



# NFTRL NEWSLETTER



March, 2020

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY – MARCH 17, 2020

### MARCH LUNCHEON

Congratulations Neighbors and Friends! At our March 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting we will be awarding the **\$62,500** that you earned for our local charities through our 4 Fundraisers, **Twilight, Concerts, Sponsorship and Christmas Tour of Homes!**

The following are the Agencies that you voted for, they will attend and tell us how they will spend their funds.

### Winners

- Boys & Girls of the Ozarks
  - Chances of Stone County
  - Children's Smile Center
  - Crisis Center of Taney County, Inc.
  - Diaper Bank of the Ozarks\*
  - Gift of Hope, Inc.\*
  - Harbor House Domestic Violence Center
  - It's My Very Own
  - Jesus Was Homeless
  - Kimberling Area Library
  - Kimberling Area Senior Center
  - Lakes Area Child Advocacy Center\*
  - Life Song Community Diaper Bank
  - Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch
  - Options Pregnancy Clinic\*
  - Pregnancy Life Line, Inc.
  - Southern Stone County Food Pantry
  - Stone County Citizens in Action
  - The Salvation Army Branson
  - Tri-Lakes Humane Society
  - Weekend Backpack for Kids
- \*Indicate "Mini-Grant"

The March Luncheon is also the kick off to our Membership Drive for 2020-2021

Dues are \$15 annually. You can pay in the Membership classroom at the end of the hall or mail your renewal to NFTRL MEMBERSHIP P.O. BOX 64 KIMBERLING CITY, MO 65686

Left Over Meals. Occasionally, we have left over meals due to "no shows". When we do, we will sell them for \$10 on a first come first come basis. There will be someone standing near the kitchen once everyone is served to make your purchase.

Also available are takeout containers for your personal leftovers. Large meal containers are \$.50 and small dessert ones are \$.25.

### Welcome New Members

- January:**
- Donna Anderson
  - Andy Edwards
  - Loey Beard
  - Donna Beveridge
  - Judy LaRiviere

## MEMBERSHIP IS AT 351

- Lauren Rice
- Mary Helen Torres

### February:

- Beverly Bledsoe
- Capathis Deal
- Kathleen Gee
- Juanita Gry
- Betty Jones
- Jenny Schupbach
- Janet Solea

In addition, there are changes to make in your yearbook:

Tammy Doty's Email was added:

[Tody822@gmail.com](mailto:Tody822@gmail.com)

Theresa Bishop: Change email to

[GMA.theresa58@yahoo.com](mailto:GMA.theresa58@yahoo.com)

Vicki Giauque: Change spelling of Last name to Giauque

Betty Jeanne Liberty – remove cell phone number

Karen Roof: Change zip code to 65686

New Address for Connie Wilson – 4703 Venice Avenue, Ozark, MO 65721

## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the New Testament Christian Church in Reeds Spring. (The old Jr. High School on Main St.) A light dinner will be served. Please **RSVP** to Denise Martin 417-830-1471 or [dcmartin101@gmail.com](mailto:dcmartin101@gmail.com)

## **NFTRL 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES**

**We are looking for 4 homes to be showcased in our 2020 NFTRL Christmas Tour Homes.** Do you have a unique Christmas collection? Do you go all out in decorating your home at Christmas? Do you have a beautiful or unique home, size **does not matter!!!** The Home Tour Committee, led by Theresa Bishop would love to visit and speak with you about what an absolute joy it is to be a part of raising money for our local needy charities by sharing your home.

Not You? Maybe you have a friend's home to recommend?

Please contact:

Theresa 913-302-2775  
[GMA.theresa58@yahoo.com](mailto:GMA.theresa58@yahoo.com)

**TWILIGHT DATE IS SET FOR 2020 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT LEDGESTONE COUNTRY CLUB \$25 per person**

**NEXT CONCERT TO BE HELD AT BEAUTIFUL VILLA VISTA IS APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> College of the Ozarks CHORALE PERFORMING.** Tickets will be sold at our March and April Luncheon or contact Sue Spoley [sespol@reisenbach.com](mailto:sespol@reisenbach.com) \$25

## **New Luncheon Reservation Policy**

Beginning September 2020 – Reservations are so important!

We still have a few members who attend without making a reservation.

Beginning in September, Members and Guests who attend without making a reservation will be charged the “**AT THE DOOR**” Price of \$15 if a lunch is available.

Our Reservation callers work hard to contact everyone, please be courteous enough to respond to your caller each month. Your help in this matter is so appreciated.

