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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

NOTICE TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018

Please consider this newsletter the second reminder to pay dues for 2018. The bar is accepting payment of Membership dues right now. Please hold on to your receipt.

Membership Dues $60.00
Spouses Cards $20.00
Widows Cards $15.00

Because of costs we do not send out dues reminders. We count on our members to remember that for themselves. A good indicator for that would be getting a new calendar for 2018. You now know it’s a new year and you need to renew your membership. Just like always the deadline to pay dues is the last day in February. After that penalty money is tacked on.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2017

Thank you to the nominating committee of 2016. The seven person committee originally included Randy Korstick, Jules Owen, Earl Thompson, Ralph McElea, Jim O’Malley, Mel Oros and Committee Chairman Frank Bertucci. Said nominating committee has made the following nominations to fill positions for 2018.

For President .................................No One
For Vice President ..........................No One
For Recording Secretary ..........Betty Chandler
For Financial Secretary ...........Jon Wullbrandt
For Board Member ........................Don Clemen
For Board Member ........................ Wayne Biles
For Board Member ....................... John Stumpf

Meaning things like volunteering to help out with functions, with raffles and things that need to be done for the good of the club. Also, coming up with ways to help reduce costs and increase revenue through means of events and raffles ideas and creative ways to make money for the club.

It always seem the closer we get to the end of the year the faster it goes. I’ve heard the same said about toilet paper. One of the things we take great pride in is Club traditions. If you look at the calendars for November and December you will see several of our annual events. Events like, The Turkey Raffle, Children’s Annual Christmas Party and Christmas Morning Tom & Jerry’s. These traditions were kept by the generation before us and we carry them on in hopes that the next generation will do the same.

Thank you to Diane Rudow and Bonnie Reder for their efforts this year into our Saturday Night Outdoor Bowling events. Outdoor Bowling is one of the favorite events at the club. It’s always a good time to be outside with good people having fun.

Thank you to Popeye and Sir Yogi with wife Carrie for putting together or Sunday Morning Tailgate Parties for us again this year. We would like to have bigger and better turn outs for this so please come and bring a friend. Once you come you’ll be back.

Thank you to Board Member Joe Szilage for putting together Poker Tournaments for the club. I know the people who show up to play really enjoy them. He has another scheduled for November so you have to ask yourself one question. Do I feel lucky?

Many many thanks to all the nice people who volunteer each Monday night during Bingo season. This is a weekly event in the Fall, Winter and half of the Spring that would not be possible without the people who come to help out. Thank you to Board Member Margie Thorgensen and her partner Lori Arndt, Bingo Caller Ron Bennett and Caller Rich Glessner and the many Bingo checkers we have. Bingo does not happen without you people.

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We had a beautiful day for our Homecoming Event this year. Cool in the morning and a nice warm up throughout the day. Our Craft Show was filled with vendors who hopefully made some money. Thank you to Board Member Margie Thorgesen for your help. Thank you to Kris & Don Schleining and Al May who came to the club before sun up to get the pig roast started so that it would be done by 5pm. If you weren’t there then you missed out on a fantastic meal. Thank you as well to the kitchen help who made additional dishes and served food that night. For evening fun we had a fall outdoor bowling put together by Diane Rudow & Bonnie Reder with score keepers Robin Reder and Kevin Rudow. Thank you!

Each October we have a Family Breakfast with the Scarecrow so that members might bring up their children or grandchildren to have a morning meal and get a pumpkin. Thank you very much to Timmy White and all his sun rise cooks that make this all possible. In addition thank you to McKenzie Harper for being our Scarecrow and to Linda Harper for handing out pumpkins and posing for photos with the kids. You may not know it but you are giving children a memory they will cherish and talk about as adults.

Halloween Pizza Night was also a hit. Thank you to Debbie Hunley for being our evening DJ and entertaining the kids. Debbie will join us at the Hoiday Pizza Party the Saturday after Thanksgiving to have fun and play games with the kids and help kick of the Christmas season. Thank you to all the pizza makers. Jim and Denise Stumpenhurst, Timmy & Cheri White, Darrel Cook and Jules Owen.

