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BARON MIND

Time to give thanks for.....

**Belgian
Beer
Night!!!**

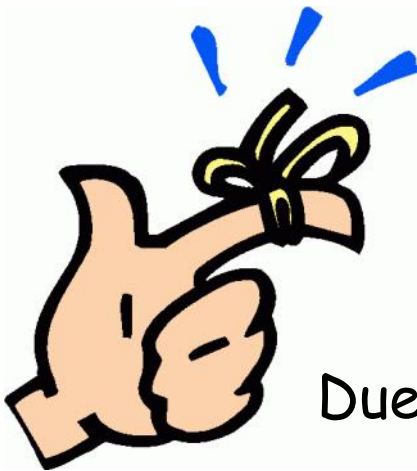


President's Letter

Greetings! Want to drink like a Monk? If yes, then you have come to the right place. Tom has been working hard to put together a good selection of Belgian Beers for us to sample and enjoy- Thanks Tom!! Did you know that brewing beer actually started as a household task, so the first brewers were actually Women? Then in the middle ages the monks started brewing as a fund raising measure. As Jeff taught us, during the middle ages beers were flavored with an herbal mixture called "gruit" which had to be purchased from the "gruithuis". Abbeys were exempt from this and switched to hops due to their preservative nature. You can read more at visitflanders.com. In the meantime grab a Milwaukee pretzel and enjoy a Belgian beer or two.

Cheers,
Rahshal

PS. Be sure to take a look at the biggest bottle share ever... AKA the 12 Beers of Christmas. Hint-Hint :)



REMINDER



Due to the upcoming holidays-

The November general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (11/20) at 7:30 pm

The December general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (12/18) at 7:00 pm



**Got Beer, Cider or Mead?
Are YOU willing to SHARE?**

**If YES to both, join us for the LARGEST Bottle Share ever in
the history of the Beer Barons!!**

Details are listed below:

Please—don't forget to sign up on-line ;)

Thanks MUCH

Rahshal



1st Annual 12 Beers of Christmas Ciders or Meads

1. Brew a beer, cider or mead
2. Bring *12 **labeled** bottles or cans of Beer, Cider or Mead to the December Meeting
Labels will provided and available at the October and November General Meetings
2 label options
 - Option #1—I have a printer (you will pick up blank labels along with Avery website directions)
 - Option #2—I DO NOT have a printer (you will pick up pre-printed labels that have areas for you to
handwrite the information about you and your brew.
3. Sign up at Beer Barons of Milwaukee Website—you will need to supply the following:
 - Your name
 - e-mail address
 - What you brewed (type and style) ex: Beer—Pale Ale
 - Quantity in increments of 12 (12-24-36-48) that you plan to bring for exchange.
4. Bring your brew to the December General Meeting .
5. Participants will have a designated area where they exchange their beers.
6. Questions? First see the 12 Beers of Christmas FAQs - Please e-mail me at fermenterlady@gmail.com if you still have questions.

We hope many of you participate :)

Rahshal

Vice President's Update

Howdy Barons!

Crowd favorite and my personal favorite - Belgian night is here! This year we will be featuring the "Battle of the Belgians" or "Big Belgian Battle" or "The Belgian Brawl" or whatever you want to call it (it's going to be epic!) We will have a similar format to years past but will include score sheets for you to submit your ratings. We will be ranking the Belgians from best to worse and have our own sort of "rate beer" session. This will not be a meeting focusing on BJCP judging, but more of an amateur fun event!

Also, I am going to run again as VP for next year. If you have any ideas please don't hesitate to let me know as our board very much appreciates club feedback and we would like to hear from you! Also, please remember everybody is welcome to attend the board meetings and provide your input!

