

BECON

7-7-2023

Guests: Olivia Johnson daughter and guest of Shannon.

Announcements:

The Bejot Golf Tourney is July 21st. There are still spots available to jump on the bandwagon and enjoy this amazing Exchange outing. In the past years, we have had many memories, July 21st you could make your mark on BEC history. July 17th is the last day to sign up. Also the crew is looking for a few more flag prizes. If you would like to donate, contact Steve or Larry and let them know.

We will be serving beer at the airshow from 9:30 – 3:30. Bruce is checking with the powers that be to see if we are splitting this up into multiple shifts and how many workers will be needed.

There is a fundraiser on July 10th at 5pm at Hooligans for our very own Jeff Morales. Jeff's family is suffering from a tragic loss. If you have time Monday evening, please stop down at Hooligans to support Jeff and family.

United Way Community event is scheduled for September 14th. [Beverage Bingo BOGO Discount Card | United Way of Yellowstone County \(unitedwayyellowstone.org\)](#)

We recently started back up the BEC Member Spotlight again. July highlighted Nate Allie and Mike Songer. Look for our August members. You might find some juicy tidbits about them!

Next week is the National Convention. Craig, Cavin, Dina, Wade, Tony and Leif will all be in Arizona enjoying the sunshine and air conditioning. Full reports will be in a couple of weeks. Rene will be running next weeks meeting. We will be needing a BECON editor for next week. If you can fill in, please let Craig or Rene know.

Brews & BBQ is going on this year without our club. The Downtown Exchange Club is looking for a few volunteers to help with serving. The event takes place next weekend on July 14th. The Downtown club will pay our club \$100 per shift for anyone that works the event. If you would like to work, please let Craig know.

Events in July are: In the Moment on July 22nd and Whisky Meyers on July 28th. Schedules will be coming out soon.

There was no guest speaker in house. Al set aside the today's meeting for Cavin and crew to highlight the years accomplishments. There are three members of the board that were retired this year, Lanny, Tim and Wade. Cavin spoke about how each member brought something different to the board and will be missed.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

In the Moment 7-22

Whiskey Meyers 7-28



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Bruce Glennie just finished a three year stint as elect, Club President and Past President. During this time, Bruce and his board did many things to help move our club forward in a positive direction.

Craig Burke now steps into the role as our new club president. Craig helped Cavin and the board this year move forward with the RFP for MSU-B as well as running the beer captains and all of the shifts. The club is in good hands with Craig and the new board for this year.

Ed Kaufman has been the club treasurer for over a decade. During this time, he makes sure EVERYTHING that needs to be done is done in a timely manner. Ed is truly the man!

Shannon Johnson is moving into her second term third term as club secretary. Shannon handled all of the duties of the club secretary, but also met with all prospective new members, prior to them joining the club, to let them know details about what is expected of them as members. She also made sure all of the projects that our club worked on this year. She helped show everyone how awesome our club is!

Not to be outdone, Craig spoke about the accomplishments of Cavin this year. Cavin joked about not being a good public speaker, but he nailed it this year, he spearheaded the RFP for the club and led the board in many decisions throughout the year. Thank you Cavin for your contributions!

Not to be forgotten, Mike and Carol should be thanked every day, week and month of the year, just not at the end of the year. We really don't want to know what we would do without "I've got nothing – Mike Fleming".

Thanks to Al Jones for an amazing year of guest speakers. Not only were our weeks filled with knowledge about issues and programs in town, but we also had many fun topics to lighten our load into the weekend.

Thanks to everyone that helped set up breakfast each and every week, thank you to the crew at the Legion who makes great breakfasts week in and week out, the taste and variety of what we get is off the charts.

LAST but certainly not least, thank you to all of the members that helped to make this year a success for our club. We truly are the best service organization in Billings as well as Montana!

A year in Review

This past year, we worked 59 events we had numerous members that volunteered for 10-15 of those events: Bill Schwarzkoph, Brynn Schwarz, Dale Samsal, Dave Weller, Greg Waring, John Bennett, Kevin Davis, John Eastman, Maria Luz Rivera, Mike Songer, Nate Allie, Rob Romsa, Steph Romsa, Shawnee Krauser and Whitney Griffen. We also had four members that worked 15+ shifts – Bryce Glenn, Darryl Weber, Desiree Bond and Scott Krauszer and then there is Tim Crowley that worked 34 events. We all work the shifts that we can, kudos to everyone that stepped up and worked above and beyond.

Ed wanted everyone to know that the club grossed almost \$500k this year. Grants and giving totaled out to \$200k. This is what we do!

That wraps up an amazing year. We have leadership that will take us to new heights in 2023-2024, we have the membership to succeed in the goals of the board and we do for our community what many would like to do. The BEC has taken a couple of hard blows in the past few years, but our leadership and our members have proven that it isn't just selling beer that we do, it is changing lives.

