



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREAKFAST EXCHANGE CLUB

**January 4, 2019**

### **Welcome / Introductions / Guests:**

We were welcomed today by an elegant looking young lady who had a champagne display dress on. The champagne was actually sparkling cider. More on this dress later.

Guests today were:

Our Speakers – Michelle Williams, Billings Depot Executive Director  
Kelcie (I did not get her last name), Billings Depot Sales Director  
John McConnell – Midland West Manufacturing – built the champagne display dress

Wade McFadden – CEO of Rimrock Credit Union. Guest of Mark Koerber

Jim Olson – Jim is a realtor and a former member. He would like to rejoin. He was hosted by Dan Singer. Dan told us that Jim actually sponsored Dan the first time that Dan was a member of BEC.

### **Announcements:**

Tanner Critelli announced that 139 people have signed up for the Christmas party. Today was the last day to sign up or drop off. 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 an item for donation. A list of ideas is attached to the end of the BECON.)

Tanner also told us of an upcoming event as part of the Veteran's Committee. In mid-March there will be a retired Veterans PTSD at MetraPark. We will be asked to serve beverages. Not sure yet on exact date.

Shawnee Krauszser told us that there will be another Peetzarito making event. March 25-27. She and Renee will set up a volunteer schedule.

Cory asked that if anyone wants to write a letter to the Gazette and invoke the Clubs name then please clear it with him and the board first.

**Program Today:**

Our program today was the Billings Depot. They reported on the happenings at the Depot in 2018 and what's ahead. As was stated earlier, they welcomed us this morning with a glass of sparkling cider, which were all laid out in tiers on a roaming steel dress. There are several pictures on Facebook posted by our members if you would like to see it.

Michelle Williams, Depot Executive Director, told us that they have been developing a pocket park and rain garden on the east end of their property. It is across the street from B&B Tire. It is a work in progress. She told us about a STEAM event for National Train Day. This is STEM plus Art.

The Depot campus consists of 4 buildings. The office on the east end is leased out to the City of Billings. The Depot building itself is next to it. The next 2 buildings are undergoing some change. The old Beanery, which has housed Trail Head Spirits for the last several years, will become a high end sports bar. I am sure we will hear more about that in the future. The last building is The Post. This used to be the mail building. It will become the first pop-up retail space for business. An example of its use would be if a retailer in Missoula wanted to test the Billings market before committing a lot of resources to it then they could rent the Post for a month or two and see if their idea works here.

They are also looking to lure businesses into the Depot building during the week. This would help create revenue to aid in the upkeep of the facility.

Michelle also told us that the Taste of Billings will evolve into an experiential event called Revel. Revel will stimulate all five senses. REVELers will create their own unique experience. It will be a taste of everything Billings has to offer; food, beverages, art, etc. They will be looking for volunteers. The event will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

**List of preferred donation items from the Family Tree Center:**

**Non-Perishable Foods**

**Canned Fruit – 15 oz cans**

**Canned Green Beans – 15 oz cans**

**Club type Crackers**

**Canned Chicken**

**Pretzels**

**Raisins/Dried Fruit**

**Coffee (for parents)**

**Salsa**

**Ranch Dressing**

**Tortilla Chips**

**Cake & Cookie mixes**

**Frosting**

**Cleaning Supplies & Paper Goods**

**Dish Soap**

**Napkins**

**Glass Cleaner**

**Paper Towels**

**\*Baby Wipes**

**Paper Cups (2oz & 6-8oz sizes)**

**Zip Loc Sandwich Bags**

**Paper Plates – 9” & small ones for crafts**

**Zip Loc Gallon Bags**

**Kitchen Garbage Bags**

**\*Disinfecting Wipes**

**Bona Floor Cleaner**

**Aluminum foil**

**Plastic forks & spoons**

**\*\*Gift cards to WalMart, Albertsons, Target, Lucky's, etc. are always a blessing\*\***