

Here is the BECON for Friday, December 1st, 2023

Mike Groscop, the Metra's Food and Beverage Manager, was to be our guest speaker but he did not show up. So we just visited longer. Griz fans were wearing their gear with pride and Bobcat fans wore theirs in hope their team shows up tomorrow (Me included).

We had no guests today but there were several announcements:

Tony Parish told us that the Christmas Breakfast will be on December 15th. Tony would like some help with decorating. Please let him know if you can help. **ALSO, please let Tony know by next Friday (12/8) if you are going to attend. He needs to give Maria a headcount.**

Tonya said that the Holiday Party will be on January 13th at the Red Door. Should start at 6pm. Stay tuned for more news on this event.

The Festival of Trees Gala was held last night. There were several members in attendance. I was one of them. I think the live auction did very well. There was a Kevin Red Star painting that went for \$11000 and a couple of trees went for around \$5000. The BEC tree went for \$1000. It looked really nice.

The Senior lights bus tour will be on Tuesday (12/5). Brynn Schwarz, Steph and Rob Romsa and John Bennett are running this show. 2 busses will take Seniors on a tour of the city to see the Christmas lights.

Hats/gloves contribution to Tumbleweed seemed to go well. Today was the last day to contribute.

Tony also told us that National Exchange raised \$15000 during the day of caring. The day of caring was this past Tuesday.

New Members:

Steve Solberg - A lot of us know Steve from his time serving on the MetraPark Advisory board. Steve always came over to the booths to check on us. Steve is also the father of Brett Solberg, one of our members.

Lynn Harper - The biggest news here is we have (2) new CAT fans. Lynn gave us a "Go Cats" shout out and Steve Solberg is also a Cat.

Lynn works for Billings Trailnet as the Program Coordinator/ Events Planner. She has been very involved with the Skyline Trail. They will have a ribbon cutting next Thursday (12/7) at 2pm to officially open the Skyline trail along Highway 3 on top of the Rims. She also works on the Ales for Trails event. The next trail project is the Stagecoach trail. I had to get on their website to see what the Stagecoach trail is. It follows Zimmerman Trail from the Valley to the Rims. It looks like 3/4s of the funds have been raised for this. Google Billings Trailnet and take a look at the video.

That is it for today.

Dave