

Buffalo Area Chamber Of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For December: Honesty

Honesty: (1) to be truthful; trustworthy (2) to be sincere or fair (3) to be frank or open. Character Ed is a Chamber-led community wide initiative working to create a "culture of character" by focusing on a new word each month. **Please include the monthly *Character Ed* word in your media opportunities.**

December Meeting At Hip Pocket Pizza

The December Chamber meeting will be held at **Hip Pocket Pizza** on Wednesday, December 5, at noon. Guest speaker will be Paula Mabary, Angel Tree Ministries coordinator.

Hip Pocket's specials for Wednesday, December 5, include: (1) Mini One Topping Pizza, Salad & Drink - \$5.49, (2) Half Burrito Enchilada, Chips & Salsa & Drink - \$5.59, (3) Small California Chicken Salad & Drink - \$5.99, (4) Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Choice of Side (potato or pasta salad, potato chips or chips & salsa, side salad) & Drink - \$5.49. Full menu also available. Call orders in to **345-8649** prior to the meeting for faster service.

Business Spotlight – Mary and Lew Panzer

Lew and Mary Panzer appreciate being selected for the Spotlight of the Month. They moved here two years ago and now call Buffalo and Durlington Road their home. **Lew and Mary** love their vegetable and flower gardens, close neighbors and yes, even the thunder storms that roll through the hills. Qu-e, their boarder collie, loves her time out side, (squirrels drive her to almost climb trees).

While in Illinois, **Lew and Mary** volunteered with many youth groups, including Cub and Boy Scouts, Little League baseball, swimming teams and forestry restoration. **Mary** enjoys reading, the kindness of neighbors and the beautiful landscape of Missouri. Before they moved to Missouri, **Lew and Mary** lived in Antioch, Illinois. **Lew** worked at two nuclear and coal electrical power plants at Zion and Waukegan, Illinois. **Mary** worked for the University of Illinois Extension office. She was their Community Worker, placing programs with traditional and school clubs in Lake County, Illinois, for 24,000 children and adults.

Lew and Mary Panzer have two married sons, Scott and his wife Kate live on Catalina Island off the coast of Los Angeles, California. Sean and his wife Heidi call Seattle their home, where Mount Rainer's snowy peak greets them each morning. **Mary** says, "Seems like kids have always been a part of our lives." While **Lew** served in the military, as a family, they moved 33 times in 15 years. During that time they were introduced to many different cultures, religions and traditions of the world. **Mary** is a happy member of the local "Red Hats". When you see the "Red Hats", stop and say hello. You will be greeted with a warm smile.

"The Light of Christmas" Getting Ready To Shine In Buffalo

Final preparations for this year's Christmas Parade, set for December 8 at 10:00 a.m., are under way. Deadline for entries is Monday, December 3. Judging will take place in the line-up area: Petit Jean and Superior Gearbox parking lots. **Entries that wish to be judged must be in position and ready to be judged at 9:00 a.m.** To enter or for more information, call 345-2852 or 345-2118.

Bake Sale To Benefit 2008 Celtic Heritage Festival

"Friends of the Celtic Festival" will have a bake sale during the Buffalo Christmas parade, December 8, including a variety of baked items, cookies, nut breads, candies, Scottish shortbread, and Rum cakes. Stands will be located in front of the Chamber office and across the street for the convenience of parade goers. Funds from the bake sale will purchase signage for the Celtic Festival. **Call Gloria Wolfgang at 345-0575 to order a Rum Cake for the holidays at \$8.99 each.** They will be at the Chamber office during the parade, or arrangements can be made for delivery.

Annual Lighting Contest To Be Judged December 14

Businesses and individuals in Dallas County are urged to compete in this year's holiday lighting contest. Nominations should be submitted to the Chamber office; by phone or fax to 417-345-2852, e-mailed to chamber@buffalococ.com, or dropped in the "night box" after hours. Deadline for nominations is Thursday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m.

December Community Events

- 1st Taco Dinner** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- 1st Wackateers Puppet Theater** - Buffalo 1st Christian Church - 2:00 p.m.
- 1st Cub Scout Bake Sale** - Wal Mart - 7:00 a.m. 'till sold out
- 5th Chamber Meeting** - Hip Pocket Pizza - Noon - Guest Speaker, Paula Mabary - Angel Tree Ministries
- 8th Christmas Parade** - Line-up - 8:00 a.m. - Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Parade Kick-off - 10:00 a.m.
- 13th Lighting Contest Nominations Deadline** - 5:00 p.m.
- 15th Christmas With Elvis & Santa & Open House** - Dallas County Care Center - 10 - 11 a.m. - Food, Fun, Prizes
- 18th Booster Club Chili Supper** - Buffalo High School Cafeteria - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.