



January 2023 Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter includes updates from the Board, recognizes renewing and new members, shares upcoming events, photo gallery and more.

Granite Falls Area
Chamber of Commerce
Presents:



Saturday, January 28, 2023



Social Hour - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 7:00 PM
Entertainment - 8:00 PM

Tickets -\$60 each,
Includes Dinner & Entertainment

The Rock: Dining & Events
Granite Falls, MN

Silent Auction, Heads or Tails
and a 50/50 Raffle

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT
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Masks & Beads available to
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Thank you to our sponsors:

Platinum level- FM Bank, Granite Falls



Gold Level- Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care, Montevideo

Silver Level- Almich's Market, YME Schools

Bronze level- Alicia Beck of Country Financial, Granite Falls Energy

BUSINESS

Over **BREAKFAST**

Coffee- Contacts- Partnerships



Tuesday, January 10, 2023

What's New at GF-LAH/BNP in 2023!

Mark, Kim & Kelly will be our guest speakers

Coffee, juice & light breakfast 7:30 am. Program @ 8 am.

Pioneer PBS conference room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or via email to: granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Individual Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00 Pay at the Door. Walk-ins Welcome.



**Monthly Business Over Breakfast is sponsored by: FM Bank, Granite Falls;
Almich's Market & YME Schools**

Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday- Knockout Tacos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Sunday Brunch- American Legion 10- 1:30 pm



City Council Meetings 7 pm. Every First & Third Monday at the City Hall



EDA meetings 5:30 pm. Second Monday at the City Hall



YME School Board meetings 6 pm. Second Monday at YME Board Room

January- National Blood Donor Month

2-28th- Granite Area Arts Council- Maya Ulrich (Minneapolis) Paintings

10th- Business Over Breakfast- Living at Home: Bock Nurse Program @ Pioneer PBS

16th- Martin Luther King's Birthday

28th- Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser @ The Rock: Dining & Events 6pm

30th- Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt begins- Granite Falls Chamber, Sponsored by FM Bank

Jan. 30- Feb. 25th- Granite Area Arts Council-Krystl Louwagie (Marshall) Paintings

February

January 28- February 4- Ole & Lena Days

2nd- Ground Hog's Day

3rd- National wear **RED Day**

4th- Bert Raney & Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast @ YME Gym

4th- Winter Fest Craft & Vendor Show @YME Gym

4th- Firemen's Dance @ Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

9th- Business After Hours @ The Yes! House, Sponsored by FM Bank

9th- National Pizza Day

12th- Lincoln's Birthday

12th- Super Bowl

14th- Business Over Breakfast The Yes! House @ Pioneer PBS, Sponsored by FM Bank, Almich's Market & YME Schools.

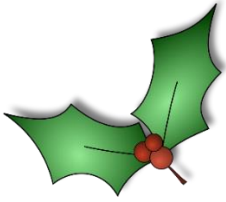
14th- Valentine's Day

20th- President's Day

20th- Washington's Birthday

21st- Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

22nd- Ash Wednesday



Ole & Lena Days January 28– February 4, 2023

Celebrate the region's Norwegian heritage and shake off the winter blues with a fun-filled, week-long celebration featuring some favorite annual events. The week kicks off with the **Chamber's Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser, Carnival Mardi Gras**, with entertainment by **Divas Through the Decades** on **Saturday, January 28th**, and hunt for the **Ole and Lena medallions** starts **Monday, January 30st**. Join the local Kiwanis Club for a **Pancake Breakfast** and check out the **Winter Fest Craft and Vendor Show** on **Saturday, February 4th**. Finish the week off by finding a partner to compete in the **Buck Euchre tournament** put on by the Granite Falls Lions at **The Rock: Dining & Events on Saturday, February 4th** and the culminating event, the **Fireman's Dance** which always proves to be a great time on **Saturday, February 4th** at the **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**. The **Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Department** is having its **18th Annual Raffle** for a 2023 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium. Drawing held at **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort** on **Saturday, February 4th**. It is a time-honored tradition and fun for all ages. You can contact the YME Community Education Office at 320-564-4081, ext. 111 for more information.

Are you a member of the Chamber and have an upcoming event that you would like listed in our monthly newsletter? Feel free to e-mail Bonnie at the Chamber

Congratulations!! WINNERS ANNOUNCED for the Granite Falls Chamber annual Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest. Downtown- NIHCA- National Independent Health Club Association Highway 212- Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home. Each will receive a traveling trophy. Thank you to all who voted on our Facebook page!



Downtown- NIHCA- National Independent Health Club Association



Highway 212- Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Chamber Champions Lisa Travis and Jennifer Garcia Gray.

Thank you for all your volunteer work throughout the year.



Lisa Travis



Jennifer Garcia Gray

Reserve Your Spot in 2023!



Monthly Business Over Breakfast openings: 7:30-9 am.