## **WE STILL NEED MORE RESERVATION CALLERS**

please contact Deborah Dul [ddul@att.net](mailto:ddul@att.net) or 630-632-1615 It only takes about 30 minutes a month.

## **Kimberling Area Recycle Center**

Request from Sally Richardson:

I'm in charge of the Kimberling Area Recycle Center, located on Fire Station Rd, just off Joe Bald Rd, near Hwy 13. It is completely run by volunteers. I'm not looking for money, but for individuals to help on Saturday mornings from 8-11 a.m. It's not difficult work and men and women are involved. At present I have 'teams' set up for each Saturday, but due to two teams quitting for 2020, there are several openings. A team needs only be 4 individuals, but often 6-8 is better so that they have a backup in case of cancellations. Presently the Table Rock Garden Club, Elks Club and a team called "Independents" each take 10 Saturdays. Some of the remaining Saturdays are covered by local churches that have taken 2-4 dates, Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal. For the open Saturdays, I'd like to get a couple more teams.

Individuals bring cardboard, paper, tin cans, plastic - which is mixed together, as well separated aluminum cans and separated glass. They come from Lampe, Kimberling City area that is in the county and

does not have door to door pickup of recyclables, Branson West and Reeds Spring. It is a worthwhile project for the community and I'm looking for some help.

I'll be at the Neighbors and Friends meeting on Monday and could answer any questions you may have at that time.

Sally Richardson  
417-739-2113

## **New feature of the Newsletter**

A new feature of the Newsletter will include the minutes of the previous luncheon so you don't have to miss out.

There is important information from our Sheriff Doug Rader included.

## **Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake Membership Luncheon Minutes**

**February 10, 2020**

Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake met for their monthly luncheon at Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church Hall in Kimberling City. This meeting was called to order by Denise Martin and Cindy Gloyna, Co-Presidents. New to our meeting was the exceptional use of the large LCD projector/screen to share past events, remind membership about upcoming events as well as display the NFTRL prayer for those sitting closer to the screen. Prior to the prayer, members held a moment of silence for Barbara Glasgow and Knight John Swift who have passed away in the last month. Members joined together to recite the NFTRL prayer.

**MEET OUR GUESTS:** 7 guests stood and introduced themselves sharing their names, "how they found us", and "where they were from". Each of our guests received a copy of our tri-fold and an invitation to the next

“New Member Orientation” on May 14, 2020.

## PROGRAM

Julie Robinson, Program Vice-President, introduced our speaker, **Sheriff Doug Rader**, with a presentation on “Protecting Our Community”. Sheriff Rader started his law enforcement career in 1990 as a Police Officer in Versailles, MO. From there, he went to the Northeast MO Narcotics (NEMO) Task Force in 1993 where he spent a year and a half “undercover”. He was later a drug investigator, promoted to Sergeant and then on to Director of Operations his last 3 years with the NEMO Drug Task Force. In 2004, he accepted the position of Chief of Police of Branson West, MO where he stayed for 8 years. In 2012, he ran for Sheriff of Stone Co. and has been serving the citizens of Stone Co. from 2012 to the present. In April of 2020, he will have been in law enforcement for 30 years!

Sheriff Rader began by asking our members if they knew the answer to a few Stone Co. questions (with prizes as their reward): What is the population? How many square miles are in Stone Co.? How wide and how long is Stone Co.? Sheriff Rader wanted our members to understand that if an officer is at the northern edge of the county, it will take him/her 60+ minutes to respond to a call on the south end. While our population may be about 32,000 in February, it's 100,00+ over the July 4 holiday. Changing population becomes a challenge when it comes to staffing needs. Stone County has 48 sworn deputies. Of them, 19 are road deputies; 18 are assigned to jail and court security; 7 are detectives and 5 are command staff with 11 civilian staff.

Sheriff Rader believes his biggest challenges are:

Lack of applicants - While applicants have dropped off nationwide, he believes that the incident in Ferguson, MO. in 2014 has negatively affected the application process in MO.

Low wages - In 2013, his new deputies were receiving \$12.00 an hr. Today, that wage has grown to \$15.05 an hr.

Criminal Justice Reform - While there have been plenty of positive reforms, in 2019, the Supreme Court ruled to let non-violent offenders out of jail. Stone Co. dropped from 65 inmates a day to 35-40 inmates a day. Sheriff Rader believes the system has become a revolving door.

