Union Colony Exchange Club

November 2026 Newsletter

What You Need To Know…

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A Word from the President

The fall colors have been so beautiful this year. The cooler weather is a nice relief as well. I'm happy to be able to wear sweaters again.

While October did not have major events, we were still busy. AND our club reached a milestone 15th anniversary on October 3rd. We are planning a celebration in February or March, so stay tuned for that.

In addition, several members had a night out at Service Club Night at the UNC Volleyball game. It was a fun social event and Carolyn represented us as a "guest server" before the game started.

We also had a successful National Day of Service, although a little different this year. Unable to secure a "work" project, we went shopping for two of our local non-profits – Life Stories and Hope House. We all know about Life Stories but Hope House is new to us. A representative will give us more information at our meeting in January.

I'm excited to tell you that your board completed the budget and due to all our hard work on our fundraising events, we were able to increase funding to several of our beneficiaries. You rock!

We've got some activities coming up in November and December. Please plan to help where you can:
Nov 7 – Marking graves at Linn Grove; 9am
Nov 12 – Check presentation at Weld Food Bank; noon
Dec 7 – No business meeting; Christmas party; location & time TBD
Dec 19 – Wreaths Day at Linn Grove

We also have a Fall Conference with the District on Nov 5 at 7pm via Zoom. You should have received the Zoom link from me in a separate email. Please plan to attend.

As always, if you have ideas or suggestions, please bring them to the board. We are happy to have you attend our board meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at Santeramo's at 5:30pm.

Important Dates:
November 2nd – Business Meeting @ Albertos @ 6
November 5th – Fall Conference via Zoom
November 17th – Board Meeting @ Santeramos @ 530
December 7th – Christmas Party

Upcoming Projects:
November 7th – Wreaths Across America
Flag Marking
November 12th – WFB Check Presentation
December 19th – Wreaths Across America

Weld Food Bank



We will be having the check presentation to Weld Food Bank on November 12th at noon. If you are wanting to contribute any personal funds towards this Turkey Drive, please bring those to the November Business Meeting.

Service Club Night at UNC Volleyball on October 22



Because it was Service Club Night, the local service clubs in attendance were recognized. Representatives were introduced and they participated as a "guest server." Exchange was well-represented with both Carolyn and Ripley serving from our two clubs.

UNC played Northern Arizona University and won in 4 sets. Six of our members enjoyed the evening AND the win! Go Bears!!



National Day of Service on October 24

National Day of Service looked a little different this year as there was difficulty finding a service project to do on the 24th. Due to that, we pivoted, and went shopping for two of our local non-profits - Life Stories and Hope House.

Pat, John & Karen purchased items for Santa's Workshop at Life Stories. This is a "store" for the CASAs to get items for their clients for the holidays. It's very similar to Toys for Tots, Santa Cops and Weld Elves and items for teens are especially needed. We were able to provide curling irons, strong water bottles, wireless earbuds and make up kits for their "store."

We also purchased items for Hope House. Hope House Northern Colorado is an affiliate of Hope House Colorado in Denver. They provide resources and services to teen moms and their babies. We were able to give them baby wipes and shampoo/conditioner.



Donita Davenport with Arise! will be our speaker. Arise! was founded in 2023 as a non-profit organization to support women who have experienced Narcissistic abuse. We do this through weekly support groups, educational classes, mentoring and Soul Care Counseling. Women who have experienced this type of abuse need to know they are not alone and be connected to a community of others who understand what they have been through and how to help. We empower women to make their own choices, connect them with necessary resources and equip them to keep themselves and children safe from their abusers. https://arise601.org/ [arise601.org]

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Business Meeting @ 6 @ Albertos	3	4	5 Fall Conference via Zoom @ 7	6	7 Wreaths - Flags In @ Linn Grove @ 9
8	9	10	11	12 Check Presentation @ Weld Food Bank @ noon	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting @ 530 @ Santeramos	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
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