



Buffalo Launch Club

February 2021



Pictured Above: Scenes from our fresh new CQ with new paint, LED lights, live plants and a resurfaced bar!

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



CQ Facelift and Minimum Spending Update

I wanted to take a moment to say hello to the Buffalo Launch Club members and their families. We are all looking forward to a great 2021 and hopefully we will be able to host member events once again. It has been a while since we were able to get together and I am sure we are all looking forward to doing so!

As you know, the BLC was unable to provide indoor dining for the past few months due to NYS Covid-19 restrictions. During that time, we decided to take advantage of the CQ being closed to give it a facelift. Fresh paint, some new lighting in the bar area, a resurfaced bar top, and new decorations were added. A team of members comprised of Rev. Kevin Slough, Gary Conschafter, Ken Knight, Joe Cinelli, Jim Burke and Bill Schneider all worked extremely hard to complete this project in just 4 days! I hope everyone can stop in soon to see the fresh new look!

Another project was completed in the servers' area behind the bar, as we had some floor damage caused by water from the ice machine. Bud Wood, Joe Johnson and Jim Burke replaced the entire floor with new underlayment and ceramic tile along with a drain pan to prevent the water issue going forward. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time and expertise to complete these projects. When you see these individuals please thank them as they deserve it!

Member Minimum Spending Update: As indoor dining at the BLC was closed in December and January, it was previously announced that any unspent F&B minimums billed at the end of each month would be accrued and carried over on the member's account. Now that the BLC is open to indoor dining, that accrual process will end January 31. Any accrued funds will be automatically applied by the Office as an account credit in any month(s) of 2021 that you exceed your minimum spending. As of February 1, we are back to normal minimum spending requirements. Please remember that, in addition to inside dining, the BLC will continue to offer takeout dining.

I hope to see everyone soon!

Respectfully,
Ken Pelletier
2021 BLC
Vice Commodore

COMMITTEE CORNER

A Note From The Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is established by the BLC Constitution with a charge as follows: "The Communications Committee will consist of a Chairman from the Board of Directors appointed by the Commodore. The committee will include the BLC Secretary, the Editor of the Hailer and the Webmaster of the BLC's Website. The Committee will meet at least quarterly to coordinate and oversee all BLC member communications."

This is the first installment of Committee Corner. We hope to educate our members with a description and some news from each committee throughout the year. Bud and I thought it was proper for The Communications Committee to take the first slot to inform the membership about this new feature and write a bit about what we do and what to expect from the various committees.

The 2021 Communications Committee consists of **Jim Milbrand** and **Bud Wood** as your co-chairmen, **Jim Baker, PC** (Proofer), **Andy Barbasch, PC** (Webmaster), **Rob Boreanaz, Rob Mikulec, Doug Saltzman** (Printer), **Dave Specker** (Proofer) and **Kurt Mittlefehldt** (Board Secretary).

We meet every month and view our committee as the go-between for Members and the Board. We communicate policies and news from the Board to the members and gather input from the members to let the Board know how the members view various aspects of the club. The Communications Committee reviews all formal publications of the Club to make sure the intent of the Board is made clear and the needed information is relayed to the members.

Additionally, as everyone can appreciate, the Communications Committee is taking on the task of assuring our internet /WiFi is working properly. To that end, we have already arranged for an IT professional to review our configuration and make recommendations on improving speed and connectivity. We are in the process of retaining that IT professional to make sure there are no hiccups when the basin is full.

We have also discussed the continuation of the Hailer, the publication of the directory and updating our website to make it more user-friendly and allow members to make reservations, update their profiles and submit photographs. All these items are in process and we hope to report back to you soon regarding our accomplishments. For the time being, the Hailer is on hold. This wonderful newsletter, prepared by



Co-chairs: Jim Milbrand & Bud Wood

our spectacular manager (Lisa) is taking the place of the Hailer during the pandemic. When things get back to normal, we will take another look at the publishing of the Hailer.

The Buffalo Launch Club membership directory is also being discussed at our committee meetings. Because of the varied interest in a printed directory and the budget crunch during COVID, we are asking that members order a directory. We will, of course, have extra directories printed for everyone to use while at the club. Please pay attention to the spot on your roster form asking if you would like to order a printed copy of the directory.

We are also planning on creating an electronic version of the directory that will be accessible via your smart phone. We hope that this will cover everyone that wants to look up fellow club members.

Remember - Only 40 some days until Spring!



In Memoriam
PC Robert M. Dee
Life Member



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mrs. Kylie Dekdebrun
& Joseph Shields
Active Member
January 2021

BLC MANAGEMENT & ADMIN

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Lisa Harris | General Manager |
| Julia Manuszewski | Banquets & CQ Manager |
| John Dobson | Executive Chef |
| Peyton Fadel | Sous Chef |
| Sarah Specyal | Office Administrator |
| Jack Whiting | Bar Supervisor |

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BANQUETS & EVENTS

We received great news last week that as of March 15, we are permitted to host weddings with up to 150 guests! Although we are unaware at this time of the full restrictions, we are excited to start working with brides and grooms to plan their special day.

