BEC BECON Friday, May 31, 2024

Guests:

Ken Callahan and Rick Baker, our speakers with Hoodies for Heros.

Announcements:

Tanya announced the social committee has a fun social planned for tomorrow, Saturday, June 1st from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Social is at Leisure in Montana at 2760 Gabel. Bob did not seem convinced that everyone should be able to try out the hot tubs, so probably leave your swimsuit at home. There will be lawn games, drinks and snacks. Bring your own lawn chair. Touch base with Tanya to sign up.

Steve started circulating the signup sheet for our club favorite event, The Bejot Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for Friday, July 19th at Pryor Creek Golf Course. NO BREAKFAST THAT FRIDAY.

A few of the members drawn to play in the Family Tree Center golf tournament had to back out due to work commitments. Rod Hessler and Jim Gordon are the two replacements. The golf tournament is at Pryor Creek on June 28th at noon.

I sent around the FY 24-25 committee volunteer list for sign-ups again. I will be away next week, but I will circulate it again the following week.

I also announced we have a football game next Saturday; June 8th and the schedule has been sent out. Maria will be the beer captain for that shift. Knowing June is my last month of scheduling, Cavin sent every wrinkle my way he could for June beer captain scheduling, so disregard Cavin as the beer captain on the schedule sent out.

Dave Staton gave us an update on his son Quentin who has fought the battle against cancer. He is now 12 months past his last surgery and just had a PET scan that came back positive. Great news!!

Ed presented me with the District Past President Pin. I truly appreciate it. Tony keeps saying I cannot ride off into the sunset yet, but I think getting the pin means I can now. I had my doubts on my ability to pull off District President, but I have arrived fairly unscathed. Of course, there are things I could have done better and still need to learn, but I have a feeling that Tony has some devious plan to make sure I learn what I haven't. He said something this morning about learning about club building? I don't know, I was trying to block him out.

Program:

Rick and Ken shared their Hoodies for Heros program with us. Hoodies for Heros is a non-profit organization raising money to build memorials for soldiers killed in action after 1975. They are currently raising money for a memorial at Dehler Park just outside of the baseball stadium. They had the groundbreaking ceremony this past Tuesday. As of today, they have raised \$101,000. The estimated cost of the memorial is \$450,000. The very first fundraiser was on Veteran's Day, (11/11) in 2022. Prior to this, Rick was selling hoodies to raise money. You can learn more about the memorial at their website, hoodiesforheros.org and they are still looking for sponsors to get it completed.



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