

A FANTASTIC HOT breakfast was served at the American Legion this morning. I, personally, think we should move permanently to the American Legion for meetings. The room is larger, the breakfast is better, and the board can pick from a multitude of breakfast choices. Come to the meeting next week as we will again meet at the American Legion, 1540 Broadwater Ave and judge for yourselves. For those 43 members that were at breakfast, email Bruce Glennie at BGlennie@oppbank.com and let him know your feelings about continuing to have our weekly meetings at the American Legion. Next week we will have a speaker at our meeting from St. John's United Foundation, formally St. Johns Lutheran Ministries .

Cavin says show up for your scheduled shifts for Kesha tonight, Cody Johnson, tomorrow night, Eli Young Band on Sunday night & Big Air Bash on Monday night. Show up time is 5:30 for each event. Cavin will schedule the rodeo nights today, so either CHECK YOUR EMAIL or CHECK OUR WEBSITE to see if you are scheduled. We will also have a 4 tap beer trailer downstairs so hopefully we will be able to make some additional \$\$ for the next 4 nights. Additionally, Cavin says that if you are available and would like to work a particular event, mark "Request To Work" instead of "Available", as this will make it easier to schedule each event.

Mikey says we made \$4326 on Jamey Johnson, \$5000 on Brews & BBQ's, \$8969 on Travis Tritt, and the 1981 class reunion held at ZooMT brought in \$1125. So, not too bad of a July. Hopefully August will bring in enough so we can grant some \$\$ this quarter. Also, the Harlem Globetrotters have canceled for September 21 because of COVID concerns.

Bill Kennedy with the BEC Foundation says they were able to grant \$7500 to the Family Tree Center, \$7500 to Family Services, and \$5000 to the Veteran's Equine Program.

Ed Kaufman said that the \$\$ are beginning to roll in a little at a time. After the fair, the board will discuss the budget for this year and he will be able to judge better when we will be able to grant \$\$. Also, the board will decide whether we will be able to do Dress-A-Child this year & how many kids for whom we will be able to purchase clothing.

With Quentin Eggert, Mike Wilson, and Wade McFadden resigning and Matt McNeal rejoining, membership now stands at 131. We, as a Club, have lost 29 members in 13 months. Nationally, Exchange has lost 15% of its membership since COVID began.

Rene' and the membership committee have scheduled a member-guest social for September 22, with the location TBA. This social has been sponsored by Opportunity Bank and will include 2 drink tickets for each attendee. So, TELL YOUR FRIENDS about the BEST CLUB in America and ask them to attend our social!!! But, we are looking for quality members over quantity. Jones said to ask yourself whether or not your friends are potential "leadership" material. The membership committee would like to see expectations for new members, maybe requiring them to join a committee shortly after coming into the club and also expectations for new member sponsors, maybe requiring the sponsor to mentor their new member as to what is expected of them by being a member of the BEST CLUB IN AMERICA. Also, the membership committee proposed an addition to our policies for those members physical unable to work 3 shifts in a year be given a pass from this requirement. We are seeing more and more senior members resigning from the club because of this requirement. The board

realizes that these long-time members have given their time and energy to the club in excess and passed this policy change.

There was also a question proposed this morning on what to do about those that go south for the winter months. I believe the policy now is that as long as these members work their required 3 shifts during the course of our fiscal year, there is no problem with them continuing their membership as being "inactive" during the months they are gone and becoming "active" again when they return.

We are having requests for the use of our 1000 flags to be used by other Montana Exchange Clubs for their Field of Flags fundraiser. The board is discussing possible "rental" fees for the use of the flags. We have been charging the Laurel Exchange Club \$250 for their use of our flags: the question proposed to the membership is whether the usage charge should be based on mileage or what as we are getting requests from as far away as Kalil. The board's feeling is the further away the flags are taken, the more should be charged, because of the wear and tear on the trailer as well as the trailer tires having to be replaced more often. Let Bruce or another board member know your feelings concerning this matter.

Rene', with the Food Truck Battle, says the website scheduling will close next Friday and she will schedule members the following week. If you are not available to work this event, make sure you go on the website and mark "Not Available" to be assured you won't be scheduled. If "available" is marked, you WILL BE SCHEDULED as we will need as many members/spouses as possible for this event. If your spouse is not R-Serving certified, bring him or her anyway: he or she will be put to good use as there are many other areas at which to work other than pouring beer. If you happen to be a "kid person" and would like to work in the Kid Zone, contact Stacy Dreesen, as she is in charge of this area. Rene' says there are 27 confirmed food trucks and they are working hard to get to 30, so it will be a great event. The National Armory is being super about having this event on their property, going so far as putting up an air conditioned tent for attendees in order to get some relief from the heat of the day.

As a last note, there are several members that still haven't got their R-Serving Certifications completed. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERSHIP!!!** Those members are: Brad Nealy, Craig Austin, Katie Dutton, Joe Thomas, Mark Haynes, Tony Leenknecht, Nick Lambert, John Kessler, and Darryl Weber.

If you happen to see one of these members, tell them to GET R DONE, or their membership may be at risk!!