If you know anyone who is planning (or re-planning) a wedding, be sure to consider the BLC! We will soon complete revisions to our banquet menu offerings and are happy to announce that members will receive a 10% discount on select menus! Contact Julia Manuszewski or Lisa Harris for more details.

Club Hours

CQ HOURS FOR FULL SERVICE DINING

Reservations are Required 716-773-7629

CQ Bar/Fireplace/Banquet Room

Sunday - Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday - Thursday: 5 PM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday: 5 PM - 8:30 PM

Please note that we must close by 10PM each night due to NYS restrictions

We can now accommodate tables of up to 10 people!

TAKE-OUT*

Dinner is available Wednesday - Saturday, beginning at 5 PM (4:30 PM on Fridays). Time slots may be limited on Fridays during the hours of 6:30-8:00 PM. Advanced orders are recommended!

* 10% gratuity will automatically be added to all take-out orders.

REMINDER: Per NYS, walk up bar service is not permitted. Patrons must be seated and order food to consume alcoholic beverages. Masks must be worn in the Clubhouse and dining areas until seated.

Upcoming Events

DEADLINE TO ORDER VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS

Friday, February 5

Cookies / Chocolate Covered Strawberries

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, February 10

5:00- 8:00 PM | By the Fireplace

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Saturday, February 13

Time slots 5:00-8:30 PM

\$59.00 per person++

Come enjoy a delicious 5-course dinner with live music!. Please make a reservation by February 10th if you plan on attending!

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

Wednesday, February 17

5:00 - 8:00 PM

MATES' BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 17

PASTA NIGHT IN THE CQ

Wednesday, February 24

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, March 10

5:00-:800 PM | By the Fireplace

MATES' BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 17

Valentine's Day Sweets and Treats

VALENTINE'S DAY

CUT-OUT COOKIES AND CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES. AVAILABLE BY PRE-ORDER ONLY JANUARY 20TH - FEBRUARY 5TH.

Pick-up
Wednesday, February 10th - Saturday, February 13th

\$10.00 (1) dozen cut-out cookies, limit 3 dozen per member
\$13.00 (1) dozen strawberries, limit 3 dozen per member

Call 716-773-7629 or
email events@buffalolaunchclub.com to order



MATES' BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 17th

6:00 PM Dinner followed by discussion

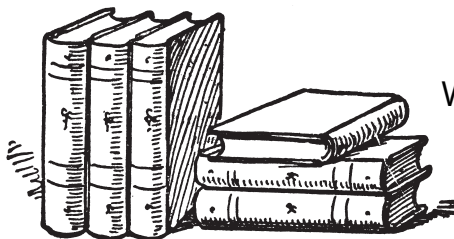
Heart of the Matter

By Emily Giffin

Wednesday, March 17th

Sold on a Monday

By Kristina McMorris

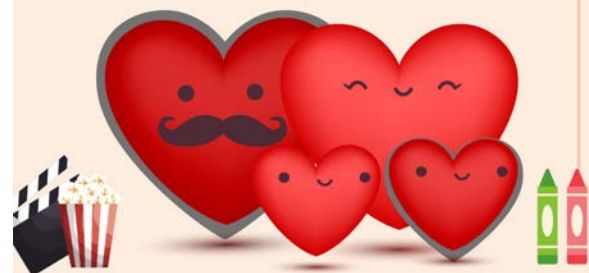


FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BLC

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

By the Fireplace | 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Enjoy family dinner by the fireplace with a Valentine's Day Craft and Movie!



Buffalo Launch Club

Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Time slots from 5:00 - 8:30 PM | Tables of 2-10 ppl

5 - Course Menu Including Your Choice of:

Appetizer

Arancini | Eggplant Caprese | Shrimp Cocktail

Soup

Lobster Bisque | Mushroom Brie

Salad

Caesar

Mixed Greens

with pomegranates, strawberries, spiced pecans, goat cheese,
strawberry vinaigrette

Entree

8 oz Broiled Lobster Tail

8 oz Filet Mignon with pink peppercorn sauce

Chilean Sea Bass

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Dijon cream sauce

Dessert

Red Velvet Cheesecake

Traditional or Chocolate Crème Brûlée

Includes

(1) Bottle of Wine Per Couple

\$59.00 per person ++

Reservations must be made by
Wednesday, February 10

Featuring a live
performance of
"The Great
American
Songbook"
by Custode &
Parisi



For more information or to make a reservation please contact
Julia at 716-773-7629 or events@buffalolaunchclub.com