

Welcome to the last BECON of the decade. Unfortunately nothing racing or provocative here...

Guests – Melanie Schwarz & Dana Powell accompanied their husbands who very overly enthusiastic in their introductions.

Our Speakers were John Williams Director of Alternatives, Inc. with board member Melanie.

Please add your emergency contact info to the website.

Xmas Party is 1/18, deadline to drop or add is 1/3 contact Tanner Critelli to make adjustments. Theme is Roaring 20's.

Friday starts our YOY of presentations with Central the month of January.

Presentation:

Alpha House & Passages are run by Alternatives which are prelease centers for the incarcerated. They teach them life skills, help with addiction, and assist them in obtain jobs prior to release from prison.

Alternatives has been in Billings for 40 years.

They presented an ~10 minute Youtube video which explains the programs with participant testimonials.

Cost of incarceration - \$117/inmate. Goal of Alternatives is to reduce recidivism and help these individuals become contributing members of society.

Alternatives offers Culinary program at Womens Prison

Operations 24/7 facilities as program members have working shifts at all hours.

They have a 90% program completion rate.

See you next year!

Merry Christmas,