



# Union Colony Exchange Club

## December 2023 Newsletter

### What You Need To Know...

#### From the President:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Wow.....as I reflect on November my heart is full of pride and gratitude for the completion of all the club projects. At each of these activities, presenting \$1,015 to the Food Bank (our members basically matched the budgeted amount), marking veteran's graves for Wreaths Across America, and wrapping presents for Toys-for-Tots, the number of members that participated was amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! We may be a small but BIG in participation.

In December our only meeting will be the Christmas party. We will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots at our Christmas party at 477 Distilling on December 4th. UCEC focuses on collecting items for the 11 - 17 year old's. During the Christmas party, and if you want to play, we will be having the annual ornament exchange and Ugly Christmas Sweater contest ☺.

The next project is wrapping for Weld Elves with 3 dates to choose from, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and or 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. The wrapping will happen at the old DMV building just north of the Greeley Ice Haus.

The final project for 2023 will be placing the wreaths at Linn Grove Cemetery on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a heartwarming morning watching people honor the veterans, if you can, dress warm and come out.

I hope to see you at the Christmas party on December 4<sup>th</sup> but if not, my Christmas wish is that everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas.

Pat

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#### December Birthdays:

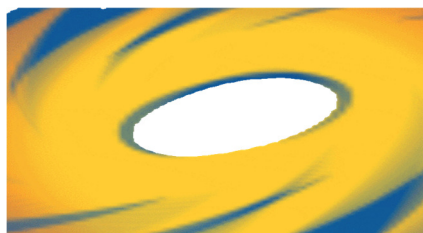
12/9 – Ray Rivas

12/25 – Pat Lawler

12/27 – Kork Johnson

12/29 – Lorie Jerke

12/31 – Rod Whiteley



#### Important Dates:

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ 477 Distilling @ 515

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ 477 Distilling @630

#### Upcoming Projects:

Wreaths Across America – 12/16

Weld Elves – will wrap 12/5-12/7

Wishes Come True – date TBD

Toys for Tots -see below for gift delivery

Santa Cops – wrapped gifts 11.21.23



We will have our 2023 Christmas Party at 477 Distilling on December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 630. There will be an Ugly Sweater contest and an Ornament Exchange that night.



Members from the UCXC presented the Weld Food Bank a check for \$1015.



Some UCXC members attended the Beaujolais Nouveau to support the Weld Food Bank.





## Veteran's Day – Give a kid a flag to wave at Bittersweet Park

We had a beautiful, sunny day for the Veteran's Day celebration at Bittersweet Park on Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Club members handed out flags to all the "kids" in attendance. We also had a chance to thank our veterans for their service to our country. A fly-over from Buckley AFB, beautiful music and a thoughtful speech from Ryan Armagost, State Representative & veteran, provided a heartwarming event to honor & recognize our veterans. There was recognition of each branch of the service as well as recognition of their service era. I am always moved by Taps at the end of this ceremony. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend & participate. And a special thank you to the veterans in our club!!!



Members attended a lunch together after the Veterans Day program at Applebees, where Veterans ate for free and were given a letter written by a local student.





Members of UCXC helped wrap gifts for Santa Cops.



**Codi did not take photos at the UCXC members who were at Linn Grove to mark the Veterans graves – Im so sorry!!**

**But, UCXC members were there to mark the gravesites, and then went to lunch afterwards.**

**Thank you to everybody who helped pass the word about the football pool, and for those who participated – we were able to give to the WAA \$1360 – which is 80 wreaths. Scott and Codi thank you enough for your support of this project!! Thank you!!**





**NEW  
LOCATION**

Effective January 2024, our business meetings will be taking place at Alberto's – 2605 W 11<sup>th</sup> St Rd, Greeley.

We are excited for this change in atmosphere!! Here is the link for their menu:

<https://albertosgreeley.wixsite.com/albertos/menus>

## UPCOMING INFORMATION FOR PROJECTS

**We will be collecting toys and monetary donations at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party. Please bring your donations with you to the Christmas Party!**



**We will be wrapping gifts for Weld Elves December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 530-730. We will meet downtown at the old DMV building just north of the Greeley Ice Haus. If you haven't already, please let Chris know when you are able to help out!**



## Wreaths Across America

The cutoff for sponsoring wreaths is fast approaching on Tuesday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated to sponsor wreaths this year. We SO appreciate your support of this project.

Even though we use this as a fundraising opportunity for the club, the most important priority is to make sure we have enough wreaths to cover all 1860 veterans' & first responders' graves. We are still short wreaths for Linn Grove, so if you have friends and/or family who are willing to give, we still need more wreaths! The best way to give at this point is online at our website – [unioncolonyexchangeclub.org](http://unioncolonyexchangeclub.org) – & click on the yellow "Wreaths Across America" button. That will take you directly to our page on the WAA site so we get credit for the donation.

In addition to the wreath sponsorships, we also want to invite you to Wreaths Day on Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have a ceremony at 10AM followed by the laying of the wreaths. We also need volunteers to help with parking, passing out programs, etc prior to the ceremony. Please let us know how you can help on that day.

Again, many, many thanks to all of you for supporting this project for our club!!! We can't do it without you!

Chris & Karen

# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Christmas Party @ 630 Board Meeting @ 515 at 477 Distilling	5 Weld Elves 530-730 Old DMV Building	6 Weld Elves 530-730 Old DMV Building	7 Weld Elves 530-730 Old DMV Building	8	9 Ray Birthday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 WREATHS DAY!! Linn Grove 830/9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 Rod Birthday	25 Merry Christmas! Pat Birthday	26	27 Kork Birthday	28	29 Lorie Birthday	30

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**December 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>:** Weld Elves Wrapping – will be 530-730 each evening at the old DMV north of the Greeley Ice Haus

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Wreaths Day at Linn Grove Cemetery - please show up between 830 and 9AM