I know there are many members who look forward to Tuesday Nights at the club. Each Tuesday of the month we offer a different evening food special. These Tuesday Night are only possible with the help of volunteers. For example Bob and Annie Miller help out on Taco Tuesdays. Cindy Fitzpatrick comes up with her very own specials to help fill in our dates. For Burgers and Chops we have or own set of misfits. Timmy White on the grill, Donny White, Jimmy White, Adam White, Craig Bonifas and Julio (Gravy Boat). Thank you for giving up one Tuesday Night each month to help out the club.

Additional Thank You Alert! Thank you to Mr. Ray Melby for all your help, support and constant repair work at the club along with your fix it partner John Hettinger. Thank you to Donny White for lawn maintenance throughout the grass growing season. Thank you to Marge and John Stumpf for your efforts in keep the patio area cleaned and neat. People really enjoy our outdoor area but we really wish smokers would use the ash trays available and not though butts on the ground.

Any member who comes up to enjoy our Fish Fry on Fridays probably knows that we always try to have desserts available for a dollar each. Many do not know that Sue Moga’s Family makes desserts for the club every 3rd Friday of the month. They have been doing home made desserts for several years now and members must love them because there are never any left over. A sincere thank you to the Moga Family for helping out the club.

While we are on Friday Nights it’s important that our Friday Night Fish Fry Crews are properly recognized. These are the people who give their time to make sure good food is available to members, their families and guests each week. Volunteers would be the key word here. They volunteer their time, talents and efforts. These crews include A.P.D. Cooking Crew, The White Crew, Popeye & Yogi’s Crew, The Cook Crew, Frenchy’s Crew, The Dady Family Crew, Fred’s Crew, Cindy & Jules Crew. Friday Night Fish and Steak Frs would not be possible without the people on these crews to volunteer their time and help out. Thank you for all your fine efforts and dedication throughout the year. Still we could always use more help. If you have a small group who is interested in starting a crew of your own please inquire. We have the means to help you get started.

A NEW FISH FRY CALENDAR FOR 2018

A new fish fry calendar will be available as of Saturday December 3rd. Crew leaders please take the dates you would like to help out beginning on December 3rd starting at noon. As always you may take as many or as few Fridays as you like. Our goal is to fill the Fridays but without stressing crews to the point of over doing it. Thank you too all!

At the end of each year I like to recognize a small but important group of people I call The Supplemental Income Committee. Al May is and has been the Chairman of this committee for longer than I can remember. Other members are Richard (Bones) Bonifas, Donny (Little Don) Schleining and yours truly. The committee meets once a week for 52 weeks in each year. Thank you for setting a side the time to take care of business.

Thank you to Timmy White and his crew for another delicious wing night on October 2nd. The wings were hot and tangy and the tots so cheesy! A good job by all and if you went home hungry…well you know the rest.

Thank you to our Club Manager Jules Owen. I honestly don’t think members know how much the manager does to keep the club moving on a day to day to day basis. I’m talking about over and above the requirements of her job. If I or the bartenders or kitchen help needs her she is available even on days off or vacation…she picks up her phone to help. Jules does so much more than just “her job”. She is constantly going out of her way to do extra and helping out. If any crew needs an extra hand she is there. If there is a problem and she can’t fix it herself she knows the people to get it done. There are so many details of the club few people are aware of but her. Popeye and Myself. It sometimes amazes me how it all seems to get done and pulled together. The officers and board members at the club know that the manager is dependable, honest and reliable.

The Thank You list would not be complete without thanking all of our many active members. I hope you are or will become one of them too! We have some 1600 or so members but only 10 to 20 percent of them are what we would call active members. I’m talking about the members who come up to enjoy the club with their guests or families on a regular basis. The ones that help keep the doors open beyond paying their annual dues. God bless our active members. We need more like you!

As this long long letter comes to an end I want to wish each of you a very happy and peaceful holiday season. We all need a bit of peace in our lives after a year like this. We need to know that the world will still be there when we wake up each morning and that our Families, Children and Grandchildren are safe and happy. May 2018 bring some sanity back to our world and hope that we can all get along. We’re all in this thing together so keep your stick on the ice.

Have a better 2018 and stay healthy.

