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The speaker today was President Rick Reese.....and the Group



Mr. Reese is just starting his term as President and he spoke briefly about the continuing good state of our organization. All is going well. As soon as some of the accounting functions have been caught up and finalized, the 2018 records will be closed and we head positively into 2019. Rick also introduced the new Board of Directors that will be steering our group for the next six months: Lou Rodges-Chairman; Rick Reese-President; Tom McMahon-Vice President; Scott Lardner-Treasurer; Michael Berezniak-Director; Rion Marcus-Director; Dan Mowery-Director and Kit Turpen-Director. Jack Zipper also continues as Membership Committee Chairman. If you ever have a question about the EAGA organization, feel free to contact any one of these gentlemen to get an answer.

The remaining portion of the meeting was spent discussing various members' perspective on how 2018 went for their company, and their prognostications for the upcoming year. There were about 75 members in attendance, so as would be expected, there were a variety of opinions, concerns, and general feelings. The 2018 discussions determined that the business year concluded with business being flat; better than expected; or a little down. There were explanations for times when the outcomes were not as rosy as had been projected or planned: Freight costs were up; government involvement—from regulation changes to tariff increases; problems finding quality workers. The 2019 projections included more than a fair share of concerns about more governmental meddling; employment cost increases (if good employees can actually be found); artificial intelligence will have an increased presence in the workplace (that would be machines, not the blonds that have died their hair brunette); firearms regulations (ask Mark about the gun free zone where folks were encouraged to use hockey pucks as defensive weapons instead of guns). Obviously we ended feeling that 2019 will probably be good for quite a few members; not as positive for a few others; and some of the retired guys will be OK once they realize that we are already into a new year.

- ♦ Aaron Rodgers continues to improve. He is able, and quite agreeable, to have guests visit. Stop by for a few minutes if you have time,...but don't mention food. At last report, he is still being fed via the tube, and he is getting @#&^% tired of not being able to have a real meal.

Badge Board Greeters

- Jan 29th John Mead—John Thomas Jewelers
- Feb 5th Tom McMahon—Premier Shopping Guide
- Feb 12th Steve Grant—Downtown Historic Bed and Breakfast
- Feb 19th
- Feb 26th Tom Briones—Briones Business Law

Upcoming Speakers

- Jan 29th Guest Speakers Peter Trevisani and Troy Lesesne—NMU
- Feb 5th Tom Briones—Briones Business Law
- Feb 12th Robert Biernacki—WaterQuest Landscaping
- Feb 19th
- Feb 26th

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