

VP Monthly Meeting Update

Vision with a Purpose held its monthly meeting July 2 at 6 pm at their office building on Austin St. The meeting was dedicated to the late Ed Blackburn, an outstanding member of VP and the community of Robert Lee.

Special guests were Mary Bessent and Juan Rangel.

The 4th of July celebration tent set up in the Robert Lee City Park distributed gift bags, water bottles, and other misc. items. Bricks for the Memorial Gardens were available for purchase. Membership sign-up was also available at \$10/month per person. VP encourages membership whether they can physically participate or not. All are welcome.

VP purchased a golf cart that has been donated to the Robert Lee Golf Course. It is available free of charge to VP members and members of the Robert Lee High School golf team.

Additional street benches are being ordered to help beautify downtown Robert Lee. Plaques will be available for dedication on the benches.

The Sons of Pitches Baseball Tournament to be held August 8 at Robert Lee City Park is moving right along. The old concession stand is being updated, cleaned, painted, new electric and air conditioning by members of VP.

Advertising banners will also be available to be placed on the back fences.

The next meeting will be held August 6 at 6 pm in the VP building

on Austin St. All are welcome.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Melinda,

What a great time was had on the 4th of July in Robert Lee. Being new to the area, I volunteered to help with the event at the park. I wanted to take this opportunity to meet a few people.

I mixed up some magic bubbles to entertain the children and asked Toni Rainwater how I could help. She suggested the dart game and I set up the bubbles close to that location.

I had so much much fun cheering on the young participants. I probably sounded a little goofy to the adults, but when I saw a child's face shine at the silly, lavish praise, I stopped caring how off-center I appeared.

I took the liberty of sending a disappointed child who had not popped a balloon to the "winners circle", a box of inexpensive odds & end prizes where the children could choose their "trophy".

It was great! I kept yelling "No losers here". Also, saying many times things like "Watch out of your neighbor", Remember to play by the rules", Do the right thing", "Play fair" and announcing the next thrower by the term "Play ball".

Teaching the ones that congregated at the bubbles how to use the sticks and strings assembled for the purpose of creating massive soap bubbles, watching the older ones get the hang of it and the younger ones excitedly chase the illusive bubble only to have it disappear in their hands was

wonderful. All of it was food for my soul and I can't imagine a better day.

I was going to take a break and noticed a booth selling flags. Among these were the American flag and the Confederate flag. A Facebook article crossed my mind that claimed someone was saying Robert Lee should change its name because the name had connotations leaning toward racism.

I remembered the recent fate of the Confederate flag taken down due to someone's silly idea that the flag was a symbol of their hardship and dark past.

I suddenly felt a great pride swell up inside of me for my country (Texas), my new home in Robert Lee, and the many wonderful things that flag means to me - self sacrifice, standing my ground, and love of my family, friends, and home.

I made a beeline to the booth with the "offending" flag and asked to purchase one. I was shown three. I looked at them and chose the traditional one I grew up with. I felt a little defiant toward anything or anyone who would dare question

my purchase.

I'm not typically this public about my straight forward political stance, however... on that day I couldn't help myself, it was the 4th of July, Independence Day.

Robin Roller

... TMCN Meeting

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Lovely spacious home in established neighborhood. Owner's pride shines through in numerous updates. Mature live oaks provide shade to large backyard. Large bay windows in living areas. French doors lead to sunroom. Large utility room has sink and room for chest freezer and second refrigerator. Built-in cabinets in garage provide extra storage. Updates include electrical, plumbing, re-insulated A/C ductwork, fresh paint throughout, new carpet and flooring throughout, new privacy fence, and renovated kitchen with tumbled stone backsplash!

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