

BECON

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Breakfast was once again in the Metra Café this morning. With high school basketball set up on the floor, I half expected some members to be out playing a pick up game to be hungrier for the biscuits and gravy that were for breakfast. I hope everyone is sitting down because we had several guests in house today, one being our very own long lost Brad Kimball. Also in house this morning, were Joel Grapp and Teresa Bibee, both introduced by Phil Bauer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trina passed around the sign up sheet for bowling on the 19th. Just a reminder to those that didn't see the change, but it will be held at the Town and Country out towards Shepherd now. If you have not gotten on the list, but want to, then please email Wade at wade.austin@usbank.com.
- Bruce passed around a couple of thank you letters this morning. One was from the Family Tree Center. I am not sure where the other was from.
- The next three non-business meetings will be for Student of the Month.

Due to something unforeseen, our speaker this morning was a no show. Bruce, always being one to give the audience what they want, asked if anyone wanted to tap dance, sing or show off any of their other abilities. Butch Clapper was going to do some cartwheels, but with his arm in a sling thought better of it, so Bruce implored Leif to speak about what's going on at the National level.

Leif started out telling us all about how our club is very distinguished and well known throughout Exchange. He often brings up our club as an example of not only what to do, but also of how to push on when times are tough. Some in our club might not know this, but even with our current "reduced income" we are still one of the top giving clubs in the nation.

Leif then went around the room, asking volunteers to speak about reasons they got into Exchange:

- Ed Kaufman spoke about trying a myriad of other organizations when he was just out of college and looking to make an impact. Due to some of the individuals he met, he settled on our club and has been a staple for 40 years. For those of you who don't know, Ed is not only the club treasurer, but the district treasurer as well.
- Steve Staebler spoke about why he joined 26 years ago and stressed to all new members -- and those members who might have been in the club but not too involved -- to get into club leadership and some of the committees. Only then will you know what it is that we do. Also, on a side plug this will be the 40th anniversary of the Bejot Open this year, so mark your calendars!
- Kim Lewis spoke about being a chronic volunteer and even though she works in the non-profit field, feels empowered when volunteering and wants to give back as much as she can.
- Shawnee Krauszer spoke about being in the Rotary, which was expensive and she really didn't know where the money went and how when Scott decided he wanted to get involved in the community as well, decided to investigate our club along with Amber Parish.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

2/19 Monster Trucks

Upcoming Club Events

2/4 YOY Breakfast

2/8 Board Meeting

2/11 Business Meeting

2/18 YOY Breakfast

2/19 Bowling Social

2/25 YOY Breakfast



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In summary, we are all here for primarily the same reasons, and we do an amazing job while we are here so let's share not only our accomplishments, but the experience itself with others.

Some other things Leif brought up today while talking:

- We are back at meeting with the students at Rocky College to start their club. If anyone knows of a student at Rocky, please send them our way. Our next meeting will be 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23.
- District Convention will take place in Billings on June 10 and 11. More details to follow soon, but Shawn Clark with Veterans Matters will be at convention and speaking about the organization and what our contributions have done for the area.
- National convention is July 14-17 in Greenville, SC. This will be a special convention because Leif will be running for National President and would love all the support he can get. Who doesn't want to visit South Carolina in the summer – RIGHT??

Until next week!

