Banquet report by Terry Kamm (excerpt from November 2010 BECC News) – The annual BECC Banquet was held at the Tukwila Community Center on Oct. 27, 2010. The banquet started at 5:00 pm and ended around 8:00 pm. The cost was only $10 per person. Al Schy checked in members and guests at the door. Members received the usual entry prize of a 2010 Lincoln cent and 2010 Kennedy Half. The theme for the Banquet was “Mexican Fiesta.” Cheri Pepka brought in table cloths, wall posters, cactus decorations, and sombrero centerpieces for the tables. Del provided 737 placemats. Several BECC members arrived early to help Cheri set up. Overall attendance was over 50 persons.

Del Cushing was the Master of Ceremonies for this banquet. The early Bird prize was a 2010 Boy Scout Dollar. Del recognized the BECC members for their October Birthdays and ushered them to the front of the dinner line.

Jon Enges provided a Hispanic type menu. The menu included typical Mexican foods, including; taco meat and fixings, refried beans, chicken enchiladas, chili rellenos, Mexican rice, chips and salsa, fruit platter, beverages, cake, etc.

After dinner, Greg had a special recognition for Del. Del has served as President of the BECC for the last year. With this service, Greg announced that Del has now served in all the BECC Executive Board and Volunteer Committee assignments. Congratulations Del!!

Greg next recognized volunteers that served at Renton Family Days. The BECC hosted a table with coin displays at the Renton Boeing Site. Volunteers recognized were Yosh, Grant and Del.

Greg then read from a special tribute that he wrote about Mike Pepka. Mike Pepka, a beloved BECC member, sadly had passed away earlier this month. Greg read a touching and tearful tribute to Mike. After the tribute to Mike, Greg presented a 2010 Boy Scout Silver Dollar award to Cheri Pepka for the time and effort she put into the BECC banquet.

BECC VP Jesse Torres along with helpers Terry Kamm, Dave Buehler and Jon Enges gave away several door prizes. Jesse drew numbers out of a bag and members watched; what prize they had won. There were several door prizes given away including mint sets, proof sets, currency, foreign coins, penny sets, tokens, medals Boeing items, and many others. Each and every BECC member and guest that attended the banquet walked away with a door prize!!

Later in the evening; Dave Buehler, stood to award the Jim Payne Memorial Service Award. The Jim Payne Memorial Award is awarded each year to a deserving BECC member. The award is given the BECC member that best exemplifies the qualities of our past BECC member Jim Payne, a cornerstone for the BECC. The committee that selects the winner consists of the last three winners of the award. The 2010 BECC Jim Payne Award was awarded to Terry Kamm. Dave read that Terry has served as past President, VP, Secretary, Membership Clerk, Newspaper Editor and helped with many volunteer activities.

Next, Del announced two new BECC Life Members. Del explained that Life Membership in the BECC is awarded to members that provide outstanding service to the club and community. Del announced that the new life members were Bruce Coggins and Greg Smith. Congratulations to these fine new Life Members!!

A special thanks to Del Cushing and David Buehler for taking photographs at the banquet. The Grand Door Prize was a Mexican 10 peso coin awarded to a BECC member. Thanks to all the BECC members that helped clean up after the banquet. Thanks for all your help in making this year’s banquet a great success.

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2010 BECC Banquet Photos

Dessert Cake  Cheri Pepka Award  Del Cushing Recognition  Door Prizes

More Door Prizes  Dave Buehler presents the Jim Payne Award to Terry Kamm

Mike Pepka Tribute Photos