Sheriff Rader spoke at length about the Citizen's Academy: In 2014, his department developed a class that would provide better understanding of what law enforcement does and what the criminal justice system does in order to provide increased understanding between the general public and law enforcement. Students and law enforcement will share their different perspectives. With better understanding comes better communication between law enforcement and the citizens under it. That year, they held 2 classes of Citizen's Academy; today they begin their 8<sup>th</sup> class March 30<sup>th</sup>. They cover topics like: Departmental vision, size of county, who's who, their organizational structure, calls for service, local police departments (Tour of jail), criminal investigations, patrol, stress on law enforcement, drug court and the prosecutor's office, active shooter (Students become officers, have stun guns, get to investigate crimes) and narcotics. Alumni of the classes become

CIA/Citizens in Action, a citizen's support group who have formed a 501c3 organization that supports the sheriff's office. They have provided meals/drinks on major crime scenes, provided a Christmas party every year for all in the Sheriff's Office, provided meals to deputy's families that have had a loved one pass on, and set up a benevolent fund that deputies might access if they get into a financial bind.

The next Citizen's Academy starts March 30<sup>th</sup>; requires an application, is 7 weeks long, is held every Monday at 6:30, and you are fed supper! Basic requirements for enrollment are: 1. Resident of Stone County 2. At least 18 years of age 3. Have own transportation to and from academy 4. Commitment to attend all eight classes 5. Must pass background check (must have no criminal record) Those applications selected for the next phase are then given a thorough background check, which includes criminal history, driver's license status and warrant check. Invitations will then be sent to attend the Citizen Sheriff's Academy. Attendance will be limited.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Members of the Board were asked to come up to the front where they received a “thank-you” gift from the co-presidents. In addition, Denise Martin made a motion to accept the following slate of officers as recommended by our Nominating Committee. The membership seconded and all raised their hands. The motion passed.

- Anna Chance, Co-President
- Rosemary Maresh, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs
- Deborah Dul, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership

- Ruth Selby, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Interest Groups
- Lynette Leopold, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Reservations
- Marty Martin/Sandy Vos, 5<sup>th</sup> VP Ways/Means

**VPs of Ways/Means, Sandy Vos and Marty Martin, addressed the membership:**

It has come to the attention of Sandy and Marty that many members don't understand what "Ways/Means" does or what it means. They explained: Ways and Means is the fundraising arm of NFTRL. Sandy and Marty went on to explain/emphasize that you have probably already helped "fundraise" in a zillion different ways without knowing or realizing you were also fundraising for Ways and Means.

- If you made baked goods or jams or craft items for the Market Place or Galleria during the Home Tour, you contributed to Ways & Means, for they are one and the same.
- If you brought appetizers to the After-Glow party at a Concert or set-up or tore down, or bought a concert ticket, you contributed to both Concerts and Ways and Means, for they are one and the same.
- If you solicited members and businesses for physical donations; if you bought a Twilight ticket, if you decorated Ledgestone Country Club for the Twilight Auction, you contributed to both the Twilight Auction and Ways and Means, for they are one and the same.

- If you helped find a home for the Home Tour; if you volunteered to be a hostess for the Home Tour, you contributed to both the Home Tour and Ways and Means, for they are one and the same.
- If you purchased lunch from the café during the Home Tour, you contributed to Ways and Means, for they are one and the same.
- If you gave \$3-5 to an Interest Group, you contributed to both "baskets" and Ways and Means, for they are one and the same.
- If you contributed to Sponsorship, you contributed to Ways and Means. By the way, sponsorship is a fund raiser that is in need of more support as the committee chairs have had to resign for health reasons.

*To summarize, if you helped in any way in the past year(s) with the Villa Vista Concerts, the Twilight Auction, the Home Tour, the Market Place, the baskets, the Galleria, the Café, then you helped "fundraise" and perhaps, without knowing it, for Ways and Means!*

So, if you'd like to get a little more active, please look to Ways and Means! Branch out; take on new things! You make GREAT friends along the way, your efforts are always appreciated, and you become a leader in ways that you didn't know you could!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Denise Martin: Did you know that 100% of your \$12.50 for

lunch goes to the Knights of Columbus? NFTRL Luncheon is THEIR biggest fundraiser. They use this money to not only pay their food bill, but to also give to their charities!

- Sue Spoley shared that there is a Villa Vista Concert on April 25, the **College of Ozark Chorale**. Concerts are sponsored by Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake as a part of their charitable fundraising activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to send Sue Spoley an email or call her on her cell (773 251-2280).
- **50/50 tickets** were drawn (**this year's proceeds go to Kimberling City Parks**), and the meeting was adjourned.
- **RESERVATIONS:** We have 5 extra meals to sell, today, for \$10.
- A delicious lunch was then served by the Knights of Columbus.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Mary Friedman

