

Here is the BECON for 12/19/2025

Today we have our annual Christmas Holiday Breakfast. Maria and her staff put together a breakfast of rib roast, eggs, and potatoes. There was also a peppermint cheesecake. It was delicious. Thank you to everyone. Oh, and there was an open bar. Some anonymous donor footed the bill. We also had a visit straight from the North Pole (or Nye) of Santa Claus himself. Santa even had a belt full of bells. Very festive.

This was the last breakfast meeting for 2025. There will be no Breakfast next Friday, 12/26. In Addition, there will be no breakfast on January 2nd. We will meet again on January 9th.

Another big announcement. Christmas Day is also the birthday of our Christmas baby (boy) Mike Fleming. Happy Birthday, Mike.

Today Shawnee gave us the sad news that Lynn Harper's father passed away. Our sincere condolences are extended to Lynn and her family.

Shawnee announced that the Off the Streets giving campaign netted about \$400+. Shawnee used the money to buy a lot of goods that are needed.

Shawnee also presented a check to Bill Kennedy with the Family Tree Nurturing Center for \$1528.08. This is the proceeds to the Cat-Griz Pancake breakfast that took place on November 22nd before the Cats beat the Griz in Missoula of all places.

We welcomed 2 new members officially today. They are Alex Morgan and Maryanne McGuire. Alex was sponsored by Tony Parish, and he is a local realtor. Maryanne recently moved back to Montana and was sponsored by Lisa Jensen.

Shannon says we still need a couple of people to help serve beer tomorrow at the Chase Hawks rodeo. If you can serve, please show up at 5:30.

Rene said that the Christmas party is on January 24th at the old Petroleum Club. Check your emails as she has sent out an information flyer about this.

We had several items that were given away during breakfast. They consisted of Booze, odds and ends, and gift cards.

Jeff Roach told us that this holiday season, probably on Monday 12/22, the airport will have its 1 millionth passenger in 2025. That is a record for Billings airport.

Wiley Taylor told us to mark our calendars for April 23rd and May 22nd. And tune in to the Price is Right. You will see a familiar face.

Bruce Jensen will be the celebrity bartender at Gordy's on Grand Avenue from 12 to 4 pm. Free drinks maybe????????????????

Shawnee concluded the meeting by saying that 2026 is shaping up to be a big year for the Breakfast Exchange Club. More concerts, Air Show, Flag displays for the 250th anniversary of the USA, and more. She also said she would close in song, but she didn't.

Ed Kaufman won the big pot today. \$160 (now that is probably a record too.)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.