Cheers!
Tom

On October 30, Jason Rohloff and Jared Sutliff hosted Beer and Bites at the Hales Corners Library. The event featured a four course meal expertly paired with beer. The attendees were very interactive and engaged. The soup and the main courses were the crowd favorites:

Creamy wild rice and chicken soup with a rye saison

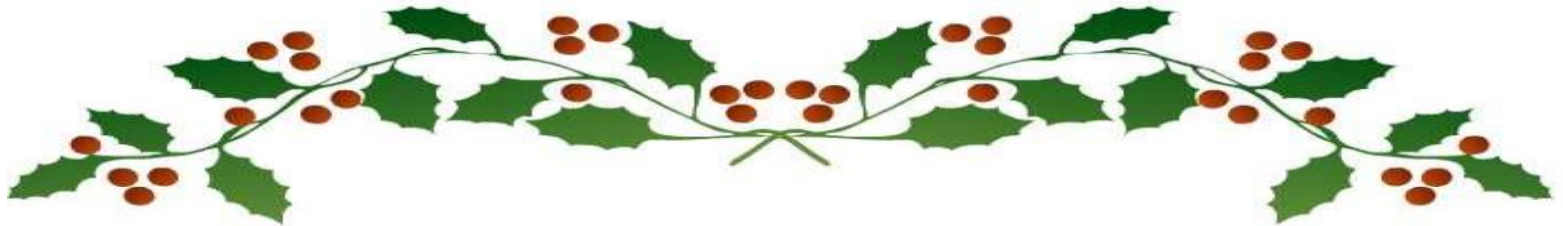
Currywurst with homemade spaetzle and vinegar based slaw paired with an Oktoberfest



Delicious



Holiday Food Drive



The Beer Barons are teaming up with the Hunger Task Force to help those in need this holiday season

Please help by bringing non-perishable food items or cash donations to the November and December meetings



For more information visit:
<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/>



PREFERRED FOOD ITEMS:						
FRUITS <i>Fruits canned in own juice or 100% fruit juice</i> PEACHES PEARS PINEAPPLE 100% FRUIT JUICE	VEGETABLES <i>Low sodium, canned vegetables</i> GREEN BEANS CORN TOMATOES SPAGHETTI SAUCE	GRAINS <i>Whole grain foods</i> BROWN RICE OATMEAL CEREAL (NO SUGAR ADDED) PASTA (MULTIGRAIN)	PROTEIN <i>Lean sources of animal- and plant-based proteins</i> CHICKEN, CANNED TUNA, CANNED PEANUT BUTTER BEANS, DRIED OR CANNED	DAIRY <i>Boxed, low fat milk or milk alternatives</i> SKIM MILK 1% MILK ALMOND MILK SOY MILK	SNACKS <i>Healthy foods for on-the-go</i> GRANOLA NUTS & SEEDS BREAKFAST BARS GRAHAM CRACKERS	CONDIMENTS <i>Healthy & salt-free flavors</i> SALSA OIL MUSTARD SALT-FREE SEASONINGS

Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons. As of 10/31/19, our Club bank balance was \$9,228.20. The Club bank balance one year ago (on 10/31/18) was \$7,777.08. We had 76 people attend the October meeting (1840 Brewery and Barrel Night). Our current membership is 162 individuals.

Officers Meetings

I want to remind members that if they have any feedback they want to share about our club, or if they want to see what topics are addressed at Officers meetings, they should attend monthly Officers meetings. The meetings are almost always held on the first Wednesday of the month. Our club President, Rahshal Kowal, announces the location of the next Officers meeting at every general meeting. In addition, you can check the 'Baron Mind' newsletter (generally the last page in a section called "What's on Tap??") for the date and location of the next Officers meeting). Receiving feedback (both positive and negative) is essential for any successful organization, so I encourage you to share what you think is going right with our club, in addition to sharing any potential improvement opportunities.



November - Did You Know???



When I started writing Treasurer Reports, I thought it would be fun to include a Did-You-Know (DYK) fact/question each month, especially given the topics I write about in this report could be construed as a bit dry. I hope you have been enjoying these short stories/facts as much as I enjoy writing about them. However, little did I know that over 20 years ago, leaders of our club had similar thoughts. Read on.

