



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREAKFAST EXCHANGE CLUB

December 28, 2018

### Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

Nice crowd today for the Year End Breakfast. John Eastman headed up and organized this event. Tanya Doke put up the Christmas decorations and Don Lohrenz acquired the gift certificates. We were served a nice breakfast of fresh fruit, fried and scrambled eggs, steak, hashbrowns, pancakes, and oatmeal. Linda and John Clawson from Yellowstone Kellys hosted the beverage bar. Linda patiently served up Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's. John did a great job fry up the eggs. He even entertained us in line with his spatula handling. He didn't drop it once. (At least that I saw.)

Cory Hasiak let us know that the latest board minutes and financials were emailed to us. This meeting was also an abbreviated business meeting. There were some announcements from committee chairs and officers. Happy Birthday wishes went out to Jerry Voto.

Ed Kaufman told us to watch our emails for upcoming invoices for dues. It is that time of the quarter again.

Our social chairman, Tanner Critelli, announced that 94 people have signed up 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. Tanner sent a list of ideas to each of us in an email this past week.)

Rene Critelli reminded us that January events are now posted. So please get on the website and enter if you can work or not. She is also starting the planning for the 2019 Food Truck War. It was also announced that Brews and BBQ will remain on the MetraPark grounds this coming July.

Wiley Taylor gave us an update on our Give a Kid a Flag to Wave projects. Over the last several years we have handed out flags at the St. Patrick's Day and Holiday Parades. The Downtown Billings Association doesn't like that we hand out flags along the route. They want us to stop doing that. So, there were some options given. We could walk behind the crowd on the sidewalk, have a table where we could handout flags, or have a display in an alleyway. Nothing sounds good.

There was talk of handing flags out at the Red Lodge 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades, at the Big Sky State Games opening ceremony, and during Memorial Day activities at the Yellowstone National Veterans cemetery. There will be more discussion about this during the new year.

**Guests today:**

Guests today were: Chuck Hendricks from EEC and Bill Dutcher, General Manager of MetraPark.

Bill Dutcher spoke about our great partnership over the years. 2018 was another banner year. Bill made a point to mention the Food Truck Battle. 2018 looks like it will be a top 10 year in the 43 years of MetraPark. (41 of which we have served beer.)

Bill also told us that they are packing in a lot of events for next year. Also, coming up this year will be a new building name for the arena.

Special thanks went out to John Eastman and the House committee for putting on a great end of year breakfast. Here are the gift certificate winners.

Ed Kaufman - \$50 to Jakes  
Noah Tibesar - \$ 50 to Bistecca  
Dave Staton - \$50 to Montana Club  
Glenn Hufnagel - \$50 to Windmill  
Bab Balko - \$50 to Rib & Chop

That is it. Happy New Year.

**Upcoming Events:**

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:**

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting  
January 11<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting  
January 18<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting ?  
January 25<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting