

UNISON

Good Neighbors Club

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Crissy Torres, GNC Director

UPCOMING GNC ADVENTURES

TRAVEL SHOW

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Unison Bank Breakroom

Join Tony from PWD and Crissy in the Unison Bank breakroom at 2:30 p.m. for a look at the exciting River Cruise in 2025. We will go over the Christmas Markets river Cruise on the Rhine River.  
**\*Limited cabins left on this trip.**



3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BINGO

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
James River Senior Center

Join the GNC for some exciting BINGO! Games have a minimum payout. Single-faced cards will be \$1 each. Dessert, coffee and water will be provided. BINGO will start at 1 p.m. **Must be registered to attend.**

Minimum of 50. Call Crissy at (701) 952-5799 to register. If you are interested in getting a ride from the James River Transit, please be certain to contact them and reserve your spot before they fill up.

Registration Deadline: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

SHOOTING STAR CASINO

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Join us for a day trip to the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, Minn. Try your luck at over 170 slot games, poker, blackjack and more! Or feel free to stop for a bite in the restaurants or deli. Plus, Tuesday is Senior Star Day!

Minimum of 40. Price is \$47 pp. To register, Call Crissy at (701) 952-5799.

PARK RAPIDS / JASPERS  
CROONERS, BIG BANDS & COOL CATS

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Summer means one of our favorite trips! Come along as we swing into an unforgettable afternoon featuring timeless hits from legends like Sinatra, Bennett, Martin and Ellington. Enjoy a bit of afternoon shopping in the beautiful, downtown Park Rapids and dinner at the West Forty. Then, we'll head to Jaspers for a swingin' and singin' good time!

Minimum of 40. Price is \$103 pp. To register, Call Crissy at (701) 952-5799.

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CRISSY'S CORNER

February Fun Facts

1. February was not always the second month of the year. In the ancient Roman calendar, it was originally the last month, following January.

2. February was almost eliminated from the calendar by Julius Caesar's astronomers when they were creating the Julian calendar around 45 BCE. Instead of removing February, they decided to add the leap day to this month every four years.

3. February can sometimes pass without a full moon. This astronomical event is called a "Black Moon" and occurs approximately once every 19 years.

4. In some traditions, women are allowed to propose marriage to men on February 29th. This custom is known as "Bachelor's Day" or "Ladies' Privilege."

5. In Scotland, it's considered unlucky to get married in February, leading to the saying "Marry in February, you'll rue the day."

6. In parts of North America, February is when maple syrup production begins, as the alternating freeze-thaw cycles cause sap to flow in maple trees.



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GNC MORNING AT THE MOVIES

February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Bison 6 Cinema, Buffalo Mall

We welcome all GNC members to a Morning at the Movies. Please bring a prospective member/guest and have them experience the fun of being a GNC member.

9:20 am - doors open, complimentary snacks & refreshments  
9:50 am - drawings  
10:00 am - show-time

Please call Crissy before 2/19/25 or visit [unisonbank.com/gnc](http://unisonbank.com/gnc) for the available movies.

March’s GNC movie has been moved to 3/26/2025.

NOTE: The presentation of all movies may change due to availability to the theatre. The Good Neighbors Club nor Bison 6 Cinema have any control over such changes. Thank you for understanding.

MONEY BAG & DOOR PRIZES

Our GNC member number was #338 - John Entzi, Jr. John didn’t attend last month’s movie day, so the money bag will be \$65 for February. Good luck to you all!

This year, we are giving away \$10 gift certificates to Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce member businesses. Our drawing winners were Ann Marks, Jan Kamletz and Grant Schmidt. Congratulations!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of Unison Bank, I would like to welcome our newest club members:

- ❖ Marvis Truax
- ❖ Harold & Shirley Sahr
- ❖ Neil Johnston
- ❖ Linda Presler

If you refer someone to our Good Neighbors Club like Shirly Krapp did, you will receive a \$5 referral award. Just a little “thank you” from Unison Bank and GNC.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To the family and friends of GNC members who have passed, James O’Neill, Walter Presler and Richard Nelson. Our sincere sympathy for your loss. We know how much family means to you, so our Unison family extends our sympathies.

NEW GREATS & GRANDS

If you have the wonderful joy of being new Grandparents, let us know and we would love to announce the “Grand” news to all our GNC members. We are giving Grandparents a complimentary bank as a benefit for being a GNC member.

Arvadell Tahrn welcomed great granddaughter, Eva Rose, in November. New parents, Chelsea & Rene, are overjoyed. Congratulations!

