

# BECON

MARCH 22, 2019

Today was a business meeting, so no guests were present.

We welcomed a new "old" member back to the club, Katie Hanser.

If you missed breakfast, we celebrated National Chocolate Caramel Day (which was actually Mar 19) with hot chocolate, caramel Baileys, and some choc/caramel treats. The social committee and house committee will team up throughout the year for these "National Days of...." breakfasts, so stay tuned!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Volunteer opportunities currently on website:*

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

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PBR April 12-14

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

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Nominations were again made today for BEC elections - I buried them on page 2 last week and they may have been missed, so they are front and center today. Also, I misprinted that Pam Doherty was nominated for the Foundation, however, she was actually nominated for the Board. Nominations to date are as follows:

**President Elect:** Dina Harmon

**Secretary:** Tanya Doke

**Board of Directors:** Tanner Critelli  
Pam Doherty  
Shawnee Krauszer  
Lisa Jensen  
Wiley Taylor

**Foundation:** Jerry Lindh

Next week will be third and last round of nominations.

Names were drawn today for those who are serving on the grants committee to serve a second term. Those drawn were Huffy, Lisa Jensen, Janet Brown, Randy Thomas, Al Jones, and Greg Waring. Six spots will remain open to be filled.

The patriotism committee passed around cards today which will be delivered to MT Trooper Wade Palmer, who was shot in the line of duty on March 15.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- March 23 - Styx
- March 25-28 - pizzaritos
- 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 27 - WAC at YVB
- April 1 - Blazing Saddles at Art House
- April 5 - Plant Pinwheels at Metra at breakfast
- April 5 - election speeches
- April 11 - Pinwheel dedication at Yell. Co. Courthouse
- April 12 - BEC elections
- April 23 - Pint Night for Family Tree Center at Last Chance



**#ExchangeStrong**  
**#GrowExchange**

Join the social committee on April 1 at The Art House to watch Blazing Saddles. Show up time is 5:30 pm and the cost is \$10/person, which includes 2 drink tickets. Contact Tanner to sign up!

René spoke last week about a book recently published about one of our own members, Paul Grosz. It was written by his wife, Karen. For those that would like to check it out, here is a link to where you can find it on Amazon. She says it's a great read!

Seasoned: Stories of the husband I never knew

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/1790641543/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_apo\\_i\\_d4fJCbK1CZQSO](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1790641543/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_apo_i_d4fJCbK1CZQSO)

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 - just show up whenever you can between 9a - 7p.

She 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.

Dave Weller reminded us that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. To raise awareness, please wear blue every Monday in April and while serving at events in April. Come to breakfast on April 5 in blue for a group picture and be ready to plant pinwheels at the Metra (it will be done during breakfast this year, rather than after). Pinwheels are available for purchase for \$1.00 each, and pinwheel lapel pins are available for \$5.00. Contact Dave, Darryl Weber, or Tony if you are interested (also Stacy).

The Board meeting minutes are attached and I will not rehash, so please read them if you are interested. Financials are also attached. As always, feel free to hit Ed up with *any* questions.

Mike told us all that a concert will be announced for July 28, and also there may be a hip-hop show scheduled in June.

An operational audit will be held during the Breaking Benjamin concert on April 8. The audit committee is overseen by the president-elect and consists of Stephanie Romsa, Rob Romsa, and Pam Doherty. They will audit operations and procedures and will report back with their findings.

There was discussion regarding the proposed price increase by Yellowstone Kelly's (see attached Board minutes). The house committee is in the process of seeking bids from other caterers for breakfast 48 weeks per year, however, Yellowstone Kelly's is currently the most cost-effective option. The following is what has been reported: Montana Jacks, Abby's Catering and Fuddruckers have all declined to submit proposals. Dave Binstock at Fuddruckers didn't sound too interested as breakfast really isn't their forte. Attached is a proposal from the Metra. At last report, Don was waiting to hear back from McCormick's Café and High Horse Saloon. I believe he is also getting quotes from the hotels and the Play Inn. Suggestions today included the Elks Lodge and Sodexo. **If anyone has any other suggestions, please contact Don Lohrenz or another member of the house committee** (Dave Weller, Tony, John Eastman, and Tanya).

Some points to consider:

- The proposed increase is an increase of 30-40% and membership dues may be affected (the general membership fund subsidizes approx. \$30/month/member now and that cost will increase)
- Yellowstone Kelly's is increasing our minimum per breakfast at 75 plates compared to 40 now (77 is our average)
- Food quality needs to be addressed (BEC is facilitating a meeting between Metra and Yellowstone Kelly's with the goal of getting kitchen up to par so breakfast is not brought in)
- Should we look at other venues for our meetings? There is no cost for use of the Yellowstone Room.

Lastly, Dina announced that your name tag will be in a new spot in the name-tag box as our numbers have changed with the retirement of Ed Weller's tag, which was delivered to Dave this morning. Ed will soon be honored in the shadow box being built to commemorate our members who died while in service to BEC.

**Quote of the day from Dina: DON'T BE AN AL!**  
*(in regard to Al losing his name tag)*

One last reminder that the membership committee is hosting a WAC (Wed afternoon club) on March 27 at Yellowstone Valley Brewing. Come have a beer and get to know your fellow BEC members!

I HOPE I DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING!

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

