

Here is the BECON for last Friday, Nov 14, 2025. This was a business meeting so I won't retype everything from the last Board meeting minutes. I scanned a copy and attached it to this email.

Announcements:

Bill Kennedy needs some help with the Festival of Trees. The Carnival this year will be on February 5th from 5pm - 8 pm and Saturday 10am - 6pm. They need some volunteers especially during the evening and late afternoon. Please contact Bill if you can assist. The Gala will be held on Thursday, December 4th. We have a table of 8 for the gala and we will fill the table at an upcoming meeting.

Bill Kennedy also told us about the Wreaths Across America event at the Veteran Cemetery in Laurel. They are within 200 wreaths of filling their goal of 1600. If you would like to purchase a wreath, which will be displayed at the cemetery, please get on their website to order a wreath. Wreaths are \$17 each. I just got on and copied the website address. It is:

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/16594/overview/?Sid=16594%7C150000%7C0%7C5#:~:text=On%20December%2013%2C%202025%20at,Yellowstone%20National%20Cemetery%20to%20Remember>

Don't forget about getting your Norwex orders in to Stephanie Romsa. On 11/23 she will put in a large group order which will eliminate shipping. So if you have a small order, this is the time to do it. Get with Stephanie.

Shawnee gave a \$4000 check to Maria this morning from the Food Truck Battle proceeds. This is for the American Legions Grateful Giving program. They are looking to give up to 250 baskets to veterans and their families which are filled with all of the makings for Thanksgiving. This donation will go a long way to make this happen. Maria said they will put baskets together on 11/23. I am sure she would take all of the help she can get to put this together.

On 11/20, Meadowlark Brewing will have Christmas for a Cause. Bring a toy to Meadowlark and get a beer. Not sure if you can get multiple beers for multiple toys but it is worth a try.

Shawnee has asked everyone to get on the BEC website and update your member profile. I checked mine and it was fine.

We may be adding some radio spots and live remotes for a membership for local radio personality Bo Swayze. He is with KGHL and K-Bear. There will be more information to come.

Officer reports:

Secretary: We lost 2 but added 5. So plus 3 in the turnover department. Kind of like the Cats will be on Saturday. (OK. I said it.)

Treasurer: We seem to be holding our own. Still not a lot to grant except for Food Truck Battle requests. We need to keep building our coffers up.

VP Elect: An optional in person R-Serving trainee event may be coming soon. We used to do this way back 20 years ago when I started and it was quick and painless. Shannon is working to make this happen again.

Shawnee talked about a new Membership policy. It is attached. Please take a minute and review it. We are going away from the new member sponsor requirement. Looking to open the club to more members.

Mike Fleming: Said MSU-B basketball will start on November 21st. He already has his staff so we don't need to volunteer for selling but you can always go mooch one from Mike if you are at the game.

Senior Light Tour is still in works. Brynn Schwarz is looking to have the event be on December 2nd. But that is not written in stone. More to come on this.

Remember this Saturday is the Flapjacks and Football for Prevention event at the American Legion.

That is it for this week. Please see the attachments for additional information.