

January 10th, 2020

Guests for this week:

Hannah and Ben Tougas were invited by Rene Critelli. They are checking out the club.

Chili Cook-Off Committee. Tanner Critelli and Kristen Stroebe from Breakfast Exchange, Penny Walker from West End Exchange, and Jan Pursell from Downtown.

Veterans Meat Locker was the beneficiary of the proceeds of the Chili cookoff.

Chris and Kristen Grudzinski, the founders of Veterans Meat Locker, were present to accept the check and talk a bit about the program.

Robby Neihart was presented with his new member certificate. He is originally from Cody and attended the University of Wyoming. He is an engineer with Performance Engineering in Billings.

Rene gave us some sad news. Janet Brown's mother passed away recently. Also Steve Linder's wife, June Bailey, passed away. Our deepest sympathies go out to both members and their families.

Dina told us that Monster Trucks is scheduled for January 22nd. Please get on the website and mark your availability for this event. She also reminded us that the Rocky basket ball games that are on the website will not have beer served. So please keep it in mind that we will not serve those events.

Christmas Party is scheduled for 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. Cost for the party is \$15 per person.

One of our members, Shannon Johnson, will be in the play Macbeth at the NOVA theater on 1/24, 1/26, and 1/31 – 2/2. She is playing Lady Macbeth.

Randall Rice is officially back with the Breakfast Exchange Club. Welcome back Randall.

Speaker.

Our speaker today was to be from Family Promise. They misunderstood the schedule so they have been rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Instead Chris with Veterans Meat Locker gave us an update on their program.

First off, Tanner told us that they fed 120 people at the chili cook-off with 60 of them being veterans. 100 Veterans actually picked up meat from the Veteran's Meat Locker. Why didn't they eat any chili?

The event raised \$1200 for the Veterans Meat Locker. Tanner's goal was \$1000. Good job goes out to the committee.

Chris Grudzinski spoke to us about Veteran's Meat Locker. He did a great job as a pinch hitter (speaker). Chris is an Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He and his wife, Kristen, do the Meat Locker in their spare time. It is a non-profit, all volunteer organization.

The Breakfast and West End Exchange clubs donated money to them to help them purchase a freezer trailer. Chris put our logo on the trailer to thank us for the donation. He is very appreciative.

The Veteran's Meat Locker is now in its 3rd year of existence. It has donated 48,000 pounds of meat to 43,000 veterans. More beef and pigs are being donated now than wild game. The 4th Avenue Meat Market does all of the processing. They drastically cut their price to help out the Meat Locker.

Chris told us they have several events coming up. On March 28th, they will have an archery shoot to honor a fallen soldier and friend. For information, check out their Facebook page or call Chris at 860-9683 and leave a message.

See you next week. It is a business meeting so please no guests.