



"Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast" Shakespeare, The Comedy of Errors

# NFTRL NEWSLETTER



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MEMBERSHIP 247

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

130 of us gathered for an enjoyable October Membership luncheon. There were so many compliments for the Tortellini Soup, and requests for more, that the Knights are considering putting it back on one of the spring menus. Mayor Bob Fritz and City Administrator Jerry Harman presented a timely and informative update on local issues in Kimberling City.

Thank you to the Interest Groups for donating so many overflowing, huge baskets of goodies and gift cards for the Home Tour Raffle.

We have 168 lunches reserved for our November 8 Turkey dinner and meeting. Cyndi Strecky will share some entertaining tales of the Ozarks. Once again, the Knights will receive 1/2 of the 50/50 drawing. We will have some more rounds of the popular Table Chat and there will be door prizes! We will have the opportunity to buy craft sale items at a huge discount.

VP of Reservations, Natalie Miller, will give a slideshow presentation on tips to make your luncheon reservations easier. This new procedure has helped to save time at our check in line tremendously. There is a speedy fast lane if you have already made your reservation online and just need to pay. It is even quicker if you have paid by charge card prior to the meeting.

Anna – Co President

## WELCOME ORIENTATION

Denise Martin and Jan Trauernicht hosted a Welcome Orientation for new members, October 14, at the NT Christian Church. It was very interesting and gratifying to meet these twenty-two dynamic women who bring so much talent to our mission and want to share our fun.

I have confidence we can meet our goal of funding all of the charities in our community that have requested our help this year...if we all pitch in make our Christmas Tour of Homes as successful as it has been in the past.

## HOME TOUR

We need your help getting ready for our **Christmas Home Tour, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**, our main fund raiser. It is what attracts the public to our organization and brings us together for the benefit of our community. It is also a lot of fun. There are so many ways to help!

**Selling tickets!** The success of our Home Tour depends on how many tickets we sell.

Baking cookies for the box lunches we will sell at the Café both days of the event (please bag two cookies for each box) and deliver to Henny Rose at KAL Thursday, Dec.2.

Baking cookies, cakes, candies, pies, muffins, cupcakes, dog treats, and any **holiday treats** you can think of. Please bring your goodies to the library on Thursday morning, Dec.2 where we will package them on fancy plates, price them, and arrange them on the Marketplace tables for sale.

**Sunday, Nov.28**, moving bins of dishes and crafts from storage to KAL, setting up tables in the library. Contact Debby Heckler 815-735-8626 or Jan Myers 847-340-1888 to let them know you will help.

**Monday, Nov.29**, sorting dishes, setting up the cookie packaging area at the library.

**Tuesday, Nov.30**, setting up the Galleria merchandise in the library. Contact Ro Maresh 563-581-6115, [romaresh@gmail.com](mailto:romaresh@gmail.com) and Jan Myers, if you can help.

**Thursday, Dec.2**, packaging cookies and baked goods (we get to eat the crumbs!)

**Friday, Dec.3 and Saturday, Dec.4**, working as a hostess in one of the homes for a three-hour shift. Contact Karen Roof 913-481-3891, [kroof54@gmail.com](mailto:kroof54@gmail.com) or Deb Kembell 913-484-0570, [debkembell@aol.com](mailto:debkembell@aol.com) to sign up. We still need 30 more hostesses and 8 more people to help park cars.

**Friday, Dec.3 and Saturday, Dec.4**, packing the box lunches and helping Henny Rose sell them, helping as a cashier for Marketplace and Galleria. Check in with Jan Myers and Debby Heckler. Packing leftover merchandise after 5pm.

**Sunday, Dec.5**, cleanup library, return bins to storage shed.

### Service Committee

\$45,400 has been requested for this year's grants, 12 regular grants and 3 mini-grants. Members will vote at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve the grant requests that will be presented at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Villa Vista Concerts

The Villa Vista Christmas concert will be held December 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$30, refreshments will be served after the concert. This evening event always sells out quickly. You can get tickets for this program and the January 11th Villa Vista MSU Chorale concert at the November 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon, or by contacting Sue Spoley at 773-251-2280 or [sespol@reisenbach.com](mailto:sespol@reisenbach.com)

### Sponsorship

Cathy Connelly reports that Sponsorship has already raised \$10,988 this year. Over \$1,000 has been received in Sonja Farrand's name. **Twilight Auction** will be held next year on October 15th. There will be a **Twilight planning meeting November 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Ledgestone** for all who are interested in assisting.

### NFTRL Home Tour Ticket Packet Reminder

You can pick up **Home Tour Ticket Packets** at the Home Tour table at our November 8 NFTRL meeting. Return of tickets and/or money can be made at that meeting too. The last day for turning in ticket money and/or unsold tickets is **Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 9 – 12 at the Kimberling Area Library**. You may also purchase tickets at Kimberling Area Library, Harter House in Kimberling City, and Price Chopper in Branson through December 1st. Connie Nolan, Vickie Smith and Darlene Norris, Home Your Ticket Committee

### SPONSORSHIP TABLE AT LUNCHEONS

In the continuing effort to raise funds for our Grant Recipients, there will be a Sponsorship Table at each luncheon. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. We are currently at \$8,600

### NFTRL Logo Merchandise

**Selling these quality knit tops and attractive tumblers are another way we are raising funds this year. Please visit the LOGO Table each month. Thank You to Barbara Walker for leading this effort.**

### Sunshine Report

We lost a wonderful, dynamic member of Neighbors and Friends, Sonya Farrand, on September 23. This is the link to her obituary. <https://signaturefunerals.com/sonja-farrand/>