Craig F. Bonifas
Club President
### November Club Highlights

**Monday Night Bingo**
November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

**Sunday November 5th Club**
Annual Turkey Raffle

**Saturday November 11th**
Veterans Day

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Burgers & Chops Night

**Sunday November 12th**
Bears Tailgate Party

**Wednesday November 15th**
Club Elections

**Saturday November 18th**
Annual Wrapping Party

**Tuesday November 21st**
Burgers & Chops Night

**Thursday November 23rd**
Thanksgiving

**Saturday November 25th**
Holiday Kickoff Pizza Party

**Sunday November 26th**
Bears Tailgate Party

### December Club Highlights

**Monday Night Bingo**
December 4th & 11th

**Sunday December 3rd**
Annual Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday December 9th**
Steak & Home Made Soup Night

**Sunday December 10th**
Bears Tailgate Party

**Tuesday December 19th**
Burgers & Chops Night

**Saturday December 23rd**
Ugly Christmas Sweater night & Festivus

**Sunday December 24th**
Christmas Eve, Club Closes at 6pm

**Monday December 25th**
Christmas Morning Tom & Jerry's

**Sunday December 31st**
New Years Eve Party, Dinner & Band

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### Calendar

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ANNUAL CHARITY GIFT WRAPPING PARTY
On Saturday November 18th there will be a large group of people at the club. Let’s call them Santa’s helpers. They are there by 10am and come bringing gifts, wrapping paper, boxes and bows. They bring in large quantities of gifts to wrap up and deliver to needy children in our area. Everything is donated to make this event work so that children who would not have a Christmas like most of us will feel joy come Christmas morning. Yes Christmas is for children and it should always be that way. It’s adults who still remember Christmas in their child’s heart that make this possible. Please go to the web site to see what you can do. http://user1822247.sites.myregisteredsite.com/thechristmaswrappingparty/ Take the time to see what you can do to help. I can think of no greater gift than knowing a child is happy on Christmas morning.

HOLIDAY KICKOFF PIZZA PARTY & DJ
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH
Our last family pizza buffet for the year will be the Saturday after thanksgiving November the 25th. Hot fresh made one at a time pizzas of all kinds to satisfy everyone. Bring the kids along and fill them up. We will also have ice cream available for the tykes. But wait, there’s more. We have our house DJ “Debbie Hunley” coming back for this one to entertain the kids. This way they can dance off their mean and be tuckered out by the time they get home. Pizza is served from 6pm till 8pm at a cost of 7 dollars per person and 4 bucks for kids 10 and under. It’s an inexpensive way to feed the family and still have entertainment Please join us to kick off the Christmas season with a night of fun.

CLUB HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
December 3rd Children’s Christmas Party
On Sunday December the 4th the club will hold its annual children’s Christmas Party. A long standing holiday staple at the club. Many adult members can remember coming to the party as children and now bring their own kids. Doors will open at noon for the Christmas Party. Pizzas and appetizers will be available along with a club provided lunch for the kids. Entertainment will include, The Little People who are a couple of Santa’s elves who come down from the north poll to say hello and sing a few songs. Mrs. Santa will also be stopping by to read the poem night before Christmas aka A Visit from St Nicholas. Then Jolly ol Saint Nick himself will make an entrance to visit with the children and hand out gifts. Bring the kids and your camera for this photo opportunity. The Christmas Party is for the children 10 and under of Members only and they must be preregistered by the Turkey Raffle on November 1st. As a side note there will be no TVs on in the dining room from noon until the party is over with. This is a party for the children but football games will be on in the bar room.

Christmas Morning Tom & Jerry’s
Christmas morning Tom & Jerry’s are yet another long standing tradition for our club. In fact I believe we are the last club in this area to prepare and serve them. If you’ve never tried one before this is your chance. Doors open at 9am until noon and we will have the cinnamon and nutmeg out for you. Please join us Christmas Morning and God bless us…..every one.

The Phoenix Club on New Years Eve
Yes, we are planning a New Years Eve party this year. We will have a buffet style diner and a band. However I must apologize for lack of detailed information yet. All I can ask is that you plan to spend the evening with us and that I will have the information ready soon. I will post it in the club, on facebook and we will send out an email blast. All I can promise is good food and a great band I know you’ll enjoy.

JAKE MACK AND THE LESSER STAGS BAND

HOLIDAY BINGO SCHEDULE
Monday Night Bingo will take a break for the holiday after Bingo on Dec. 11th. This way you can get your shopping done. Get your cookies baked and plan the time you get to spend with your family and friends or just stay in watching holiday movies. Bingo will resume again on Monday January 8th of 2018. We have had some very nice sized crowds so far but would like a few more people. Please spread the word to anyone who has a bingo pal and would like a very nice place to play.

