

BECON

1/30/26

Sorry for the late BECON – had a busy Friday and then completely spaced-out writing this on the weekend.

Announcements

- There was a bit of a mix-up on the speaker dates so our MSUB person that we thought was scheduled for last Friday isn't coming until this week – 2/6/26.
- Shawnee created a really nice video of the holiday party with AI generated music and song created just for this event – cool. Didn't know Shawnee was such a tech guru.
- Bill Kennedy, on behalf of the Friends of the National Cemetery, was presented with a \$5,000 check from Food Truck Battle proceeds. The money will mainly be used for flag replacement.
- We were reminded that the Mardi gras and shrimp boil social will be on 2/21/26. This will be a potluck event.
- Brian Hafner announced that they are building their 100th house and are looking for \$1000 donors as well as volunteers.
- Maria made us some very delicious taco omelets this morning but unfortunately – for us, she announced that after 14 years running the Legion, she is leaving to become a banker I think (working with Wade). Next Friday will be the last breakfast made by Maria and will probably start new Board discussions as to whether we keep meeting at the Legion.
- It was announced that Dale's granddaughter, Avery Hine, a student at ASU, was selected to be a volunteer at the Winter Olympics that start this Friday. Exciting – congratulations to her!

We had no guests and in lieu of a speaker, Shawnee decided to do a quick session of “meet your BEC member” with a small cross-section of folks at breakfast, starting with Dave Weller, who we learned, has worked in the large construction equipment leasing and sales industry for most of his career – which, BTW, is almost over – he's a “short-timer” as they say with less than a year left.

Next was Mary Anne McGuire who said she was a HR Director for Parsons (I think), a firm that does a bunch of diverse work all over the world. She makes sure everyone working abroad has all the correct visa/documents, etc to be there legally and such.

Rob Romsa was a professional rodeo cowboy for many years before ultimately working in the Point of Sales devices industry.

Scott Krauszer is a Baylor educated geologist that designs systems for environmental remediation and cleanup.

Brett Foster breaks thumbs for a living as a Collection Agency enforcer which is interesting as he also does a lot of a cappella singing in his spare time – quite a contrast.

John Bratton, one of newer members, is a contractor doing new homes and remodels, among building other things.

Shannon Christensen is a Principal at the Architectural firm of Cushing Terrell, which keeps her super busy and then also does a lot of charity work with serving on several BODs in addition to raising a couple youngsters – this gal is on the run day and night.