

BECON
5/5/17

The normal packed house was in attendance today for breakfast and Mr. Moore was a salty as ever . . . or was that just the hash browns, uhmm?

Although it was nice to have a little elbow room last week when we met up at the Metra, it is nicer to be home in the warm environment of the Yellowstone Room. Maybe John Wilson can blow out a wall and open things up a bit there – he does everything else with regard to construction including building a new name tag box to store all 171 member tags in their own little slots. Thanks for what you do John!

It's also nice to have the "wintermen" back at breakfast – I think that is Cory's translation of snowbirds but one can't be sure☺

Guests

- Kristie Assay, Susan Barton and Everett Jones – all representing Riverstone Hospice
- Tasha Straight – our newest member to be, pending Board approval
- Ken Gomer – Presidente of the new Laurel Exchange Club
- Ashton Kosine – the younger, much more handsome adjacent over hypotenuse, was able to class up his dad's breakfast table immensely this morning

Announcements

- Dennis Bar and the Foundation folks are trying to consolidate the Foundation Boards' records so he is asking any and all past Presidents, Treasurers, Board Members, etc., to forward any documentation they may have in their possession to him so that the records can be as complete as possible – redact as necessary to protect the innocent ☺. Dennis' contact info is:
 - 34 South Santa Fe Drive, Billings MT 59102-5746, cell – 406-672-7422, dennisbar@aim.com
- This Monday (5/8/17) is a Board meeting (5:45 pm – Yellowstone Room), which means that next Friday is a Business breakfast so no guests please. We need to talk about top secret things, do our rituals, sacrifices, etc.
- Stacy Dreessen, Family Tree Chief, stood up to thank everyone who responded to Leif's challenge to match his \$25 contribution to the FTC, including those in the new Laurel Club – way to go Locomotives! \$1785 was raised. She also wanted to remind everyone of the infamous Island Run and mention that the early bird signup discount is only good through this Monday. Finally, a thanks to those who stepped up to help sell tickets at the Playhouse Parade, which apparently wasn't something we initially signed up for but something that Cory was still able to shame the rest of us for not working – thanks for that . . . just kidding . . . kind of . . . ☺
- The Garth Brooks concert tickets are on sale as we speak and apparently, demand has already pushed the number of shows to 4. Wow, we are going to be giving away some

money next month!! All hands on deck though – no shame involved – this is what we signed up for and we'll be humping – which makes it fun and exciting right? Four or more shows with probably 35 people working each show about covers the entire membership. We'll probably need multiple dedicated beer runners for this so if you are willing and able to do this, as well as if you are willing and able to run a till or ID and wristband, let your beer captains know ahead of time so we can get sometimes hard to staff jobs covered first.

Speakers

This morning was the day to name and recognize our Book of Golden Deed recipients and the winners were – envelope please – all of the volunteers of the Riverstone Health Hospice including Mr. Everett Jones, who was on hand today to help accept the award and tell us why he volunteers. Kristie Assay and Susan Barton from Riverstone Health also spoke and told us about the organization:

- Established in 1980 and annually serves 500+ folks from Yellowstone, Stillwater and Musselshell counties
- Over a 150 volunteers and 3,600 hours per year of help given
- They deliver help to patients and family members who have been given 6 months or less to live – at their homes or wherever – and they mean wherever – the patient calls home. The hospice is there to neither hasten or prolong death – they just support patients as needed indefinitely
- Medicare mandates that hospices must have 5% of their workers being volunteers
- They do several fund raisers throughout the year including a really nice golf tournament, which by coincidence, we'll draw for BEC teams at next Friday's meeting – must be present to be drafted.

Enjoy this nice weather – probably safe to turn on the sprinkler system.