



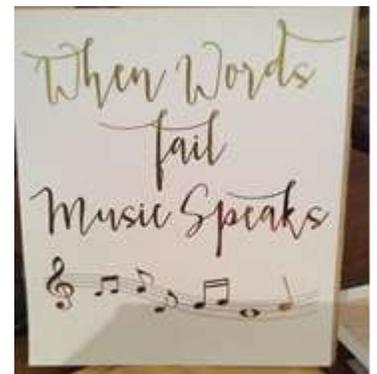
# NFTRL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

We had another wonderful celebration of community and friendship at our Membership Luncheon on December 13. Our group of 260 ladies is proud to announce that we generated \$25,840 during our 2021 Home Tour. Our leaders of Marketplace and Galleria were happy to reveal the contribution of \$10,090 from all the crafts, cookies, pies, muffins, and jellies that we donated and sold. Thanks to all of our members who bought and sold tickets for the Home Tour, another \$11,415 was added to the total we will be able to give to the community agencies who applied for help. The ladies on the Café crew produced delicious box lunches and added \$1,425 to the cause. All of us who donated to the Interest Group Basket Raffle brought in another \$2,910.

Denise and I are so grateful to all of you who played a role in making this Christmas Home Tour such a success. Once again, we demonstrated that we are about cooperation, teamwork, pitching in, and lending a hand. Neighbors and Friends is about community, philanthropy, and generosity. We are, obviously, also about connecting with friends, creating clever crafts, and finding a bargain. We also like to eat cookies, sample candy, and enjoy smoked pork. What a wonderful start to this holiday season! Happy holidays, Ladies!  
Anna Chance

To continue our mission, we are looking for members who are willing to help the NFTRL Board in several positions. Board members volunteer for two years, and every December the **Nominating Committee** asks members to step up to help. If you are willing to fulfill a leadership position, please contact **Henny Rose, Lynne Hailey, Becky Penrod, Carolyn Twente, or Anna Chance**, to let them know how you can help.

**The Villa Vista Christmas Concert** will be held this **Friday, December 17th**. You can get tickets for this program and the **January 11th Villa Vista MSU Choral concert** by contacting Sue Spoley at 773-251-2280 or [sespol@reisenbach.com](mailto:sespol@reisenbach.com)



## Future Meetings and Menus

- January 10, 2022** Entrée – Chicken Parmesan, roasted vegetables & pasta  
Wedge Salad
- February 14, 2022** Entrée – Tortellini Soup, dinner Salad & garlic bread.  
(One choice only)
- March 14, 2022** Entrée – Pork Roast, mashed potatoes & vegetable  
Antipasto salad
- April 11, 2022** Entrée – Meat Loaf, potatoes & vegetable  
Salad w/ roasted chicken
- May 9, 2022** Entrée – Chicken stroganoff over egg noodles, vegetable  
Chicken salad on bed of lettuce

## *A Prayer among Friends*

*Among other wonders of our lives, we are alive  
with one another, we walk here  
in the light of this unlikely world  
that isn't ours for long.  
May we spend generously  
the time we are given.  
May we enact our responsibilities  
as thoroughly as we enjoy  
our pleasures. May we see with clarity,  
may we seek a vision  
that serves all beings, may we honor  
the mystery surpassing our sight,  
and may we hold in our hands  
the gift of good work  
and bear it forth whole, as we  
were borne forth by a power we praise  
to this one Earth, this homeland of all we love.  
by John Daniel*

## **Twilight Meeting**

**We plan to have the 1st Committee meeting on January 19th. An invite to the meeting with time and location information will follow. If you would like to join our Committee and/or come to the January meeting to learn more, Carol Reynolds and I would love to hear from you! Please email or call us. We will be sure you are included on the January meeting email. Our first task is to fill the open positions on the Committee.**

**Carol Reynolds and Cathy Connoley**

