

BECON

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“It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Today's meeting was a business meeting, so we had no guests in the house. Shawnee presented a check from last year's Food Truck Battle to the Foundation in the amount of **\$3,000**. In addition, we will be granting **\$5,000** from the Food Truck Battle to the **Friends of the National Cemetery**.

🎉 Birthday Shout-Out! 🎉

Hey, hey, hey—look who is a year older: **Dave Weller!** You'll all be happy to hear that Dave is suffering no long-term effects from his week in Nashville cheering on and celebrating the National Champion Montana State Bobcats. Happy Birthday, Dave!

📅 Dates to Put on Your Calendar

- **June 5–6:** Yellowstone District Convention in Billings (location TBD). The committee is freshening things up this year with a *TED Talk-style* format on Saturday. Friday night will still be the social—and if this club does anything better than raise money for our community, it's being social!
- **July 9–12:** National Convention in Omaha. The Breakfast Exchange Club will have a candidate running for **National President-Elect**. That candidate would be... me — Tony Parish 😊 I still remember the day Huffy asked me to join our board.

💍 Congratulations!

Congrats to **Whitney** on her engagement! It got pretty loud with congratulations, but I *think* I heard they're getting married at the courthouse—and everyone is invited. Since I visit the courthouse almost daily for work, I'm thinking a beer booth could really boost fundraising. Maybe the fundraising committee wants to look into that...

👏 Board Appreciation

The board has been hard at work making the application process easier for new members. Remember, we also have club business cards available for everyone to share. Let's give a huge shout-out to the board for all the work they're doing for the BEC.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Nate Bargatze 1-18 @ 5:30

Christmas Party Reminder

The cutoff for the Christmas Party is **tomorrow, January 15 at 5:00 PM**. We're nearing 100 attendees, so if you've been on the fence—this is shaping up to be one *awesome shindig*.

Shrimp Boil

Mark your calendars for **February 21**! We'll be hosting a club shrimp boil at the Legion. It will be a potluck-style event, with **Chef Wiley** cooking up some fantastic Cajun vittles.

Awards & Nominations

Nominations for **Youth of the Year, ACE, Legacy, Exchange Club Member of the Year, and Rookie of the Year** are due by **April 15**. Good news to offset the April 15 bad news.

Everything else discussed today can be found in the **board minutes** (see attached).

