

BECON

January 3rd, 2020

The first meeting of the new year and decade was a nice way to start it off.

Eggs Benedict, hash browns and bacon. Nice way to keep my diet going for a whole 2 days. *I thought it was good though.*

Our guests today were students and their parent or grandparents from Billings Central High School. The students were:

Charlie Parkan
Jessica Swandal
Brianna Maxwell
Faith Erramouspe

Rene told me before the meeting that she would send me the names of the students, which she did. But in my excitement that I wouldn't have to butcher these students names I forgot to record their parents or grandparents names. I will do better next time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today is the last day to sign up for or remove your name from the Christmas Party list. The Christmas Party is January 18th at the Petroleum Club in the Doubletree. Party starts at 5pm but the pre-function starts at 4pm in the Presidential and Governors suites at the Doubletree. Not sure what floor those are on but I know there is a directory at the hotel. They are the same suites that we had for the District Convention party rooms a few years ago when I was the Prez. Cost for the party is \$15 per person.

John Wilson told us that there is a concealed weapons class being held on January 24th. Please get with John for the details.

Rene reminded everyone to please add \$5 to your dues if you are going to use PayPal to pay for your quarterly dues. The \$5 will not show on your invoice that Ed recently sent out.

Rene also reminded people to update your emergency contact on our website.

Today is Karla Stricker's birthday. She was serenaded by the crowd. Happy Birthday again.

CENTRAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR.

Charlie Parkan.

Charlie spoke to us about professional athletes being role models. In his opinion it should not be expected of them. But, they need to cognizant of the fact that some kids view them as such.

He plans to attend San Diego State University.

He has been in football, basketball and tennis all 4 years of attending Central.

Faith Erramouspe. *Have to give Leif some props here for pronouncing her last name correctly.*

Faith is in Speech and Debate and competes in the Impromptu section of meets. She spoke very casually about maintaining your moral compass in a negative world.

Faith sited a promise she made to her father, a quote from the lawyer Clarence Darrow, and surrounding herself with people who have the same morals.

She doesn't know where she will go to college but has been accepted to MSU, Univ of Wyoming, and Western Washington.

She is in Speech and Debate, softball, and is a musician.

Jessica Swandal.

Jessica spoke to us about hurdles and obstacles in her life. She spoke very confidently and with some humor and looks to be very successful in school.

Jessica plans to attend MSU and enter the nursing program or the biology engineering program.

She has been very busy in school. Cheerleading, Swimming, Figure Skating, Excel Club, and is a Youth group leader at her church.

Brianna Maxwell.

Brianna also spoke about the hurdles and obstacles in her life. She told us that this the first time she has told a group of people of her past trials. All I will record here is that she has a lot of courage.

Brianna will attend UM and study biology.

She is very involved in the arts, like choir and dance. She also directs the school musicals.

This was another great group of students from Central High. We will have another group of four on the 24th and 31st.

That's all I have for this week.