

# BECON

“The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others.”



## Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

-Mahatma Gandhi

### What’s on the Horizon...

- ★ Mondays in April—Wear Blue!!!
- ★ April 1—My 90’s Playlist
- ★ April 9—Easter
- ★ April 14-16—PBR
- ★ April 17—All club social & fundraiser for FTNC
- ★ April 22 & 29—Outlaws
- ★ May 4—Ian Munswick Concert
- ★ May 5 & 6—District Convention; Anaconda
- ★ May 7—Aaron Lewis Concert
- ★ May 6—Downtown Exchange Club Poker Tourn.
- ★ May 13—Outlaws FB (5pm show up)
- ★ May 20—Kane Brown Concert
- ★ July 12-15—National Convention; Phoenix
- ★ July 28—Whiskey Myers Concert
- ★ August 2—REO Speedwagon Concert
- ★ August 26—Food Truck Battle
- ★ September 15—Goo Goo Dolls Concert
- ★ November 4—Jon Pardi

I will start off by apologizing for this BECON. I’m at the tail end of a head cold and my head seems to be in a fish-bowl, so I think I misheard every announcement. :(

Guests joining us today included our speaker, Penny Ronning, with the Human Trafficking Task Force and Cindy Taylor, Wiley’s beautiful bride of 47 years. She’s one tough and amazing woman to put up with that full of beans Wiley for 47 years!! :)

Tony reminded everyone of our all club social/fundraiser at Meadowlark Brewery on April 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. for The Family Tree Nurturing Center for April Child Abuse Prevention month. It’s a Monday so make sure you wear blue. Tony recently found out that Joe Dudek who is on the National Foundation Board and heavily involved with the CAP Centers will be joining us. Let Tony know if you can donate a basket or item for the silent auction. This is also an all club membership drive so bring a friend/colleague that might be interested in Exchange. Flyer attached.

Bryce let everyone know the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet is April 27th at Nights of Columbus. Tickets are \$50.

Craig announced we will be pouring beer for the softball games (seniors) in May & June. He’ll get those on the website.

Craig also gave a run down of all the events coming up in April for Child Abuse Prevention month. That list is attached to this email.

Elections took place this morning and here are the results;

For board members: Stacy Dreessen, Teal Kaufman, Jessie McKee and Chuck Rutherford were our runners.

Next year’s new board members will be Stacy, Teal and Chuck.

Club Secretary: Shannon Johnson.

President Elect: Dina Harmon (I demand a recount!)

Our poker players for the Downtown Exchange Club Poker Tournament on May 6th are Wiley, Steve, Troy and checking with Bill S. to see if he is available as the fourth.

As reported last week, the club purchased a sponsorship for the Hospice Golf Tournament, but I reported the players wrong. The correct players are: Ed, Dave W., Tara, Jim G. and Rob is the alternate.

The Book of Golden Deeds is still looking for nominations. Send any questions to Kelly Elletson.

Please keep Jerry Voto and his wife Joey in your thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Joey’s daughter Gerri Voto Braun passed away yesterday at 47 leaving behind her husband, Tony and their two daughters that are 11 and 13.

Also keep Arnie Bejot and his family (Ed & Teal) in your thoughts and prayers as Arnie has entered hospice.

Why don’t rabbits get hot in the summer?



They have conditioning.

### Program: Penny Ronning, Human Trafficking Task Force

Penny Ronning was our speaker this morning. She started out by recognizing our member, Dr. Brad Kimball. She had frequent migraines but kept being told there was nothing wrong. After vision problems she went to the optometrist and Dr. Kimball believed she had a brain tumor and sent her for an MRI which confirmed she did indeed.

Penny is a born and raised Billings girl. Her father had the Happy Diner for many years. Penny became a CASA Advocate in 2016. Her first kiddo was a victim of sex trafficking. Realizing this was

a problem in our community, she went to the FIB to get the task force going. It now has over 800 members. Human trafficking is a relatively new phrase even though it has been going on for many years. Human trafficking became a federal crime in 2000.

There are three committees within the task force; prosecution and law enforcement, protection and victim services, prevention and community awareness.

Prior to the task force, convictions were very rare. Since the task force began there have

been 12 federal convictions and 26 state convictions.

They are training the community on the signs to look for. One training is for realtors to know the signs of trafficking going on in a house such as bars on the inside of the windows and padlocks on the outside of doors.

Code Enforcement is now reporting no illicit massage businesses.



Speaker: Penny Ronning



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