In the Baron Mind Archives on the club's website, you will find a "Did you Know?" section in some 1998 Baron Mind newsletters. For example, the October 1998 Baron Mind, page 2, states:

*The greater the starting gravity of the wort, the less soluble the alpha acids in the hops. The **rule of thumb** is to add about 5% more bittering units of hops for every 10 degree increase in the gravity above 1.050. (This is 1 of 14 facts on this page)*

Speaking of '**rule of thumb**', the April 1998 Baron Mind, page 2, states:

*Before the invention of the thermometer, brewers needed a way to gauge the appropriate temperature for pitching yeast. If the wort was too cold or too hot, the yeast would most likely die. The brewer would stick his thumb in the wort to determine the temperature. This is the origin of the phrase "**rule of thumb**". (This 1 of 7 facts on this page)*

If you wrote these DYK facts some 21 years ago, or know who wrote them, I would love to talk to you at our next meeting over a beer.

Live Life & Enjoy Beer! PK

Are you up for a Challenge?

**Beer Barons of Milwaukee
Members ONLY**

Iron Brewer Challenge



Rules

1. Open only to Current Beer Barons Members
2. Member(s) of the Officers selected the ingredient(s) that need to be included in the brew
 - Ingredient Kits will be available for purchase.
 - Cost is \$15.00 for the January kit.
 - ◊ The charge is to encourage follow thru and protect the club from loss.
 - ◊ Limited to 14 kits – equal to jockey box capacity.
 - ◊ Regular Jockey Box rules apply
3. Bring your Beer to the January meeting to be judged against other *Iron Brewers*
4. Brew any style you choose
5. All attendees will have an opportunity to vote.

Prizes

1st place, 2nd and 3rd place

Kit for January Judging Month
5 lbs – Mecca Grade Lamonta
42oz container of Old Fashioned Oats
Good Luck!!



Act Now! Limited kits still available!



It's Election Time!



Nominations for the officer's position will be taken at the November meeting with the election taking place during the December meeting. Below is a summary of the main duties of the officers.

For more details, visit Article III in the Beer Barons of Milwaukee constitution, found on our website:

<https://beerbarons.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/constitution.pdf>

Or, feel free to stop one of the current officers to learn more about what they do.

This is an opportunity for you to get involved!

Terms are for one year, (beginning in Jan) two consecutive terms maximum for a position.

- The President's duties include , but are not limited to:

Preside at membership and Board meetings, acting Chairman of the Board. Convene Board and special meetings as needed, appoint committee chairmen, be an ex-officio member of all committees, be responsible for the performance of all the officers of the association, be responsible for a yearly audit of the Treasurer's records

- The Vice President's duties include, but are not limited to:

Perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during their absence or disability, be responsible for the general program of the association

- The Secretary's duties include, but are not limited to:

Keep complete and accurate minutes of Board and special meetings, maintain the official current roll of the membership, maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, conduct official membership and Board correspondence as directed by the Board, send out notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board, publish and distribute the newsletter

- The Treasurer's duties include, but are not limited to:

Be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the association, report such at the membership meetings, have all disbursements approved by the President or other authorized officers, keep a listing of paid-up members, i.e., of members in good standing

- The Members-At Large's duties are as assigned by the Board

- The Sergeant At Arm's duties include, but are not limited to:

Keep order at membership and board meetings, safeguard any equipment, signage and display materials the club may possess, coordinate the allocation and delivery of such, provide guidance and act as a point of contact for members who wish club participation in an external event, monitor the club's potential participation in external events and can decline or withdraw club participation in events if club resources are not adequate

Club Links

Website: beerbarons.org
Twitter: twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE
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BrewBlog: brewblog.beerbarons.org/

Midwinter Brewfest: twitter.com/MidwinterHBC
World of Beer Fest: twitter.com/WorldOfBeerFest
www.facebook.com/WorldOfBeerFestival

