month of the fiscal year - with bookends of 2 kid's bikes and then 2 Vet Bikes! Way to go Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS!

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

05/29/2023 – **NO MEETING – Memorial Day**

06/05/2023 – West Texas Home Bldrs.  
David Jordan - President

06/12/2023 – Christy Rogers, PhD

06/19/2023 – Tina w/Raider West Farms

06/26/2023 – Matt Ernst w/KCBD

06/27/2023 - Board Meeting, **Saltgrass  
Steakhouse** 12:00 Noon

## Here are some quick NEWS BRIEFS

### WELCOME TO THREE MORE NEW MEMBERS!!



On Monday, May 1, President Bobby Sanders officially welcomed our newest 3 Members to the Club. Stephen Liford (shown on right above) was one of our fastest ever Big Hats by bringing in 3 new Members during our Spring Roundup in less than a month.

One of those New Members was his son, Jared, who now joins his dad as a Big Hat by bringing in his 3 New Members during our Spring Roundup Justin Liford, Cole Kendrick, and Dylan Fitzwater - shown above with Jared's dad and soon-to-be Past President of the Club Bobby Sanders.

### THE LADIES SERVE THE MEN!!



Thanks to the overwhelming victory at the end of the Spring New Member Roundup by the Hurly Burly Guys (11 New Members) over the Powder Puff Gals (4 New Members), the men were served by the ladies at our Monday, May 8 lunch.

The ladies, in the same manner they had approached the entire New Member Contest, spared no effort or expense in providing a delightful lunch of hot dogs, complete with chili and all the other necessary condiments – acknowledging us and reminding us in their very special stickers and table settings that “I’m a **BIG O’HOT DAWG** – I am not a weenie”.

It should be noted that, based on percentages, the ladies almost brought in as many New Members per existing “Gal” Member on the Club Rolls as the men did per “Guy” Member on the Rolls, & discussions are ongoing about adjusting the rules to take that into account for next year.

Our Membership went up 25% thanks to the efforts of the entire Club, lead by Chair Stacy Creitz and her entire Membership Committee. Thanks for making this such a fun endeavor.

### A SPECIAL DONATION TO OUR CLUB!!



You saw earlier in the Newsletter that Eddie Love was presented with a new Vet Bike, but right after accepting his bike, Eddie turned the tables and said he had his own presentation to make.

We mentioned earlier that Member Gary McDonald's (shown left above) wife Angie was Eddie's PT at the Veteran's Hospital, but we found out from Eddie that has been an almost 2-decade relationship, and in appreciation for that and his new Vet Bike, Eddie presented his own \$100 donation to the Club Treasurer Jason Kennell (shown right above) to pay it forward for “*someone else to be blessed with a new Vet Bike*” like he had!

## **We Had Three More Top-Notch Luncheon Speakers in May**

We started off on Monday, May 1 with Danny Gonzales (sorry, no picture) with Found Organization. He has been active in the Found Organization for a little over one year. By trade he has his own insurance business.

Lubbock Found Organization is a 501(c), and their vision is *“to live in a world full of people who feel seen, heard, and equipped to make an impact as they walk in their strengths.”* Deliveries tied to all kinds of needs are made every week to schools, sometimes multiple times per week. Typically, delivery is to the school office or the nurse, or an on-campus welfare worker. Their model works because they can respond quickly and quietly to the need.

Lubbock Found Organization looks for the Title 1 schools to qualify for their assistance. In Title 1 at least 40% of the school kids must be on the reduced lunch programs. Currently there are 50 schools who qualify; however, they only have 26 dispatchers, and need 5 more dispatchers to service the approximately 25-30 schools presently on their list.

When the Found Organization began in Lubbock, it supplied snacks, toiletries, pants, deodorant, and underwear, Monday – Friday. However, they learned these kids did not have food over the weekend and they decided to expand to include the weekend and holidays.

They have business resources and individuals who contribute and assist in their mission. Some of these businesses can act in emergency, critical situations, and provide food items immediately, and one of their goals is to have 30 more people donate \$100.00 per month for 12 months. They can be contacted at [www.thefoundmission.com](http://www.thefoundmission.com).



We continued our weekly speakers on Monday, May 8, with very special guest, Coach Tim Siegel, who had spoken the night before in front of 620 folks in Austin, and still made the 6-hour drive back to Lubbock that morning to speak to a tenth that number at our luncheon, which shows the tremendous dedication and commitment he has to spreading his son Luke's story of how Luke was severely injured in a golf cart accident in 2015 at 9 years old, Luke's struggle to “recover, and his ultimate passing in August of 2021.