Monday December 4th ..........YES! Bingo!
Monday December 11th ...........YES! Bingo!
Monday December 18th ..........NO Bingo
Monday December 25th..........NO Bingo
Monday January 1st..............NO Bingo
Monday January 8th 2018.......YES! Bingo!
MONTHLY MANAGER SPECIALS

**November 2017**

- Sunday, ....... $5.00 Pitchers (except Blue Moon & Leinenkugel)
- Monday, ...... $2.50 Captain & Cokes
- Tuesday, ...... $1.00 Drafts (except Blue Moon & Leinenkugel)
- Wednesday .. $1.75 Lite Bottles
- Thursday, ..... Reduced Drink & Pizza Prices
- Friday, ......... $2.50 All Wine
- Saturday, ..... $4.00 Stellas

**December 2017**

- Sunday, ....... $2.50 Smirnoff & Mixer
- Monday, ...... $1.75 Lite Bottles
- Tuesday, ...... $1.00 Drafts (except Blue Moon & Leinenkugel)
- Wednesday .. $1.75 But Light Bottles
- Thursday, ..... Reduced Drink & Pizza Prices
- Friday, ......... $2.50 All Wine
- Saturday, ..... $3.00 Bombay & Mixer

**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS BUCKET BEER SPECIAL**

Any Day the Chicago Blackhawks play get a bucket of 5 domestic beer bottles for only $10.00
Add any pizza for an extra $5.00
The offer is good all day the Hawks play!

**SPECIAL EVENTS VOID DRINK SPECIALS**
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We have just 3 more tailgate parties Scheduled for this NFL Season
One on Sunday November 12 when the Bears play the Packers. One on Sunday November 26th when the Bears play the Eagles. The last being Sunday December the 10th when the Bears play the Bengals. All Tailgate parties begin at 9am and end at game time which is Noon. Come for the food and drinks and stay for the game.

CHICAGO BEARS
2017 Schedule & Club Tailgate Parties

- Sunday September 10th Falcons @ Noon
- Sunday September 17th @ Tampa Bay @ Noon
- Sunday September 24th Steelers @ Noon
- Thursday September 28th @ Green Bay @ 7:25pm
- Monday October 9th Vikings @ 7:30
- Sunday October 15th @ Baltimore @ Noon
- Sunday October 22nd Panthers @ Noon
- Sunday October 29th @ New Orleans @ Noon

***** Sunday November 5th *****
PHOENIX CLUB ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE

- Monday November 12th Packers @ Noon
- Sunday November 19th Lions @ Noon
- Sunday November 26th @ Philadelphia @ Noon
- Sunday December 3rd 49ers @ Noon (Kids Christmas Party)
- Sunday December 10th @ Cincinnati @ Noon
- Saturday December 16th @ Detroit @ 3:30pm
- Sunday December 24th Browns @ Noon
- Sunday December 31st @ Minnesota @ Noon

Our Tailgate parties are a great way of celebrating pregame festivities. If you’ve never been to our tailgate parties but love watching the bears please join us for one and you’ll be back. Bring along a dish to share and there is always plenty of good food. Cost is $10 per person as long as you bring a dish to share. $15 if you come empty handed. Check the calendars for dates and times. Join us at the Phoenix Club and GO BEARS!

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Green Bay Packers
2017 Schedule

REGULAR SEASON
- Sunday September 10th Seahawks @ 3:25pm
- Sunday September 17th @ Atlanta @ 7:30pm
- Sunday September 24th Bengals @ 3:25pm
- Thursday September 28th Bears @ 7:25pm
- Sunday October 8th @ Dallas @ 3:25pm
- Sunday October 15th @ Minnesota @ Noon
- Sunday October 22nd Saints @ Noon
- Sunday October 29th Bye Week

***** Sunday November 5th *****
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- Monday November 6th Lions @ 7:30pm
- Sunday November 12th @ Chicago @ Noon
- Sunday November 19th Ravens @ Noon
- Sunday November 26th Bears @ 7:30pm
- Sunday December 3rd Buccaneers @ Noon
- Sunday Dec. 3rd (Childrens Christmas Party)
- Sunday December 10th @ Cleveland @ Noon
- Sunday December 17th @ Carolina @ Noon
- Saturday December 23rd Vikings @ 7:30pm
- Sunday December 31st @ Detroit @ Noon