

My Fellow members,

As you all know, the Commons at Mukogawa has closed its doors until February 2021 and possibly beyond. I've talked to the new Food Services Director and have learned that he is putting together a stable of event coordinators and caterers and plans to simply pair these people with anyone who wants to hold a function at Mukowawa. Even if we returned to Mukogawa, the costs would rise substantially because we'd be paying for the room as well as the cost of a caterer. Consequently, were being forced to look for a new home.

I've enlisted the help of Skip Cavanaugh to help me in a search for a new home. In 2012, Skip did an exhaustive survey to compare a number of different venues with Mukogawa. At that time Mukogawa won out. However, that's not an option this time. Over the past three months, Skip and I have evaluated six different venues and are almost ready to make a decision on where the Club's new home will be. At that time we will get the blessing of our Board of Directors and then pass on the details to you, our Membership. Our evaluation criteria were: 1) Adequate space to hold our Christmas raffle, 2) Ability to serve a buffet to the membership, 3) Sufficient display and PA equipment, 4) Bar services, and 5) Reasonable cost. A few details need to be ironed out yet, but as I said, we're close to making a decision.

On the fishing front, one of our own, Fr. David Kuttner, spent some time very recently in the Yellowstone area on Henry's Fork and the Upper Gibbon river and sent me some pics of his trip. They appear below. Fr. David reported good fishing especially when it was raining.

As an aside, when we hold our next meeting will depend on how this COVID-19 thing plays out. We want to be quite conservative and not expose anyone to this nasty virus.

Best Regards,

Bob Schmitt

See below some pictures of Fr. Davids trip.