Not only is it a story of Luke's incredible attitude and bravery, but also a story of how Tim has learned to process the entire experience. In January of 2017, Tim started the Team Luke Foundation, to help other families who were dealing with traumatic brain injuries to a family member like Luke.

In January of 2018, Tim joined forces with Hope for Minds to form Team Luke/ Hope for Minds, whose mission is *“to enrich the lives of children with a brain injury and give hope to their families through support and education.”* In 2021 and 2022, the foundation gave out over \$500,000 in financial support, and Tim says they are well on the way to that number's doubling for 2023.

If you want to be a part of the effort of, as Tim says, helping these folks in need put “ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER”, you can contact them at [www.teamlukehopeforminds.org](http://www.teamlukehopeforminds.org).



Our last speaker for the month and for the year was Amy Marquez, Director of Communications for Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas, serving 42 counties in Texas and 3 in Oklahoma. Most of us learned for the first time that Goodwill is about far more than the shop we may have gone in to over the years for a “deal” on someone else's cast off items.

They also have licensed Document Destruction and Career Resource Centers that provide over 300 courses to help folks assimilate into the work force, and IT'S ALL FOR FREE! Amy said their mission is to move from Donors to Shoppers to Job Creators & they can be reached at [www.goodwillnwtexas.org](http://www.goodwillnwtexas.org) if you want more info or to volunteer.



## We Wrapped Up the Year with Our 63<sup>rd</sup> Installation Banquet

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we gathered at Club Member Subodh Patel's beautiful Center Pointe Event Center for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship, as we also observed the Installation of next year's Club Officers.

These events are always extra special, because we can include our significant others and this time was no exception; and the food (catered by local restaurant Ike's) was very good. Bobby Sanders especially commented on how good the filets were that were served, and that says a lot because Bobby is very discriminating when it comes to steak. 😊



Above, Outgoing President Bobby Sanders gave a very heartfelt speech, reminiscing about his last 2 years as our Club President, and then swore in Incoming President Kadee Harcrow. Kadee also shared her plans to continue the "Yes I Can" attitude and then presented Bobby with a little something to help him through his "postponed" retirement>



Kadee swore in the New Board of Governors, including 1-year Members Oscar Will, Hugh Lankford, Robbye Hendryx, and Scott Piercy, and the 2-year Members Brett King, Elizabeth Middleton, Rollo Gurss, and Kim Owens.

Next came the swearing in of New Officers, including Pam Sweeten (President-Elect), Richard Hamilton (Vice President), Bobby Sanders (Past President), Donna Rose Shattuck (Secretary), Jason Kennell (Treasurer), Bill Wrench (Chaplain), and Gail and Amy King (Sergeants-At-Arms)



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of special awards (above) by out-going President, Bobby Sanders.

**Committee Chair of the Year for Summerfest 22** was Richard Hamilton for doubling the yearly earnings we used to make at the Fair; **Past-President Achievement Award** went to Robbye Hendryx for all her continuing hard work plus her initiation of the "Yes I Can" motto; with the **YES I CAN Spirit Award** going to Stacy Creitz, for stepping up to chair the record-setting Membership activities this last year.

A **Special Presidential Award** was presented to Elizabeth Middleton for her tireless work on the Website and so many other club activities; **AMBUC of the Year** went to Jim Anderson for the tremendous efforts and countless hours he put in to prepare both new and refurbished AmTrykes in his garage and make sure they got where they needed to go.

And **Rookie of the Year Award** went to Bobby's son Josh and was presented at lunch on May 22 since Josh could not make the Banquet. This was definitely NOT nepotism, because Josh jumped in with both feet and helped raise over \$10,000 in new Sponsorships, helped get the Club's AmTryke trailer beautifully rewrapped, and personally sponsored a new Big hat, who also sponsored a new Big Hat, accounting for 7 New Members! Well deserved and way to go, Josh!

# Inspiring Mobility & Independence



Kadee Harcrow asks all AMBUC 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 Donna Rose Shattuck, [droseshattuck@outlook.com](mailto:droseshattuck@outlook.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

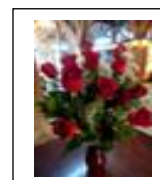


Our Fire Extinguisher Birthday Wishes  
Go To

Bobby Sanders 06/02  
Josh Sanders 06/06  
Tanner Taylor 06/06  
Stephen Liford 06/20  
Jerrod Shelton 06/27

Anniversary Wishes  
Go To

Stephen & Marilyn Fannin 06/15  
Sean & Tiffany Moore 06/20



## 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 all elected officials.*

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

*Special blessing for our Incoming AMBUCS Officers.*

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. He is an important person for all Chapters who may be struggling with their scorecard, and he will help solve issues quickly! *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](mailto: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](http://montereyambucs.org)