

BECON

MARCH 29, 2019

Guests this morning included:

Kelly Cederberg, owner of Big Sky Coffee Roasters and sister to member Mikayla Kovash

Sheila Wilson (who is infamous)

Rob Romsa's sister, Carol (I hope I got that right)

Benette Darling, guest of Darryl Weber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer opportunities currently on website:

Big Air Bash, Sat, April 6

Mark your availability on website by TODAY!

Breaking Benjamin on Mon, April 8

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PBR April 12-14

will close on website next week

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

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Today was the last day for nominations for the 2019-2020 BEC leadership. Nominations 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
Trina White

Those nominated will give speeches at the meeting next week, April 5.

Elections will be held April 12 and Cory will email absentee ballots.

**Just a note that 4 Board positions will be filled this election bc Tanya is currently a Board member and will be the newly-elected Secretary as she is running unopposed.*

Also, at the April 12 meeting, names will be drawn to fill the six remaining spots on the grants committee. If you won't be at breakfast, let Cory or Kevin know that you're interested. Attendance at the grant committee meetings is a condition to joining, so please keep that in mind.

Congratulations to Amy and Adam Decker on the birth of their baby boy this week!

Also, wishes for a speedy recovery to Dick Dare, who just underwent knee replacement surgery.

Condolences were offered to John Eastman and to Joe Rampy. Please keep them your prayers.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- April 6 - Big Air Bash
- April 8 - Breaking Benjamin
- April 12-14 - PBR
- April 22 - Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles

Upcoming Club Events

- 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



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The Montana Rescue Mission is having its ribbon cutting for its new kitchen this evening at 5:00 p.m. and everyone from the club is invited. We had previously granted money to MRM which helped it achieve this goal.

Join the social committee Monday night, 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 and pizza. Contact Tanner to sign up no later than today! April 1 is also the 52nd anniversary of our Breakfast Exchange Club and Tony will be baking cupcakes for us to devour in celebration - you may consider going just for the cupcakes alone.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. To raise awareness, please wear blue every Monday in April and while serving at events in April. If you ordered a t-shirt from Stacy, or would like to purchase one, please contact her. Come to breakfast on April 5 in blue for a group picture and be ready to plant pinwheels at the Metra. Pinwheels are available for purchase for \$1.00 each, and pinwheel lapel pins are available for \$5.00. Contact Stacy, Dave, Darryl Weber, or Tony if you are interested.

District Convention is June 7-8 and will be held in Idaho Falls. The registration form is attached. Please consider attending if you are able as the National Exchange Club CEO, Tracey Edwards, will be a keynote speaker, as will our very own Leif Welhaven! If you have any questions, I'm sure Tony or Leif would be happy to answer them.

Bill thanked the readers of the West High YOY essays, and results will be out next week.

René reminded us all to update our profiles on the club website - I believe she said that about 50 are done or have been started.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN WILSON

John spoke to us today about the local chapter of the Friends of NRA, with which he volunteers. The focus of this group is not political, but is fundraising for the future of shooting sports. Volunteers participate in the program by organizing committees, securing donations, selling tickets, and hosting events in their communities. The Montana chapter raises money for youth shooting programs, hunter education, all of the 4-H programs in the state, and it fundraises for the local rod and gun clubs as well. The group raised about \$100,000 last year and 100% of its net event proceeds support local, state and national shooting sports programs (50% to state and local projects and 50% to national projects). None of its event proceeds go to overhead.

A big focus of the group is the NRA School Shield program. The program has a singular mission: to protect our children. The program is committed to addressing the many facets of school security including best practices in security infrastructure, technology, personnel, training, and policy. Through this multidimensional effort, the NRA School Shield seeks to engage communities and empower leaders to help make our schools more secure.

See the following websites for more information:

<https://www.friendsofnra.org/>

<https://www.nraschoolshield.org/>

I'm sure John would be happy to answer any questions as well.



I'M SIGNING OFF - SPRING IS HERE AND BUBBLY BEVERAGES ARE CALLING TO ME - HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!