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We meet
Each Thursday at Noon
in the Heritage Room of
1st United Methodist
Church
400 N. Fredonia St.
Longview, Texas 75601

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| Presiding: | Chapin Miller |
| Prayer: | Steve Warner |
| Pledge: | Jay Gordon |
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| Members: | 41 |
| Guests: | None |
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| Attendance: | \$886 Wayne Trammel |
| 50/50: | \$50 Mike Tomanio |

T-Bone Walker Blues Festival

Tom Brown has enough volunteers, Report to the agricultural barn where the stage and vendors will be. Tom will call you to make sure you are at your assigned post and time for Friday or Saturday. You will need a shirt to get in, and Tom will get your to you either today at the meeting or tomorrow when he has the rest of them from supplier. This year, credit card payments via a phone/pad with electronic signature will be available, as well as cash. Duke supplied a cash drawer for one of the beer booths.

Ramps

Billy H. talked about last Saturday's ramp build. There were 4 Ambucs and 4 helpers from Kilgore College that completed a ramp at Lakeport for a lady who was most appreciative. Mr. Garza was in training to be an additional board

cutter. Let Billy know if you're interested in being an additional board cutter by emailing him at aceglassman@cablelynx.com.

AmTrykes

Steve Rogers talked of 2 applicants in Tyler. 1 was recently given away at Mr. Diamond's dealership to a terminally ill girl who was skeptical, until she rode it for an hour, and was thrilled. As soon as funding is available, we will provide the 2nd one.

Big Hatters Announcement

James White - president of Big Hatters, and he announced a chili cook-off social on October 29th at his house. Reschedule due to deer season?

Other News

Robert Lee spoke of the need to buy tickets for the Big Hatters fund raiser. Like father like son. Danny's mother fell and broke her hip, and is in surgery.

Charlie spoke of May 22nd Run For The Wall. He said there were several bikers here from DC, and wanted to thank them and Ambucs for their generous donation.

Dick Allen knows a lady who needs a lift chair/recliner. Anyone?

Michael said goody bag donations for upcoming events, i.e., pencils, pens, rulers, pads, etc. are needed.

Mud Run

Bob Graham said construction of the monkey bar house with support posts over the ice pit was progressing nicely. He needs 800 bags of ice donated. It is August 27th beginning at 7 AM. Bob reported that the facebook page has been updated we are looking to get the participant level up to 800-1,000 this year.



Speakers Mike Williams and Hayden Montoya
Mike Williams, an Ambucs

member for 15 years, spoke of the First Tee youth development program. They teach kids basic manners and life skills typically to lower income kids who may not have had these character attributes modeled at home. They have taught hundreds of kids through the discipline of golf to learn basic skills such as respect for people (saying yes ma'm and yes sir) and the confidence to look people in the eye when speaking to them. About 90% of their time is spent learning these skills and 10% of the time is spent learning the rules and skills of golf.

He spoke of Pro Am tour at Pinecrest as their big fundraiser. Come have dinner with pros, for \$1 a ticket for a chance to win free admission for the October 21st.

Mike introduced Hayden Montoya (a junior in high school) who spoke of his duties at First Tee. He is an Ace level golfer, having completed the training and therefore mentors kids to learn responsibility and be a better person. He said the program brings out the potential for good in kids. He and Mike both emphasized that the kids are shy and withdrawn at first, but as they progress and develop friendships, they begin to open up and interact with others with respect and dignity. They are trained in proper golf techniques at first, then to more complex social skills and positive thinking mindsets. Traditional sports often focus on learning by intimidation, but golf is taught in a non-threatening manner. Mike said that the program has merit levels and tests that must be mastered before advancing to more advanced study of the game and life skills. The program cooperates with LHS and

PTISD, initially for inner city, but is now available for all students. It is a 6 week program that costs \$65. However, no child is turned away. Free lunch kids are especially targeted to be in the program. The 6 week programs are offered in the spring, summer, and fall. Clubs are given to the kids. Donations are accepted of old clubs, shoes, etc. Clubs are reconditioned with new grips and the shafts are adjusted.

Mobility Bash

September 10th is the date, mark your calendars. We will have 500 tickets available July 1st.

Member Info on Website

If you haven't done this already, go to the Longview Ambucs website & fill in your info.

B7

B7 is still hanging out with Bob Graham, awaiting some new rain boots.

Ambuc Family & Friends Prayer Requests

- *Pearl Thorpe (cancer treatment)
- *David Kirkendall
- *Larry Day's Son (head injury)
- *Harry Barth's Son (brain cancer)
- *James Howard (back surgery)
- * Danny Lee's mother

George Washington

Judge Josh Morris will be at First United Methodist Church downtown Thursday, June 9th at 11 AM portraying George Washington. It's a free event.

Upcoming National Conferences

2017 will be October 18-21 at Tantara Resort at Lake of the Ozarks.

2018 will be October 3-6 at Peppermill Resort Spa & Casino in Reno. Always be planning ahead.

ARC of Gregg County Officer Installment

Will be held June 2nd from 5:30 to 6:30 at 101 E Tyler St.



New President Chapin Miller

Chapin did a fine job conducting our meeting today, and we look forward to his leadership. Shown here is Chapin's best presidential pose. Also, thanks to outgoing president Allen Lizza for his leadership as well.



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Steve and Diane Rogers

Please attach this to the weekly newsletter:

June 11th & 25th - Ramp Build

July 4th - Burgers, Fun, & Fireworks (7-10)

July 9th & 23rd - Ramp Build

August 6th, 13th, & 20th - Mudd Run work days

August 27th - Mudd Run

September 3rd - Bash Work Day (7:45 - 12:00)

September 9th - Bash set-up day (8-5)

September 10th - Bash (9-2 set-up) (6-12 Bash)

September 24th - Power Sport's Fest

All ramp & work days start @ 7:00 at Butcher Shop, 7:45 at World Headquarters

Tighten your belt, mark your calendars!

Let's do this Longview Ambucs, Kicking Butt!

Thanks much,

Billy Hagenbucher

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