

BECON 8/12/2023

A packed house this morning for the meeting... it was nice to see members that have not been to breakfast in a long time!!

Mustangs game August 22... In the Mustangs Pavilion at Dehler Park, Food, drink, and FUN!!! Sign up with Shannon if you'd like to attend this social.

A thank you was passed around from the Family Tree Center for our grant of \$7500.

Next week's meeting speaker will be from the Veterans' Navigation Network.

Leif presented the club with the Home Club President's banner. Never before in the history of Exchange has the President (Leif Welhaven), Region VP (Tony Parish) and the District President (Dina Harmon) all been from the same club.

#### **Air Show Information:**

Whitney Grffin will be at the Squire Lounge on Sunday Morning to carpool to the Airshow. If you want more information, contact Whitney at 406-239-6899.

The Exchange beer tent is now MUCH smaller than it originally was intended. We, as pourers, will be in the shade, serving to those that are in the sun. There will be no limit as to how many can be taken, but no carriers will be available. All libations will be in cans and DO NOT have to be opened.

Only persons with airshow wristbands will be given free access to the grounds. Contact Bruce Jensen at 406-670-4838 for these wristbands. Once these are on your wrist, the only way to remove them is to cut them off, so if you are working both days, DO NOT TAKE THEM OFF until after your shift on Sunday. Parking passes will also be required to park closer to the entrance gate. These are also available from Bruce Jensen.

Bruce will be shuttling workers from the parking lot to the Exchange tent for the FIRST SHIFT ONLY both days.

The Exchange beer tent will be located east of the large chalet behind the VIP tent. If you have additional questions, contact Bruce Jensen at 406-670-4838.

#### **Business meeting:**

There will be 62 food trucks this year at the food truck battle... seems we have outgrown the National Guard Armory... next year will probably be at the METRA grounds.

Next Saturday, August 19 at 9 AM, the FTB committee will need help putting up banners and flags around the National Guard Armory on Gabel Road ahead of the FTB.

Credit card machines will be used this year at the beer booths at the FTB. ATM's will also be available on the FTB grounds.

This year parking will not be available in the large open field to the west of the National Guard Armory, although most of the businesses in the area have graciously opened their parking lots for parking for the FTB. There will be two shuttle buses between parking lots to the FTB gate. We will also be using turnstiles for counting entrants this year, graciously loaned to us from the METRA.

Lastly, it seems that most of the \$37,000 in sponsorships this year for the FTB have been through BEC members. Thank you to the membership!!

According to Shannon, we now have 125 members. The grants committee gave out \$13,200. if you want more information about to whom these grants to given, contact Kevin Davis at 406-698-7342.

Until next week... Rocket