Second Tuesday of the Month:

June 13th, and July 11th.



Quarterly Business After Hours openings: 5:30-7 pm.

August 10th, and November 9th.


- *Educate others about your business*
- *Increase exposure of the products and services you offer*
- *Make connections with local business colleagues*
- *Show off your facility, finished products and more.*


Winter Solstice canceled due to snowstorm and the
December Business Over Breakfast was canceled due to bad weather
- Business Over Breakfast rescheduled for March 14th, 2023

A Night of Customer Appreciation & Fun!
Bonfire - Hot Chocolate - Christmas Music
at the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce


 

Wednesday, December 22, 2022

 **Come take a walk with Elf 4-8pm**
Take a walk with the Christmas Pelican cut-out



Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce:
Hot Chocolate, SEW Much More: Free hot dog
Falls Bonfire: 4-8pm Free Christmas ornament with
purchase. While supplies last
Granite Falls Hearing: Sitewide specials up to 30% off. Free WozalWozal patio menu
with any purchase, while supplies last
The Falls SPine: Grand Opening 5-8pm. Drawings, Treats, Sales & More!
Granite Area Arts Council: hot chocolate, Drawing for an Art Kit



2023 Membership Campaign-

The Granite Falls Chamber is excited to be reintroducing a Membership Tiered Rate Structure. The Board has been working hard on this project, grouping things together in a tiered system. Membership Investments are due on January 1, 2023.

2023 Membership renewals:

Leader Investment- FM Bank, Granite Falls.

Champion Investment-

Visionary Investment- Almich's Market; and YME Schools.

Advocate Investment- Country Financial, Alicia Beck; Granite Falls Energy; and Project Turnabout.

Partner Investment- Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home; Aus Floor & More; Betsy Lavin Interior Design; Dairy Queen; Farmer's Coop Elevator, Hanley Falls; Flowers from the Heart; Forever in My Heart Pet Cremation; Granite Falls Advocate Tribune; Granite Falls EDA; Granite Falls Public Library; Granite Falls Woodworks; Granite Family Eyecare; Granite Family Dentistry; Granite Hardware; Hardee's; Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care; Hughes Real Estate; NAPA Auto Parts; Picht's Auto Body & Glass; Scenic Valley Real Estate; Southwest Initiative Foundation; The Sawmill; Thrivent, Mark Jensen; United Way of Southwest Minnesota; West Central Sanitation; Wing-Bain Funeral Home; Women's Rural Advocacy Program.

Churches & Clubs- Rock Haven Church; and Granite Falls Lutheran Church.

Individual Investment- Barry & Kathy Anderson; Scott & Karla Bjorndal; Avis Freitag; Mark Jennings; DuWayne & LaVonne Koenen; and Pat Kubly.

Thank you for your membership and investment in the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce. You are contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of our area S business environment and community. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!



Update on December's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of December, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Events, Contact Us, Member Directory and Newsletter pages getting the most activity. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: Winter Solstice event, Cancellation of Winter Solstice Event, vote for your favorite Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest, Announcing the annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest, Chamber Champion with Jennifer Garcia Grays' announcement, and that Tickets are now available for the Chamber's annual Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser event that will be held January 28, 2023. We have 1,529 followers and Instagram 208. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

I am sharing this from a Facebook inbox message I received. Thank you, Mark, for the wonderful words about the community!

"Just wanted to say thank you to the Granite Falls community for such a welcoming stay during the most recent blizzard. The folks at Cenex, Dairy Queen, the Super, and Library were all wonderful! What a friendly place!"

Mark Mumme



**Granite Falls Chamber
baseball caps & T-shirts are for sale at the Chamber office & at Thrifty
White Drug Store**

Fishing Heats Up in the Cold

In Minnesota, the fishing stays hot even after the lakes freeze over. Just drill a hole in the ice, (power augers help!), drop in a line and relax until a fish takes a nibble. For many anglers, this low-tech, no-fuss, boat-free fishing has a special appeal.



On a beautiful winter day, you can fish out in the open under a vast blue sky. Or, for shelter from the cold and wind, fish from inside a cozy hut. Some resorts rent ice houses, which range from basic to downright homey with bunks and cook stoves. Resort staff can often provide you with gear and basic instruction, too.

Most of the species caught the rest of the year bite during winter, as well: walleyes, northern pike, yellow perch, sunfish, crappies and , in the wilderness lakes of the northeast, lake trout. January and February are prime time for ice fishing; the ice needs to be thick and strong enough to support anglers and their vehicles.

Check with the DNR for the latest information about ice thickness and safety (mndnr.gov).

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Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

Acting President: Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & Sew Much More

Treasurer: Alicia Beck, Country Financial

Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet

Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Director: Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

Lobby Hours: Monday- Friday 9 am- 5:30 pm. Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 am – 2pm.

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