

BECON

9-6-2024

Guests in attendance this morning were Terri Todd, Executive Director of Gratitude in Action. Terri was our guest speaker this morning. Also in attendance were Misty Whittman of Stockman Bank, who has submitted her application and Shannon Thomas, Randy's daughter.

There were lots of announcements this morning so buckle up!

1. United Way Community Event is next Thursday September 12th, starting at 4pm and going to 7. There will be live music from Counting Coup, food trucks, lawn games etc. Come and have fun!
2. Trina is selling squares for the Cat/Griz game. The Foundation will also be selling these squares during the Bingo event on September 28th at the Columbia Club.
3. The Gun Raffle is taking place next Wednesday at the Legion. If you have any tickets that need to be turned in yet, please get them to Rene ahead of time. The drawing will be at 6pm.
4. Rene updated the club on the FTB. We still have a couple of bills to come due, but we are looking at roughly \$59k and we had a little over 6k in attendance.
5. Speakers for the rest of the month 9/13 Bill Kennedy w/ Family Tree Nurturing Center, 9/20 Metra Management & 9/27 Business meeting (no guests please).
6. Dina is still collecting food stuffs for Tumbleweed. Several members brought food this morning and filled Dina's car. She will collect through next week and then take the food down.
7. Friday September 20th debuts "Saving 22" at the Babcock.
8. Cody Johnson is this weekend. For those that are working, Shawnee has sent out an email. Please read her email and follow the directions. This will be a packed event and we will need everyone that is scheduled to show. If you can't work, please find a sub and let Tony or Wylie know.

Terri Todd with Gratitude in Action as our guest speaker this morning. She and her husband founded GIA in 2016 while setting up their first "sober living home". Their mission is dedicated to fostering recovery and sober living, providing individuals a chance to achieve self-sufficiency.

One of the main reasons for this program is to try and alleviate the cost of resources on our community for individuals that are continually entering into incarceration and being passed off into programs. Tax dollars can range from 29k-100k per individual depending on how many times they have gone through the process.

In 2019 GIA opened a thrift store in the old Salvation Army facility. When they have surplus that they don't use, they ship it overseas. Terri has actually spoken with a mission worker in Africa that was onsite when one of their bundles showed up in a community.

Terri spoke a little about the homeless problem downtown and what it costs the tax payers currently vs what permanent supportive housing would cost. The numbers were staggering.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Cody Johnson

9-7 @ 6

Fusion Fight League

9-13 @ 5:30

Judas Priest

10-3 @ 6

Nile Rodeo

10-12 @ 5:30



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GIA has a volunteer workforce because all of the participants are required to do community service hours as a way to give back to the community. They have helped 4500 people since 2016. They currently operate six sober living homes and the thrift store. They are always looking for volunteers to help mentor as well as other opportunities. If you have interest you can reach out to Terri.

Here is their website: <https://www.giamt.org/>

Have a great weekend!