IO Group: <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>

2019 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Rashal Kowal
Vice-President	Tom Nowalis
Treasurer	Paul Karcher
Secretary	Lori McDonald
Sergeant at Arms	Jason Otto
Member at Large	Erick Joseph
Member at Large	Jake Eggener

Contact the Board via email at
officers@beerbarons.org

Or in writing at
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**BIG thanks to Andy and Cheryl Hemken for allowing us to
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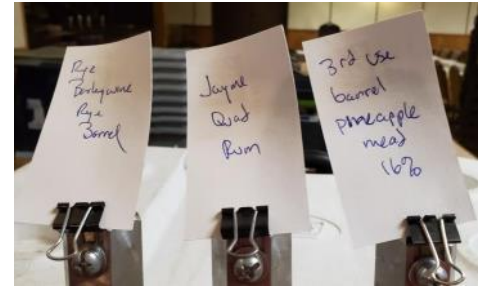
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new beekeepers,
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In 1996 Andy started with 2 beehives, he currently admits to 500.

After 30 years of safety and ergonomics consulting, he followed his passion and made beekeeping his full
time career.



Special thanks to all of the members that shared their barrel aged projects and to Kyle from 1840 for sharing at the October meeting



Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our members' knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment.

Please show your respect and courtesy to the people you have elected to do the business of this club and the guest speakers that are graciously giving their time to come and put on a presentation for you by being **QUIET** during the meeting.

- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in (That means the club beers stays). Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into the meeting that was not purchased at Clifford's
Only exception is for snack items to enjoy with your beer
 - Pretzels, popcorn, nuts
 - Chips & dip
 - Cheese, sausage & crackers
 - Smoked or canned fish items

Please bring your own glass and clean up after yourself

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card, and pay your meeting fee to receive a wristband
 - Please put your wristband on your wrist (not on your glass/horn)

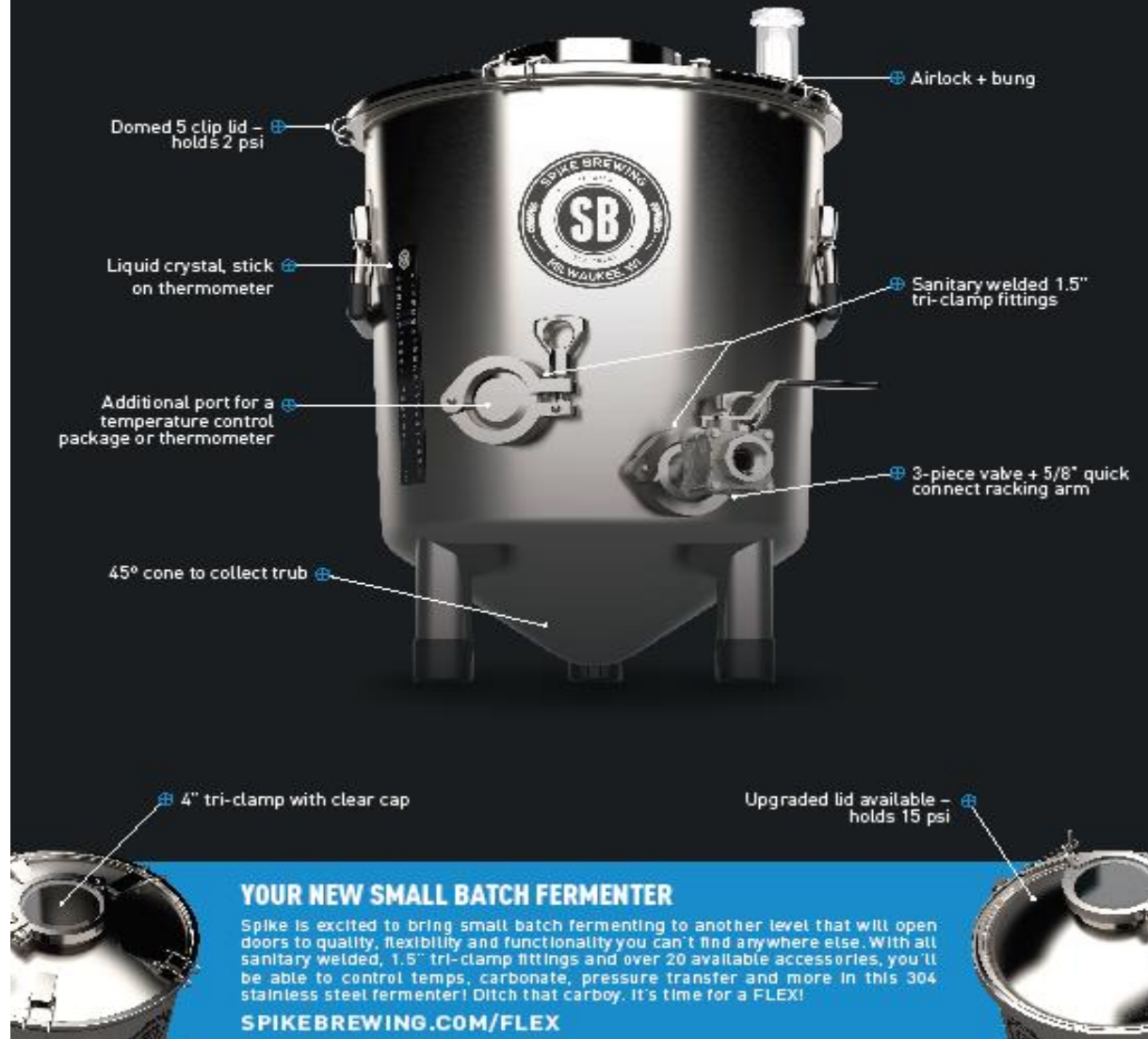
NO guns or weapons of any kind allowed in the meeting
NO SMOKING allowed in the building

