



We meet  
 Each Thursday at Noon  
 Heritage Room of  
 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist  
 400 N. Fredonia St.  
 Longview, Texas

Home of the AmTryke

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Oct 22, 2015

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**Presiding:** Vice Prez Chapin Miller  
**Prayer** Jeff Bishop  
**Pledge** Jason Scott

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 38**

**Guests: 6**                      **Guest of:**  
 Dr. Billy Jivetti                      Club  
 Buck Rogers                      Tim Hood  
 Ed Salobar                      Kevin Ingram  
 Greg Burch                      Jeff Bishop  
 Pete Garza                      Michael Garza

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**Drawings:**

**Attendance:** \$120      ~~Cody Boyd~~  
**50/50:**                      \$52      Mike Bishop

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**Oct 29** Kyle Lybarger  
**Nov 5** Michael Tubb  
**Nov 12** Police Chief Mike Bishop  
**Nov 19** Allen Lizza  
**Nov 26** Thanksgiving Day!  
**Dec 3** Danny Lee

**Your Choice!**

If you can help with ramp builds on any of these Saturdays, please call, text or e-mail Billy H:

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>  
 903-452-1731

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 Oct 31 & Nov 14: Build a Tryke!

**Vice Prez Chapin Miller**

led today's meeting, and had several members bring us up-to-date on various activities.

- **Justin Scott** was a member of a stellar team participating in last Friday's golf tournament. Although we don't have a figure yet on the amount raised, Justin reported that there was a good turnout, good prizes and great weather.
- **Steve Rogers** reported that 13 more AmTrykes are on the way to us, and he'd like help on the next couple of "non-ramp" Saturday mornings, to assemble some of them at World HQ. He also reminded us about the new system that will identify locations where we can deliver trykes to kids on the Wish List when we visit various cities on holiday or other trips. Call Steve to see if there is a kid needing a tryke in the area you'll be visiting. 281-797-9938

- **Dick Allen** reminded us that there are two ramps scheduled for this weekend. If it's not pouring down rain, meet at The Butcher Shop at 7am on Saturday.
- **John Durst** reported on last night's Board Meeting:
  - o \$46k → scholarships
  - o \$2k → AmTrykes
- **Somebody(?)** reminded us that the 23 scholarships will be awarded at the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. So, be there if you can....it's always a good time.
- **Robert Lee** reported that the Big Hatters have allocated \$250 for improvements at World HQ, and that plans are "in the mill" for a club-wide social in November.



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**Randy Rose** dozed off and received Betty Bannana from **Michael Garza**.

**Dr. Billy Jivetti**, a professor at Wiley College in Marshall was today's speaker. He is President and CEO of Pathways Africa, an organization he founded to bring medical services to remote areas in Kenya.

With several educational degrees, and a lot of experience in helping small communities in the United States, Dr. Jivetti was encouraged by a specific donor to also assist the families in his home community in Kenya. He learned about AMBUCS through our association with the Longview Running Club, and was excited about the work we do to help those in need.

His organization has built a clinic in a town of 100 families, but that services a larger rural area of 2,500 people. Medical needs range from falling injuries among the elderly, to venomous insect and snake bites, and to an especially aggressive and deadly form of malaria.

With support of the original donor, work was begun in 2011, with estimates that services would be available at the rate of \$25-\$50 per person. The building is now nearly complete, and though not yet finished, services have been provided for as little as \$16 per person during special clinic events, serving up to 400 people/day.

The better than estimated costs are because of support from various individual donors and organizations, as well as partnerships with hospitals providing off-duty doctors and nurses from the Kenyan cities.

Of course, Dr. Jivetti hopes that our club will be interested in helping Pathways Africa, perhaps in helping to fund the final \$50k of construction costs. (A simple bag of cement costs \$15 in Kenya, approximately twice the cost in Longview.)

During a short Q&A period, Dr. Jivetti explained that Kenya is one of the stable countries in Africa, and there are not problems in dealing with the government when either local or international organizations work to bring medical or missionary help into the country. The total population is 40 million people, with only 4 thousand doctors...1 per 10,000 people...and many of those doctors are in private practice in the big cities.

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**Yes, it is a long way off,** but start planning now to attend the regional conference, April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, in Bedford, TX.

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After a movie and a good nap, you can check on your children (free local phone calls), then take a stroll to the lounge or restaurant where you meet new friends every day.

**So, face old age with an AMBUC's grin!**