

BECON 7/14/2023

It was a beautiful day to be at Breakfast Exchange Club! While our illustrious leadership is representing our group at National Convention, Rene and a few of us regular breakfast attendees held down the fort. The invocation was given by Bill Kennedy today.

Thanks to Maria for cooking for us this morning! And thanks to Rene for leading breakfast this morning.

Announcements:

-Next Friday, July 21, 2023, is the Bejot Memorial Golf Tournament. They are still hoping a few more folks will sign up to golf. Even yours truly is throwing my left-handed leather golf glove on to swing at some balls...and if I can do this....you ALL can. They will have a card reader on site for those who don't like to manage cash, so if that was slowing you down, now you have no excuses! **THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.**

-Beverage Bingo (United Way)

Stephanie Brazill announced that they are still in their discount period for the Bingo cards, and if you use Code BSB, you will get \$10 off the card. You purchase the card and then go to the businesses to buy beverages and get your bingo spaces marked off. These are all BOGO (Buy One Get One), so go out, drink, and be merry while you try and win some sweet prizes! The discount lasts until July 21st, and then the cards go up to \$50. The end event to win prizes is on September 14, 2023, at their Community event.

-Darryl Weber mentioned that **Ales for Trails** is coming up on September 8th, 2023, and typically they are always in need of folks to come and volunteer to pour beer. This is not an Exchange event per se, but it is still a community event, so if you have a heart to serve this would be a great event to support. Mark your calendars!

-August events we have coming up:

The Fair will be 11,12,13

Rodeo on 15, 18, 19

Food Truck Battle - 26 - sign up on the website. NOTE: If you are only marked available, you WILL BE SCHEDULED. So if you cannot work, you must mark yourself unavailable.

-Rene went over the minutes from the board meeting, so those are attached again for your convenience to catch up on what was reported out by the Secretary.

-Mike Fleming reported that we made about \$450,000 by the end of the year. We were a little down from the previous year, but he announced that at the top of 2024, we should have a concert that is big enough that it might just put us back on track to do even better this year. (We just couldn't coerce him to share who that might be. The bookies started taken bets on who it could be. And remember, if Mike is saying it will be big, then you know what types of acts that

might include.) In June, Mike reported that we earned about \$5519, with almost \$3k of that being from the Sheridan County reunion! The rest came from the football game. We've got quite a few more events through the rest of this year, however, at this time they don't look like they will be huge. We are anticipating great things from FTB and Airshow.

-Shannon Johnson, Membership Committee Chair for this year, shared exactly what is in the minutes. Goal for new members is 7-9% conservatively, and 85% retention goal. Membership Committee will meet at the American Legion this coming Wednesday, July 19th, at 5:30pm for our first meeting of the year.

Remind Texts-

-Dina recently sent out an email that she is reviving the Remind App for those who would like text reminders for when they are supposed to serve. If you would like to sign up for the texts, please do so here:

<https://www.remind.com/join/becmontana>

It's completely optional! If you're not interested, don't sign up. If you are, just use the link above to get signed up for this useful tool.

Food Truck Battle Committee -

Rene announced some new tidbits for this year's FTB

-All the voting is going to be done electronically this year from your smartphone!

-We will not be able to use the empty fields across from the FTB lot for parking, so there will be shuttles as people have to park farther away. The Shuttles will run regularly to get people to the gate at FTB quicker.

-This year there are already 49 trucks signed up. Rene's goal was 50, so they will beat that for sure!

-They've already made over \$20k in Sponsorship dollars! They are killing it and we are still a month and a half out or less.

If you have someone who is not a BEC member, and they would like to volunteer, here is the sign up link:

volunteersignup.org/P9C7A

****Don't forget: If you do not mark yourselves unavailable, you WILL BE SIGNED UP TO WORK.**

Rene spent the rest of our time giving a tutorial about the neat things you can do on our website. So if you haven't been on there for a while, check it out. She also made a great tipsheet for you to do this on your own and see what she shared. That is a separate document attached.

If you don't have a picture on your profile, you better add one you like, or we will add one for you that we find. Update your profiles too so people can get to know you better!