



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

Home of the AmTryke

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Pledge Tommy Knight

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 42**

**Guests: 3** **Guest of:**

Ryan Camprise Randy Rose  
 Candace Gleason Club  
 Kyle Lybarger Club

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Drawings:

Attendance: \$120 Jack Crawford
50/50: \$62 Jim Murphrey

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

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



**Candace Gleason, PTA and  
 Kyle Lybarger, PT**

Candace and Kyle presented information about their non-profit organization, Donated Medical Compassion (DMC).

Kyle is co-owner of IPE Therapy, a company providing therapists throughout East Texas. Candace is one of IPE's therapists, and President of the Board of Directors for DMC, an off-shoot of IPE.

DMC provides various medical equipment and supplies to patients unable to receive them through insurance or Medicare. They "recycle" equipment that is no longer needed by one patient, and provide it to another.

Both Kyle and Candace emphasized their concern for safety, and that they are often able to refurbish or cannibalize

equipment, and can identify what should be discarded. They have and are continuing to build a stock of equipment, and have space for clean and secure storage. They even have donors waiting until the right time to donate funds for wheelchair batteries.

➔ What they need is help in delivering the equipment, because the therapists have been doing this after work in the evenings and on weekends.

After considerable discussion and Q&A, it seemed obvious that we and DMC would make good partners in helping the community. So, plans began to form, whereby Kyle, Candace and/or another PT/PTA will evaluate our current equipment to determine what is worth taking to their clean storage area. And we'll be ready to channel future equipment to them, and help deliver what we can.

(Right now, **you** can help by rounding up a couple of bedside commodes or shower chairs!)



If you can help with building ramps, or building AmTrykes on any of these Saturdays, meet at Butcher Shop at 7am, or World Headquarters at 8am

**Ramps: Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**AmTrykes: Oct 31 & Nov 14**



**B7 is back!!**

**Bubba, Big Brother of Big Bad Bobby Banana** came to today's meeting with Randy Rose. Randy brought a guest, and gave B7 to James White.

This was a great event, for many reasons.

- Randy's Guest, Ryan Campise, joined the club!
- James already has a guest lined-up for next week
- It's just great to see B7 back! (Bettie Banana is a nice kid, but B7 has more pizzaz)

**Company's Comin'**

Next Thursday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll be giving scholarships to 24 students. This should be a real good meeting for you to attend, because, for the first time, we expect some parents to be with us, in addition to the students and teachers. So, make an effort to be with us next week, and see some of the PTAs and OTs who will be taking care of us in the years ahead.

**Membership Chairman**, Danny Lee says we'll have an Orientation for new members in early December. It's a good social time for both new members and old. So plan to come.



**Bob Graham and Allen Lizza** reported on several recent contributions. The Johnson Foundation has given \$30,000. Local attorney, Powers Branch, has given \$500; and local realtor, Frank Chane, has given \$10,000. The funds are getting close to meeting the total cost of the field, and construction is still expected to start in December. Please talk with anyone that you think might be willing to help in either a large or small way...it all helps. And, talk with Bob or Allen if you'd like them to speak with someone with you.

**Tommy Knight** reported that the golf tournament will net over \$6k from the day of the event itself, and that there will be even more, when some outstanding sponsorships are collected.

**Robert McGowan** reported on delivering two AmTrykes to Cleveland, TX, last weekend. He reminded us how exciting receiving an AmTryke is for the kids, and how emotional it is for the parents. As Robert says, if you've never helped actually give an AmTryke to a child, and seen the joy it creates, you really should do it!

**Steve Rogers** has access to maps showing the locations of "Wish List" kids, all over Texas. He can line you up with a kid and a therapist. Just let him know where you're headed!

**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.

**An AMBUC walked into a bar,** obviously stone drunk, and asked for a drink.

"Sorry," said the bartender, "but you obviously already have had a little too much to drink."

Fuming mad, the drunk AMBUC walked out the front door and walked in through the side door and said, "Can I have a drink please?" "Sorry," the bartender said "but you can't have a drink here."

The AMBUC walks out and goes in through the back door. "Can I please have a drink?" "Enough!" the bartender screamed. "I told You No Drinks!" The AMBUC looked at the bartender closely and exclaimed, "Darn! How many bars do you work at?"

We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.

The first time the AMBUC sang in the choir, 53 people changed their religion.

Only the mediocre are always at their best.

A committee is a group of people that keeps minutes and loses hours.

A two-year old is like having a blender, but you don't have the top.