

**B.E.C.O.N**  
**June 3, 2022**

**Craig Burke started us out with a nice prayer, in memory of Quentin Eggart and reminded everyone to keep his family in their prayers. A memorial service will be held next Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Zoo starting at 3pm.**

**Guests:**

We had two guest speakers this morning, who were Gary Ott and Elyssa Leininger.

**Announcements:**

Sign ups have started for the Bejot Open, which will be held on Friday 7/22. No golf experience necessary, just come and join in on the fun.

DON'T MISS DISTRICT CONVENTION NEXT FRIDAY EVENING 6/10 AND SATURDAY 6/11 AT THE HAMPTON INN & SUITES. You should have seen the email already that Tony sent out, about needing to know the head count for food, so please follow up with him. Email him at [nonune@aol.com](mailto:nonune@aol.com) or call/txt him at 671-3704.

Please login to the website and signup to work the upcoming events:

- Thanks to Lanny and his wife Lisa for volunteering to work tonight at the MMA Fights!!
- Outlaws Football Saturday 6/4 @ 5:30pm
- Kevin Gates Concert Saturday 6/11 @ 5:30pm
- ZZ Top Concert Sunday 6/12 @ 6:00pm
- WWE Wrestling Sunday 6/19 @ 5:30pm

Rene announced that the Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone currently has 32 confirmed trucks. The bands are Detective and Exit 53, with Bag Pipers playing in between. Mark your calendars August 27 to work and attend.

Special thanks to Shannon for getting all of the clubs stuff, for the past year, uploaded to Nationals.

Rene reminded everyone that the Membership Happy Hour is Friday 6/17 from 5-7 at the American Legion main bar. Bring a guest who is interested in joining the club and be entered for a door prize.

**Speakers:**

Gary Ott talked about his documentary film called Saving 22, which is showing Saturday at 7pm at the Babcock. It is a film spotlighting Veteran's issues and creating awareness about Veteran suicide. For more information click here:

<http://www.veteransnavigation.org/communityevents/saving-22-premiere>

Just days before being pinned a Colonel in the Air Force, he committed suicide. He was a role model for his children. By doing this, his children saw suicide as an option and two of his children attempted suicide also.

Elyssa Leininger, is the artist who painted the murals on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street underpasses, which involved 100s of volunteers and 1,000s of hours. Leif Welhaven gave a Tedx

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Billings about sharing your “G I F T S” and highlighted Elyssa in that talk. The Southside Improvement Task Force hired her to complete the underpass project. She is now taking that one step further and, with permission from the Department of Transportation, she is working toward painting murals in other areas of Billings. She said the murals are painted with an exterior paint and protected by an anti-graffiti silicone based cover. She is in the process of raising funds to complete these projects. She also said that the Billings Police Department has reported that crime as reduced in those areas where she has painted murals. The homeless in the 6<sup>th</sup> street area said they take pride in it and will protect it.

G. = Groups – We are better and more powerful as a group rather than apart.

I. = Interests – When you feed and share your interests, you create community and it helps your over mental health.

F. = Family & Friends – Solid relationships is the foundation to your community.

T. = Talents – Sharing your talents can help develop relationships.

S. = Success – The feeling that you get when you share your “GIFTS” can create success.

BTW, in her murals she has placed various items and she has created a scavenger hunt, which many school children have participated in. If you go to this site: <https://www.elyssaleiningerart.com/murals> and scroll down there is a link to her scavenger hunt, you can take your family on the hunt. Good Luck!!