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Each Thursday at Noon
You are welcome
to join us.

Home of the AmTryke

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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding:	Dick Allen
Prayer:	Dave Dean
Pledge:	Bill Supan
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<b>Members:</b>	37
<b>Guests:</b>	2
<b>Speaker:</b>	1
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Attendance:	\$562 carryover
50/50	\$49 Tom Brown
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### Club News

An AmTryke will be given away in memory of Al Voyles who was a life long member of AMBUCS, and passed away March 5th. The recipient will be Dakota Montgomery, and he is the grandson of Al's hospice sitter Mary Tower. Dakota is 24 years old and has a seizure disorder. Al was particularly close to Mary. The AmTryke will be given away On Saturday June 2nd at the Holiday Inn on Tuttle Dr. around 6pm.

### Golf Tournament

This Friday, June 1st at Oak Forest Country Club is the big day! There are 20 teams - way to go, guys! We need help with hole spotters, cooking the hamburgers, tent setup, etc. See Tommy Knight & Joe Knox if you can help.

### Awards Banquet

The banquet is tonight at East Texas Builders Association on Alpine Dr. Happy hour is at 6 with dinner at 7.

### Regional Conference

The regional conference will be happening here in Longview on June 1st-June 2nd at the Holiday Inn North at 300 Tuttle Circle in Longview. All costs will be reimbursed by the club. Be sure and register for this local event.

**Big Hat breakfast will be on June 2nd at 7 AM. Paul is asking our Big Hatters to attend and make a good showing. All events will be from 7 in the morning until about 2 that afternoon.

### National Conference

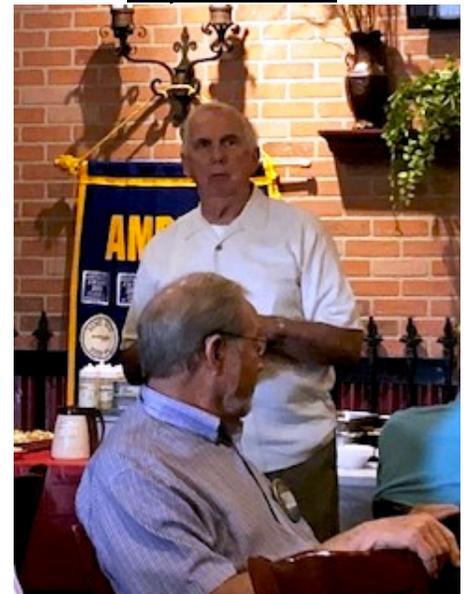
It will be on October 3rd-6th at the Peppermint Hotel Resort in Reno Nevada. Their telephone number is 866-821-9996.

### Amtrykes

Steve reported that there will be a Village Walk Dog show in town, and he would like to give away 3 AmTrykes. Need help with the work tent from 10 - 4, Saturday June 9th. Need 6 people.



Prez Dick Allen Passes The Torch To James White



LISD Superintendent, Dr. James Wilcox

Dr. Wilcox stressed that school safety for staff, teachers, and kids is always on their mind. Historically, the first violent school attack occurred in the 1700's.

Some of the methods that attackers have used against schools today are varied, including setting off fire alarms so that people evacuate, then targeting them. Another tactic is to arrive in the wee hours of the morning before the campus population, hiding on the school campus. He said there is one entrance to LHS that that is not locked. However, all of the 153 exterior doors are locked (panic bars on all doors for rapid egress), and a person wishing to enter must come to the office, have their drivers license swiped into the system, sign their name, and indicate the nature of their business. Upon acceptance, they are then buzzed in and allowed access.

Dr. Wilcox said that the Texas Governor recently released his round table report about school security measures that are currently in use and suggestions for additional methods and measures. James said it was mostly a review, and not much new information. Dr. Wilcox said that no one thing will guarantee 100% success against an attacker, but that tactics can slow down or delay an attacker until emergency personnel can apprehend/eliminate the perpetrator. He used an example of current traffic laws, speed limit signs, and fire codes. Just because there are laws against it doesn't prevent people from breaking the law or becoming violent.

James said that the Assistant Superintendent reports once a month on school and staff safety measures being implemented. Emergency Response Teams from Shreveport and Longview have conducted walk throughs to

recommend safety measures and tactics that can be used against violence.

Dr. Wilcox said all classroom doors are locked from the inside, but if the school is attacked, the front office can electronically lock all classroom doors instantly.

He said that in addition to school resource officers on the LHS campus, there are also officers on 3 middle school campuses in Longview, (those deemed more prone to violence). He said that relationships between the officers and students help provide more prevention. At LHS, every morning for the last 11 1/2 years, announcements are made encouraging students to inform a teacher or an officer if they feel harassed, or know someone who is. Counselors meet with those students, and proactive measures are taken to avoid violence. Mr. Wilcox said that most violence occurs by loners, outcasts, and those who are not involved in sports teams or social organizations on campus. These individuals often feel rejected and are seeking revenge for their feelings of isolation and non-inclusion.

James mentioned that lockdown drills are performed on a regular basis at LHS. There are 430 cameras monitored daily by staff from 30 minutes before school until 30 minutes after each school day. All cameras are working 24/7, being remotely monitored after hours.

There is a High Five Program for off-duty law enforcement personnel who can come by and have food & refreshments, which increases visibility of law enforcement and their vehicles on campus. This enhances the feeling of campus safety. Additionally, having officers show up at erratic

unscheduled times is a deterrent to a planned attack, because a perpetrator is unsure of when/where an officer may be present.

James has been approached by a local pastor who has an idea to use retired emergency personnel on campus as a supplement to current measures. This would be called the Guardian Angel Program, and the pastor feels that perhaps local churches could help fund it. There is a planning meeting on June 19th to discuss this possibility. Dr. Wilcox said that in order to enact a program like this would require equal participation by all faiths, not just Christian. He also said that legally there could be some challenges, and that school attorneys would be consulted in the planning, should the Guardian Angel Program become a reality.

He said that 70% of LHS graduates are not college bound and that there are trades programs for those kids. He said there are computer technology classes, meat processing programs, welding technology, and manufacturing training currently active on campus. James has worked with LEDCO and Mayor Mack's office to develop more trades programs for blue collar jobs, which are currently in high demand. Dr. Wilcox said that plumbers can easily make \$80K annually and as much as \$100K with overtime.

He said that 19 students recently took the ACT college entrance exams as freshmen, and that 17 made high scores, with 2 girls having a perfect score. He said it is not uncommon for LHS students to cumulatively have up to 2,400 hours of college credit built up upon graduation. This helps relieve the financial burden of parents whose children are going to college.