BEWARE OF ROMANCE SCAMS

Online romance scams are on the rise, with fraudsters using fake profiles and sweet talk to deceive their targets. Here’s some ways you can protect yourself or a loved one:

- ❖ Watch out for profiles online that seem “too good to be true.”
- ❖ Use sound judgment before moving too fast in a relationship with someone you met online.
- ❖ Avoid sending money to anyone you don’t know online.

To read the rest of this security tip or learn more about ways you can keep yourself safe online, visit [unisonbank.com/security-tips](http://unisonbank.com/security-tips).

TELL ME YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE

This month’s recipe is from Wanda Wright.

NO PEEK BEEF TIPS & GRAVY

2 lbs. beef tips, cubed into 1” pieces  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 1/2 cup water  
1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced  
1 packet brown gravy mix  
1 packet Lipton onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 300°F. Spray a 9”x13” baking pan with non-stick spray. Add meat to pan. Mix remaining ingredients together in a bowl and pour over meat. Stir to coat meat. Tightly cover pan with tin foil and bake for 2.5 - 3 hours. REMEMBER - No Peeking!

Once finished, remove foil and stir. Serve over rice, mashed potatoes or egg noodles.

Want to see your favorite recipe in this newsletter? Send Crissy your favorite recipe at [goodneighborsclub@unisonbank.com](mailto:goodneighborsclub@unisonbank.com). The newsletter will feature one recipe each month.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Are you REAL ID ready? On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities.

If you are planning to join the Good Neighbors Club for the Cape Cod trip in 2025, please be certain you have your REAL ID prior to travel.

2025 GNC ADVENTURES

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NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

New Orleans is world-renowned for its distinctive music, Creole cuisine and historic architecture. Join the GNC for a journey through history and food!

Day 1 - Travel & arrive in NOLA for a 3-night stay in the French Quarter.

Day 2 & 3 - Enjoy walking tours featuring St Louis Cathedral, Bourbon Street and more. Enjoy a beignet at the infamous Café du Monde, a Paddlewheeler Steamboat river cruise and dinner at The Court of Two Sisters! We also visit Longue Vue House & Gardens and much more.



Pictured: St Louis Cathedral

Day 4 & 5 - We will visit Baton Rouge, the Louisiana State Museum and arrive in Natchez for the night, featuring an Antebellum Mansion Dinner & Tour. Next, we make our way to Lafayette and enjoy a Bayou Cruise and more.

Day 6 & 7 - Enjoy a visit to Jean Lafitte Cultural Center as well as a trip to Acadian Village and tour of the tabasco factory. Travel home on day 7.

Includes round-trip airfare, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners, hotel transfers, baggage handling and travel protection plan.

\$3,874.00 pp/double. Add \$825.00 for single occupancy. Deposit of \$775.00 pp due September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Final payment due December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

August 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

There is no place like Cape Cod in the summer! The beauty, food, history and beaches make Cape Cod a premier summer destination.

Day 1 & 2 - Travel to Boston for an overnight stay. Before leaving Bean Town, we will have a Boston City Tour, visit Faneuil Hall Marketplace and make a journey to Plymouth Plantation.

Day 3 & 4 - Spend a day on Martha’s Vineyard Island soaking in the history and scenery. Then travel along Cape Cod National Seashore on the way to Provincetown, visit a traditional Cranberry Bog and enjoy some leisure time to explore.

Day 5 & 6 - Come along to Newport, RI, and enjoy a Newport City Tour as well as a tour of The Breakers Mansion, “summer” home of the Vanderbilt’s. Board a ferry to historic Nantucket Island, with its cobblestoned Main Street and unspoiled beaches, it is sure to please! We will visit the Nantucket Whaling Museum before our New England Lobster farewell dinner.

Day 7 - Back to Boston airport filled with great memories before heading home.

Includes round-trip airfare, 6 breakfasts & 3 dinners, hotel transfers, baggage handling and travel protection plan.



\$4,000.00 pp/double. Add \$875.00 for single occupancy. Deposit of \$775.00 pp due February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Final payment due May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

SWITZERLAND & CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF THE RHINE

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

\*Very limited cabin availability.

A magical journey through the stunning landscapes of Switzerland, Germany and the festive charm of the Christmas markets along the Rhine River.

Starting in Switzerland, you’ll explore the beautiful cities of Zurich and Lucerne before boarding the cruise ship. From there, embark on your Rhine River cruise stopping at Strasbourg, Speyer and Cologne. Along the way you will have the chance to explore the famous Christmas markets that line the river. Contact Crissy for a brochure detailing the trip.

Rates range from \$4794.00 pp to \$6594.00 pp depending on cabin selection and payment method.

Deposit of \$1099.00 pp due June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (or until ship is full). Final payment due September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

\*There will not be a bank representative on this trip.