



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREAKFAST EXCHANGE CLUB

December 14, 2018

### **Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:**

Today was Ed Kaufman's birthday. Teal Kaufman led us all in singing Happy Birthday to Ed.

It was announced that the District has a lot of activities going on by all of the Billings area clubs. Check out the Billings Exchange Club Facebook page for all of the events.

Shawnee announced last week that Family Services is short 200 turkeys for their Christmas meal baskets. After that announcement the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union donated 100 turkeys. Thanks go out to Dennis Critelli for coordinating the gift. There will still be a turkey drive on 12/16 at the Red Door Tavern on Grand Avenue to acquire the remaining 100 turkeys needed.

Our social chairman, Tanner Critelli, started to pass around the sign-up sheet for the Christmas party. Get on the sign-up if you want to go. Here are the details:

**Location:** Montana Pavilion at MetraPark

**Date:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** Starts at 5:00 pm

**Caterer:** Yellowstone Kelly's

**Booze:** Tiny's

**Band:** Arterial Drive

**Price:** \$15 per person. (Or \$10 per person if you bring a food item for donation.)

Ryan Jenkins passed around the sign-up for the Senior Light Tour. It is December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Meet at the Senior Center just east of Tiny's. There are 270 seniors signed up so if you can please help out.

Rene told us that tomorrow is the Season's Beatings MMA event. Chase Hawks will close on Saturday, 12/14. January events are now posted. So please get on the website and enter if you can work or not. Rene explained that if your RService is coming due, then get it done before the expiration. The 60 day grace period is only for new members.

Leif Welhaven announced that the Junior Excel Club at Elder Grove school will launch on Wednesday, 12/19 at 7pm. Please come out and see that launch. This is first Junior Excel Club in Montana. In January, a new Excel club will be started at Skyview High School. The launch meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This Excel club is being sponsored by the Heights Exchange Club.

**Guests today:**

We had the second round of Central Catholic High School Youth of the Year students to breakfast this morning. They were:

Tess Hansen accompanied by his father Hans

Melissa Hanser accompanied by her parents Shel and Julie

Ben Marone accompanied by his parents Dr. Marone and Sally

Graham Hammond accompanied by his parents Steve and Bronwyn

Melissa Hanser talked about leadership. She is driven by her faith to lead her and leadership is key to her as a person. She is very active at school; is a member of the Excel club and a captain on the varsity basketball team. Plans to attend U of M.

Tess Hansen talked on the subject of Pro Athletes as Role Models. She said that they have no choice. Because of their abilities they have that extra responsibility. Also involved with the Excel club, basketball and soccer. Plans to go out of state to college. She is not sure where.

Graham Hammond talked about the biggest issue facing teens today. Graham said the number one issue is the Future. What's ahead? He advocated for more classes and instruction on how to prepare students for life after high school. Graham also is looking out of state just not sure where.

Ben Marone talked about leadership. He spoke about taking chances, have an extraordinary work ethic. He used the example of Elon Musk of Tesla and Space X fame. He plans to go to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He will study entrepreneurship.

Shel Hanser, Central High principal, talked about how proud he is of all of these students and the remainder of the student body. He also took the time to thank our club for all we do and for sponsoring the Excel club. He told us that the Excel club actually let's them get out into the community in ways that they never did before.

**Upcoming Events:**

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Season's Beatings MMA

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Light Tour

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Elder Grove Junior Excel launch – 7 pm

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chase Hawks Rodeo

January 7<sup>th</sup> – Skyview Excel Club launch – 5:30pm (put on by the Heights Club)

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Dunham

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Bob Seger

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

December 21<sup>st</sup> – Central Youth of the Year

December 28<sup>th</sup> – Special Year End Breakfast and Business Meeting

**KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR BREAKFAST**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING. STEAK AND FRIED EGGS, BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, FRUIT AND THE WORLD-FAMOUS YELLOWSTONE KELLY'S BLOODY MARY / MIMOSA BAR.**

**BEVERAGES BEGIN AT 6:30AM. DRAWINGS FOR GIFT CERTIFICATES TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS. A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING THEN PLENTY OF TIME TO SHARE "FAKE NEWS" WITH YOUR BEC FRIENDS. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!**