

## **BREAKFAST EXCHANGE CLUB**

BECON

February 2, 2024

### **Guests.**

- Michelle Brackett – Nonstop Local, friend of Bryce.
- Tracy Elletson and Chris Yokam from Paul Davis, brother and friend of Kelly Elletson

### **Announcements.**

- Trina reminded everyone that Sunday is the last day to sign up for the BEC Foundation fundraiser on 2/8 at Meadowlark. Kelly gave a preview of the menu. Tickets are \$100 each and only a few remain. Also, there are 30 spaces left on the 2<sup>nd</sup> SuperBowl Square Board. You could win \$250/quarter and the Foundation will earn \$2000 when the board are filled up. BEC also gave away a pair of tickets to the event. John Bennett was the lucky winner!
- Plans are underway for a fundraiser to support Amber Parish, a dedicated club member who is battling cancer. The event will be on 3/14 at the Legion. Shawnee is looking for donations of auction/raffle items. There is plenty to do to help out the day of. See the detailed email that Dina sent out earlier this week for more details. Posters are available if you want to put one up.
- Wade has posters available to promote Landon's Legacy art auction on 3/21. See him if you want one.
- Craig reminded members that elections of new officers will take place in mid-February thru April. The deadline for us to submit to national is the end of April.
- Bill Kennedy/Family Tree Nurturing Center was presented with a \$7500 check. Bill gave an overview of how the funds will be used: 16 children in licensed childcare (with a waitlist!), 14 children in the home visitor program, 3 nights of parent training with 55 parents (soon to expand to 5 nights), and 20 hours of supervised visits. The funds support these important wrap around services for families. They have also requested additional space from Walla Walla University.

### **New Member Recognition.**

- Brett Arnold was presented with his membership certificate. He works at PayneWest and is retired US Coastguard. (Thanks for your service!) He is also the upcoming district president for EC. He enjoys giving back and does a lot to support our community.

### **Program.**

Tracy and Chris (and Joey!) gave an overview of Paul Davis. They are a 1-year old business with a focus on full service restoration – recover, reconstruct, and restore. This includes fire mitigation, flooding, and more. Tracy is also a Middle School Teacher and Chris also owns Home Yellowstone.

They franchised with Paul Davis because of the trauma training, customer-first approach, and standardized pricing, as well as relationships with the top 8 insurance companies. One of their main messages was of the importance of knowing where your water main shut off is located. They passed around tags and helpful hints to be prepared for emergencies involving water. They said at least 50% of Americans don't know where their water shut off is located. They suggested putting sensors on your icemaker water line, refrigerator, and dishwasher to alert you if excessive moisture is detected.

One example of the intensity of restoring property is that it took at least 1750 man hours to restore a 2 car garage that was damaged in a fire.

### **50/50 Raffle.**

- Bob D won, and donated the funds towards Amber's fundraiser. Way to go Bob!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Lewis