

BECON

December 16, 2022

This morning was a special Christmas / Business meeting Breakfast. Prime Rib, Eggs, Spuds, Mimosas, Bloody Marys and more. A big Thank you was given to the staff at the American Legion with a round of applause from everyone there. A bucket was circulated for tip money for this great group of people. I am not sure of the amount collected but it looked pretty full when I looked in. To help it get even larger, Bob Dalrymple, who won the weekly drawing, donated all his winnings to the staff. Thanks for doing that Bob.

Entre Computers and Craig Burke along with the board members purchased the Prime Rib for breakfast. It was delicious. Craig also donated several gift cards from Scheels that were used as door prizes.

Guests:

None

Announcements:

Saturday 12/17 – Wreaths across America will be held at the Veteran’s Cemetery starting at 10am.

Tuesday 12/27 – Mark Morse will be sworn in as a new county commissioner. This is at 11am at the Stillwater Building downtown. Mark promises to be a good friend to Exchange.

Friday 12/30 – At our breakfast meeting – John Ostlund is scheduled to speak. That may be interesting and enlightening.

Chase Hawks is 12/17. We have a full crew to work this event.

Bill Kennedy told us that The Festival of Trees was a great success. More information to come regarding results. Bill thanked everyone for their support and hard work.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Shannon said with the addition of Sheila Wilson we now stand at 128. Also, if you would please go onto the clubs website and update your profile, it would be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer – Ed was not able to attend today's meeting. Please see the latest Board minutes for more information but in summary, we are doing ok.

President Elect – Chase Hawks this week and then nothing until February.

Business Manager – Mike got nothin’. Except for Sales YTD we are down slightly from last year.

Committee Reports:

Social - Get ready for the annual Christmas party!! On January 14th, 2023, at the Valley bank building downstairs (off Broadway downtown). The theme is going to be Twas the Night Before Christmas...interpret as you wish for dress attire.

MSUB Beer Sales – Cavin reported that we have received a contract. He is having Gene Jarussi review it. Most of the work will be performed by the other area Exchange Clubs. Although we may need to get things started and then help occasionally. May start before the end of the basketball season.

Grateful Giving – Tony Parish would like to hold a raffle which would be conducted with the help of all the area Exchange Clubs. They would raffle off a gun, whiskey (umm, not sure if those go together well), and a \$150 Scheels gift card. More information to come.

Freedom Shrines – The county would like us to install and rededicate their Freedom Shrine into the Stillwater Building. There is also talk of installing the Freedom Shrine that was in the old Yellowstone Room at the MEETRA grandstands at McKinley school. We also are looking to update the Freedom Shrine at the American Legion with new plaques.

Grants Committee – Grants worked with the Food Truck Battle to grant \$1000 to the Laurel Hometown troops. They put together care packages for overseas troops.

Lots of Door Prizes given out today. Here is the list of winners of gift cards.

Arnie Bejot	Stephanie Romsa	Stacy Dreessen	Shannon Christensen
Steve Staebler	Nate Allie	Brett Foster	Noah Tibesar
Kim Lewis	Mike Fleming	Jerry Voto	Glenn Hufnagel
Teal Kaufman	Randy Thomas	Jim Gordon	Tanya Tweeten
Rob Romsa			

Lanny Lucara won a bottle of Jack Daniels Apple whiskey.

Dale Samsal won a Family Movie night basket.

Brian Hafner won a cooler, which was originally won by Bruce Jensen. Bruce has enough coolers to last him awhile. So he asked to have it redrawn.

That is, it. For more information, please see the Board minutes that Shannon Johnson sent us all earlier this week.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. Craig Burke remarked that this is the Season of Giving and we should be proud of what we do for our community.

One last thing. **GO CATS GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**