

BECON 8/25/2023

Guests this morning:

Guest of Stephanie Bond, Sam from Dynamic Analysis,
Stephanie Romsa's guest, Michael with Caldwell Bankers,
Guest & son of Lanny Lucara, Joey, President of the Special & Able Club of Billings MT
Rolf, former District President, and member of Missoula Exchange Club.

Craig passed around thank you letters from many organizations that we and our foundation have given to in the last quarter:

Foundation grants: CASA, Harvest Church, that run a program in which they purchase and refurbish cars for people in need, and Friends of Children of Eastern MT.

BEC grants: Family Service, Kids & Cowboys, Education Foundation

The first round of sign-ups went around this morning for Dress-A-Child, to be held at the west end Walmart on November 11 at 7AM. If you have not participated in this Salvation Army project, it is one of the most rewarding and one of the few hands-on projects that we have that we can see first hand where our money goes.

New members Shawn and Hillary received their certificates and pins this morning. If you see faces at breakfast that you don't recognize, be sure to introduce yourselves.

Hunter Jones, who has been instrumental in sending over 13,000 care packages to soldiers overseas since 2002, was in attendance this morning to receive a \$2000 check from the FTB proceeds to continue the mailing of these care packages. Incidentally, he looked pretty good for having had Tanner as a history student.

Food Truck Battle is TOMORROW!!!! When you arrive at the FTB, first shift possibly at 10 AM, by 11 AM, second shift at 3 PM, come to the RV inside the grounds to find where you have been assigned to work... and don't give Rene a bad time about not wanting to work where assigned. Not everyone can pour beer at this event. Parking is wherever you can find it.

Tim Crowley got a phone call the other day about a handyman being needed for 2 weeks during NILE. For more info, contact Tim.

There will be a Kids & Cowboys fundraiser at the Tap Inn on Broadwater Ave from 6-10 PM on September 16.

Bruce gave us a check in the amount of \$17,000, our share of the Airshow proceeds: tips for the two days are not included in this amount and totaled \$3500.

Brittany Higgs, chairwoman & CEO of HERCAMPAIN, a program which supports recovery and prevents re-victimization of trafficked victims. This is accomplished with a 4-fold process:

1. SAFE HOUSE for 3-5 days, providing crisis intervention, basis needs, and resource assessment in an immediate short-term shelter for trafficked victims
2. EMERGENCY SHELTER for 2-3 months, providing essential services such as safe shelter, food, a bed, therapy, mental health assessments, and long-term residential placement.

3. LONG-TERM RECOVERY PROGRAM, provided through the Family Alliance Program, this offers safe, long-term residential care through trained and equipped host families. This includes wrap-around resources for survivors to continue their healing journey.

4. TRANSITIONAL LIVING, which integrates victims back into society and works toward economic independence while receiving counseling, employment, opportunities, financial planning, housing, and more.

If you would like more information about HERCOMPAGN, contact Brittany at info@hercampaign.org or call her at 406-598-5674.

Next week will be a new BECON editor... aren't you happy??!!

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