

# NFTRL NEWSLETTER



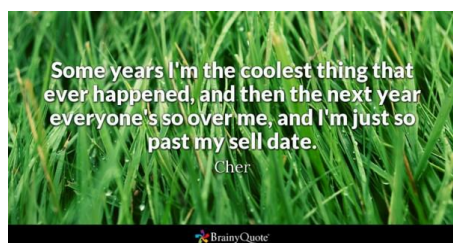
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**DD HIGHWAY - FEBRUARY, 2021 - SNOWSTORM**

**From Your Co-President:**



Howdy Neighbors and Friends,

I want to reassure you that your board and committee chairs and teams are still meeting by Zoom, and with masks and distancing. Last October we polled the membership and found that the majority of our members would not approve or feel comfortable with resuming our regular luncheons until the CDC and county guidelines permit large gatherings. The board members are reassessing these mandates each month. The current Covid rules are posted on the Stone County website: [www.stoneco-mo.us](http://www.stoneco-mo.us) We are still advised to stay masked, wash hands, and avoid any gatherings larger than ten. This applies to all of our functions, meetings, and Interest Groups. NFTRL has a

reputation of leadership and care for our community. We need to continue to uphold our reputation by following our local Covid guidelines, even as this pandemic drags on.

We are staying in touch with our usual venue provider, Our Lady of the Cove, and our wonderful Knights of Columbus chefs. They will let us know as soon as they are able to continue serving us.

The Stone County Health Department's recent vaccination events give us hope that we can get together sooner. I saw many NFTRL ladies when I got my first shot. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help! It was an impressive, well-organized, commendable event that will save lives in our community.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Grant Awards Announced by Service Committee Co-Chair Darlene Norris

A total of \$37,150 will be awarded to 12 grant applicants and 2 mini-grant applicants in early March.

**MEMBERSHIP 239**

With our general membership meetings currently suspended, it wasn't possible for the members to vote on the agencies this year nor have the award recipients attend a luncheon in March. The Appropriations Committee recommended that all agencies that had been accepted by the Board last fall receive funding and awards be capped at \$3,500. The Board approved this recommendation during the January Board meeting. Agencies were notified of awards by email in early February and checks will be mailed in early March.

The following agencies will be receiving grant awards:

- Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks;
- Branson Hollister Senior Center;
- Children's Smile Center;
- Elevate Branson;
- Kimberling Area Library;
- Kimberling Area Senior Center;
- LifeSong UMC Community Diaper Bank;
- Pregnancy Life Line, Inc.;
- Southern Stone County Food Pantry;
- The Crisis Center of Taney County, Inc.;
- Tri-Lakes Humane Society and Week

End Backpack Kids. Mini-grants will be awarded to It's My Very Own and MU Extension Stone County 4-H.

Thanks to all who helped to raise funds during an extremely difficult year.

**You are amazing!**

### **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

The Ways and Means Committee is focusing on fundraising activities for the 2021 calendar year. Though COVID will determine whether all the activities will be possible, we are looking forward to having as many as possible. In the future if you receive a call to help with one of our events, please consider offering your time and talents. We have something for everyone.

Please drop small canning jars to Jan Myers, Debby Heckler or Megan Plate for the next Galleria sale. Megan's phone number is 417-230-5196 to arrange a drop off location

Here is our tentative event schedule for 2021:

- Twilight - Ledgestone, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Craft Fair - Port of Kimberling, October 30th (NEW EVENT THIS YEAR)

- Home Tour (with Galleria, Marketplace, Cafe) - December 2-3<sup>rd</sup>
- Concerts - Villa Vista - Schedule will be announced in the future when it has been finalized
- Sponsorship - January through December

Given the challenges of 2020, our membership and the community raised over \$37,000 so that we were able to fund all the grant requests from our agencies. NFFRL Board and the Ways and Means Committee cannot thank you enough for your support, time, and generosity.

### **THANK YOU!**

(Co-chairs): Henny Rose  
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### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

If you have friends that still want to be members but haven't mailed their dues, please remind them to send their \$15 check to: NFFRL, P.O. Box 64, Kimberling City MO 65686. Thank you!

Our Membership Co-Chair, Barbara Hirsh, sent invitations to renew membership to those previous members who haven't renewed yet.

### **WEBMASTER AND FACEBOOK**

We are still looking for two members who have computer skills to continue the great job that

Bettylynne Gregg and Kim Tilley have been doing to keep us connected through our website, Facebook, and Zoom meetings. If you have the tech ability, or know anyone who does, please contact a board member.

### **INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **ADVENTURE GROUP**

On January 26, the Adventure Group had lunch at the Olive Garden and then on to the Toy Museum. It was area appreciation so it cost us only \$5 for an amazing day walking around seeing all the fabulous old/new/historic items on display.

Our next outing is on March 23rd. We will be going to Beyond The Lense – local pricing is \$24.99 plus tax.

If you would like to join the Adventure Group, please send your \$5 membership fee (if you send a check make it out to Barbara Walker) and we will assign you a caller. Barbara Walker and Beverly Walker (Co-Chairs)

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

We sent a "Get Well Card" to: Norma Bougher who had a mini stroke, and to a long-time past member – Val Springstroh who is in the hospital with a stroke and a Sympathy card to Sandra Sagehorn, husband passed..

If you know of someone that has been hospitalized or lost a family member, please inform Barbara Walker(417-559-0150) Co-Chair).

## NFTRL "DID YOU KNOW?"

To keep in touch with all our fabulous members we will occasionally email a short "DID YOU KNOW?". We will be sharing fun facts about Neighbors and Friends and comments from fellow members.

## OUR FIRST DID YOU KNOW

Even though we have not been able to hold Membership Meetings since March 2020, we still had 239 members rejoin! YEAH!!! If you **paid your membership now, it will be good until May 2022!**

If you would like to share why you joined NFTRL, please email or text Denise Martin ([dcmartin101@gmail.com](mailto:dcmartin101@gmail.com)) 417-830-1471

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has submitted their recommendations for the 2021-2022 Board members.

They are:

- Co-Presidents-Anna Chance and Denise Martin
- Programs- Julie Robinson and Ro Maresh
- Membership-Deborah Dul and Linda Tucker
- Interest Groups-Bea Seybert and Ruth Selby
- Reservations- Lynn Behling (one year term) and Natalie Miller

- Ways and Means-Mary Martin and Henny Rose and Diane Hackman
- Secretary-Linda Grindle
- Treasurer-Kathy Hoedl
- Ways and Means Treasurer- Regina Blair

Thank you for stepping up to the plate and giving your time and talents to keep our organization thriving. So many of you are passionate about Neighbors and Friends—you are enthusiastic, positive and committed. If you like to collaborate, delegate, empower others and are a good listener, we need you!

## "COMING SOON"

**Classic Creations and More LLC** One of our members, Sue Braun, owner of Classic Creations and More, 3000 Green Mtn. Drive, Branson, has created a fabulous crystal logo for NFTRL. She can supply us with short sleeve round neck, 3/4 sleeve round neck and the 3/4 sleeve V-neck knit tops for \$30.00 each. An elbow sleeve round neck top would be \$35.00. You will be able to order sizes small to 3X in any color you want.

Watch for the announcement in next month's newsletter for how you can order one of these beautiful knit shirts with our logo

