

LOGO KNIT SHIRTS ARE HERE

From Your Co-President:

Hello all of you lively, positive, and generous women who like to have fun and are committed to helping our community.

We started celebrating our **twentieth year** by getting back together again with the membership meeting in May. Everyone was glad to see each other after a year of social distancing. Great music, glitzy décor, zany photo ops, and good food made the meeting a party. But we also "got down to business" with our plans for raising funds for local charities this year.

HOME TOUR

The most urgent request came from the Home Tour Committee. We need two or three more homes for the Christmas Home Tour. **Without homes to tour, we cannot sponsor this event**. If you know of any charitable homeowner willing to open their home, condo, or house boat, Deadline for this process: June 30.

Contact Karen Roof (913-481-3891) or Deb Kembell (913-484-0570).

Our **Christmas Home Tour** is scheduled for **December 3rd and 4**th. The **Galleria and Marketplace** will need donations of crafts, canned

goods, and baked goods. So as the heat of summer comes to the Ozarks, you might use those hot evenings to prepare for this fund raiser. A LEADER FOR SET-UP AND TEAR DOWN IS STILL NEEDED ALONG WITH VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. Call Barbara Walker 417-559-0150 or Linda Grindle 417-818-8084 if you can give even a few hours of your time with this.

Thank you,

Marty Martin and Henny Rose, cochairs

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Cathy Connoley, co-chair for Sponsorships, managed to collect over \$2,000 from generous members at the May gathering. She will continue to have a Sponsorship table at each meeting, and also solicit donations from members and community. Last year the Sponsorship Committee's efforts generated over \$20,000.

TABLE ROCK FALL CHARITY FESTIVAL

Our Craft Sale last fall was so successful that we are preparing to sponsor a booth at the Table Rock Fall Charity Festival, Kimberling City, October 2. The "Ladies of the Craft"

NFTRL NEWSLETTER



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MEMBERSHIP 251

Interest Group is busy sewing, painting, and manufacturing Lake and Holiday décor for this sale. Everyone is invited to be part of this. If you would like to join this group at their next meeting contact Debbie Heckler (815-735-8626) or Jan Myers jammer336@hotmail.com

CONCERTS

Villa Vista will continue to host the popular Concert Series this season. Watch our website (nftrl.org) for the upcoming dates.

We would like to thank Cindy Gloyna for shepherding us through the past two years. Being President of NFTRL takes a lot of diplomacy, listening, planning, and cheerleading. All the emails, meetings, and negotiating are worth the time and effort, though. It is not a thankless task because of the team approach in this marvelous organization. If you like to collaborate, delegate, and empower others, we need you! Please consider serving your fellow members by accepting one of the Board positions or Committee leads. Every position is filled by two co-chairs so you are never alone!

We hope to see you at the September 13 Members Luncheon. Watch our website for place, menu, and program. Everyone who has paid their dues will get a call.

RESERVATIONS

If you haven't paid your 2021-2022 membership dues (\$15) yet, please mail it to NFTRL, P.O.Box 64, Kimberling City, MO 65686. Doing this now will help the membership team from being overwhelmed at the September meeting. FYI...at this point, 121 members have renewed or joined for the 21-22 year, 251 members renewed or joined their membership for the 20-21 year, and 368 members joined for the 19-20 year. We are looking forward to your return to share the social and community focused activities that define Neighbors and Friends.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Our condolenses go to Bonnie Heim for the loss of her husband and Becky Penrod's loss of her brother due to Covid.

Sandy Vos broke her Collar bone. She could use some help.

NFTRL "DID YOU KNOW?"

One of our members, Glenda Etz, joined Neighbors and Friends in 2008 and has ONLY missed ONE Meeting in **thirteen years.** She said "I just totally forgot and I was sure sad!" She loves NFTRL. Thanks, Glenda, for your devotion! I learned at the Out To Lunch Bunch you will be 89 in November! **Congratulations, Young** Lady!

Ladies, if you SHARE YOUR NFTRL STORY with us we can highlight different members and show our diversity. We want to know: When did you join? Why did you decide to join? How did you find out about NFTRL? Any funny or enlightening story you want to share about what it was like in our past... Send your information to Denise Martin dcmartin101@gmail.com

INTEREST GROUPS

ADVENTURE GROUP

...is going to the Aquarium at the Broadway, May 25 – if you want to be a member, contact Barbara Walker.

LADIES OF THE CRAFT

...are busy preparing for two big events...the TABLEROCK FALL CHARITY FEST October 2, and our own MARKETPLACE AND GALLERIA, the first weekend in December. We can use the following items: Small Christmas ornaments (for wreaths) Old jewelry Jean jackets Pint and half-pint jelly jars Fall flowers Chicken wire Scrabble tiles

If you can donate any of these, contact: Jan Myers jammer336@hotmail.com or Debby Heckler (815-735-8626).

ZOOM COOKING CLUB

Do you like to try to try new recipes? If so, then the Zoom Cooking Club is for you. In addition to our cooking demonstrations, we have added enticing, <u>in-person</u>, "Chats with Chefs" meetings in May. If you would like to join our Interest Group, please contact Barbara Hirsh @ 630-910-0912 or Andee McCormack @ 417-861-9832.

SPARKLY NFTRL LOGO SHIRTS

To get yours, request an order form from Barbara Walker bucketbuddybucket@yahoo.com

Send your check made out to **N&F** (\$30 or \$35) to her. She will give you a receipt to take to **Classic Creations and More**

3000 Green Mtn. Drive, Branson, where you can choose your color and size. Sue Braun (owner and NFTRL member) will be there Monday-Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm.

This is a fundraiser that has already made over \$1,000 for our charities. Purchase two or three to wear to our luncheons or to our N&F events.