

# BECON

MARCH 15, 2019

René was again running the show this morning. Guests today included Bud Jensen (active with the Shriners); and our speaker, Denise Burke of U.S. Bank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Volunteer opportunities currently on website:*

Styx on Sat, March 23

**Mark your availability on website by TOMORROW March 16 AT NOON!**

Pizzarito Volunteering, Mon, March 25 10a-1p & 3-6 pm

Tue, March 26 10a-1p & 3-6 pm

Wed, March 27 10a-1p & 3-6 pm

Thur, March 28 10a-1p & 3-6 pm

Big Air Bash, Sat, April 6

**Mark your availability on website by March 30!**

Breaking Benjamin on Mon, April 8

**Mark your availability on website by March 30!**

PBR April 12-14

Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles on Mon, April 22

Tanner made some announcements on behalf of the social committee:

Be at Hooligans tomorrow at 11 a.m. to celebrate St. Pats with the club.

Blazing Saddles on April 1 at The Arthouse. Show up time is 5:30 pm and the cost is \$10/person, which includes 2 drink tickets. In that regard, if you missed breakfast this morning, you missed a colorful close to our meeting by Damien!

The social committee and house committee are joining forces to celebrate "national days of..." at breakfasts throughout the year. March 19 is national chocolate caramel day, so at breakfast next Friday, caramel Bailey's and hot chocolate will be available (caramel & whip cream also) and some kind of chocolate caramel treat (brownies, cookies, etc.)

Shawnee reminded that volunteer opportunities are still available for pizzarito making. The shifts are pretty fluid, so if you can make it to only a partial shift, your help is still welcome!

Shawnee also announced that silent auction items are still needed for the Habitat for Humanity silent auction set for April 6. Contact her if you can donate.

René announced that the April volunteer events are loaded on the website, so please mark your availability.

Also, update your profiles on the club website!

In regard to the Food Truck Battle, SCRAP will be sourced out to handle our kid zone!! So, if the thought of the kid zone worries you, breathe easy!

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- March 23 - Styx
- March 25-28 - Daughters of the Nile pizzarito-making
- April 6 - Big Air Bash
- April 8 - Breaking Benjamin
- April 12-14 - PBR
- April 22 - Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles

## Upcoming Club Events

- March 16 - St Pats celebration at Hooligans
- March 22 - Nat'l choc-caramel day breakfast
- March 27 - WAC at YVB
- April 1 - Blazing Saddles at Arthouse
- April 5 - Plant Pinwheels at Metra at breakfast
- April 11 - Plant Pinwheels at Yell. Co. Courthouse at noon



The club recognized Ann Gunderson and her efforts in establishing the first Junior Excel Club in MT at Elder Grove School where she is a teacher. There are 22 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the club, and 1 5th grader. She commended the kids in their motivation to volunteer. All on their own, they contacted the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter to inquire what they could do, and were soon at work painting the facility. They will also be taking part in the Exchange Bag Program, which consists of filling "comfort bags" to be delivered to the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. for children who are displaced from their homes by disaster, removal, etc. BEC will purchase the bags and the kids will fill them. In addition, the kids are looking to host a chili cook-off fundraiser - details will be forthcoming. Further, they have already chosen a spot for the Freedom Shrine to be installed in the new middle school in 2020. Thank you to Ann and the Elder Grove Junior Excel Club - you guys are amazing!!

Damien Forester is the pit boss for the QOL Casino Night set for April 30 and he is looking for dealers. Please help if you can! Show up time is 4:30 p.m. and the event is from 5-9 p.m. The event raises about \$20K per year and is supporting Billings Family Service this year.

Child Abuse Prevention T-shirts are available for purchase. Please contact Stacy to order. Cost is \$8 (S-XL) and \$10 (XXL).

Go to the Last Chance Pub and Cider Mill on April 23 to support the Family Tree Center pint night. \$1 from each pint will be donated.

Book of Golden Deeds nominations are due TODAY! The nomination form is attached if you know anyone who is deserving.

Bill Kennedy announced that a Vietnam Veteran ceremony will be held on March 29 at 12:00 noon at the National Cemetery.

Tarra Grazley announced that the 2019 MT Football Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on March 23, 2019, and the inductees include Jon Borchardt (MSU, Buffalo Bills), who is a cousin to Bruce Jensen and Lisa Jensen's husband, Gary. Congrats to the Jensen family! If you're interested in attending, there is 1 table left.

Lastly, nominations for the BEC 2019-2020 fiscal year started today. Speeches will begin on April 5, and elections will take place on April 14. Nominations made today were as follows:

President Elect: Dina Harmon  
Board of Directors: Tanner Critelli  
Foundation: Pam Doherty and Jerry Lindh

## **Presentation by Denise Burke, U.S. Bank**

Denise spoke today about the new card payment system being set up for the club. The new invoices to pay dues will include a "pay now" button which will transfer you to a vault-secured site where you can enter your card data, and store it for future payments if you desire (your data will not be shared by U.S. Bank). You can also set your payment as a recurring auto-pay from your card. Upon payment, you will have the option to receive a receipt by email, or to print your receipt. A convenience fee of \$5 will be charged if you pay with a card, and will be charged for each transaction (if you pay dues for the entire year in one transaction, you will pay only one convenience fee). This fee is charged by the club to cover the cost of the new payment system, and is not a charge by U.S. Bank. A member asked about paying by EFT from a checking account, and any associated fees. As of now, the convenience fee charged by BEC for all electronic and card payments will be \$5.00. The electronic payment system may also be used for payment for attending social events and that will be instituted. Ed is hoping that the system will be up and running by the start of next quarter. Feel free to contact Ed with any questions.