Listen - Learn - Ask questions
Someone *will* have the answer
Enjoy the meeting & guest speakers



MEET THE

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Friends of Wehr Flavors of Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, November 16, 2019 @ 5-7:30 pm



A warm fire welcomes guests to an evening of good food and friends. Beer Barons of Milwaukee will provide specially made seasonal beers to taste. Cheese tasting starts the evening followed by dinner of 3 seasonal stews including one made with one of the Beer Baron's special brews and ending with delicious dessert choices. A silent auction will help raise funds for the FOW Accessibility Project.

5:00-6:00 Cheese tasting by the fire and watch the moon rise

6:00-7:00 Stew Sampling

5:00-7:30 Holiday Silent Auction

Fee: \$25.00/person Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Call 414-425-8550 to make a reservation.

<https://www.friendsofwehr.org/flavors-of-fall-fundraiser/>

Did you know that the Beer Barons has a groups.io discussion group where you can ask questions and participate in brewing discussions?

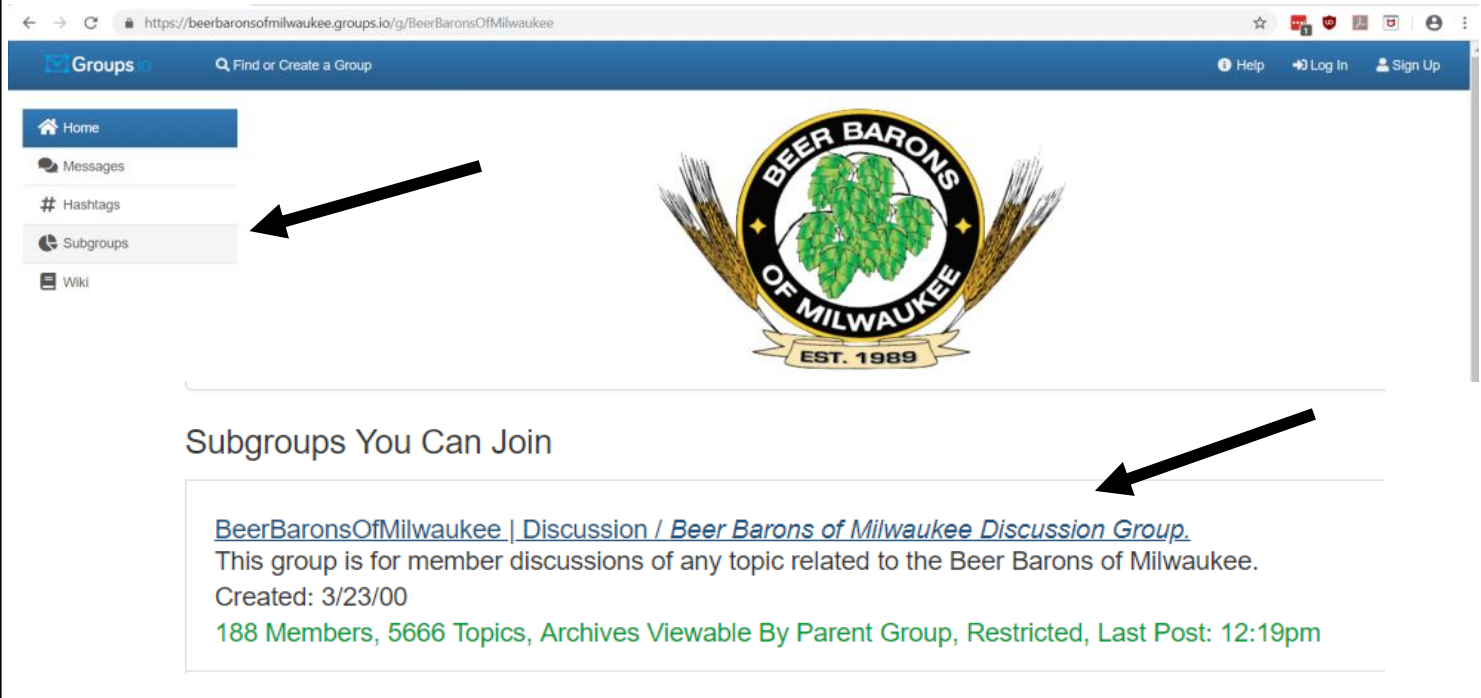
To join the group:

Go to: <https://groups.io/>

Click on Find or Create a Group

Search for Beer Barons of Milwaukee - on the main page select "Subgroups"

On the Subgroups page - select the discussion group, enter your email where prompted to request permission to join. You will receive an email confirming your request when it has been processed.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>. The page features a blue header with the Groups.io logo and navigation options like Home, Messages, Hashtags, Subgroups, and Wiki. A large logo for the Beer Barons of Milwaukee is centered, featuring a green hop cone and wheat stalks, with the text "BEER BARONS OF MILWAUKEE" and "EST. 1989". Below the logo, a section titled "Subgroups You Can Join" lists a discussion group: "BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee | Discussion / Beer Barons of Milwaukee Discussion Group". The description for this group states: "This group is for member discussions of any topic related to the Beer Barons of Milwaukee. Created: 3/23/00. 188 Members, 5666 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Restricted, Last Post: 12:19pm". Two black arrows point to the "Subgroups" menu item and the discussion group listing.

Interested in attending the next Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members! It's a great place to find out what's happening with the club while trying a new place to drink.

Next Officer's Meeting:

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 7:0pm

Vennture Brew Co

5519 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI



For more info and events, check out the Barons Website:

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, November 16: Friends of Wehr Flavors of Fall 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 20: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Belgian Night - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 4: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Vennture

Wednesday, December 18: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Christmas Party and 12 Beers of
Christmas Exchange - **7:00 pm**

?Date **January:** Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Benno's

Wednesday, January 22: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Iron Brewer - 7:30 pm

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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