

NEWCOMERS/LONGTIMERS NEWS & VIEWS



BEGINNING ITS SECOND HALF CENTURY

DECEMBER 2015



December, January Luncheons Promise Lots of Fun and Rewarding Experiences

There's a lot of great entertainment and "feel good" opportunities in store for N/L members and their guests at the upcoming luncheons.

This month's luncheon will be held on December 17 at Osage National Golf Resort, and will feature Jackie Newton performing all of your favorite Christmas classics. In addition to awarding our scholarships and major charity donation for the year (see sidebar), December is also the month that N/L helps restock the Food Pantry and Dogwood Animal Shelter. Please remember to bring items to donate. We will also recognize our charity of the month, which is Big Brothers/Big Sisters. For every raffle ticket that you purchase, 75% is donated to the charity and 25% goes back to the three winning tickets drawn there that day. Santa and his Elves will also be here for photo's so be sure to wear your favorite Christmas sweater – ugly or not! .Lunch will be: Half a club sandwich, potato salad, tiger cake, coffee, tea and water.

The January 21 luncheon at Camden on The Lake will feature a White Elephant gift exchange. Wrap something you already own or that wacky gift you received for Christmas and pass it along to another grateful N/L member . The menu will feature Herb Roasted Pork Loin served with home-style gravy, garlic mashed potatoes and Chef's vegetable, dinner rolls, Chef's choice of dessert, coffee, tea and water.

The January charity of the month is the Camdenton School District Buddy Pack Program (see page 2).

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More than \$12,000 in Scholarships & Charity Donations to be Awarded at December Luncheon

The hard work and dedication that goes into the annual N/L Home Tour culminates each year in the distributin of the proceeds to the most deserving in our community. This year, the Scholarship Committee selected three young men, all students in the Marine Technology Program and the Lake Career and Technical Center, to receive scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The recipients have been invited to the December luncheon, as has Kathy Hueste, the director of the Center, who will be presented with a check for \$6,000 on behalf of the beneficiaries.

In addition, Jason Hynson, the director of Wonderland Camp, will be on hand to accept a donation of \$6,588. The camp, which hosted its first campers in 1972, provides a fun, educational camp experience for children, teenagers and adults with disabilities and offers a respite from daily care giving for their family members and healthcare workers. From serving 157 campers in its first year, the facility has expanded over the years and now has the capacity to provide more than 1,000 campers a wonderful, fulfilling experience.

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N/L Supports the “Buddy Pack” Program as January Charity of the Month



For many school children, breakfast and lunch at school is their only reliable source of nutrition and they are at risk of hunger over the weekend. To alleviate this risk, The Food Bank partners with elementary schools to provide Buddy Packs to school children. Buddy Packs are backpacks filled with kid-friendly, nutritious food that students take home over the weekend or holiday periods to supplement their meals when there is not enough for them to eat at home. After the weekend, the kids bring their empty Buddy Pack back to school to be refilled by local volunteers. The program continues week after week throughout the school year or as needed to keep the growing youngsters happy and healthy.

During the 2013-14 school-year, more than 6,000 Buddy Packs were distributed weekly across 28 Missouri counties. You can help children this school year by donating backpacks or money to purchase food for the program. You could also Adopt a Buddy to provide one backpack for one child for an entire school year! Every dollar contributed allows the organization to provide 15 pounds of food. Please give freely!

Help Support N/L by Doing Your Favorite Thing - Shopping!

**“iGive” donates to chosen
organizations through on-line
purchases**

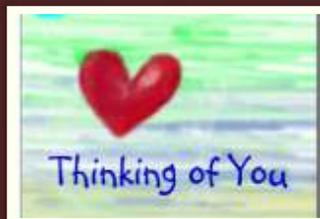
N/L has always sought new and innovative ways to enable the group to better accomplish its mission over the years. Recently, members of the N/L board signed up for “iGive,” an organization that arranges for merchants (currently more than 1,700) to donate to specified organizations on behalf of individuals that purchase their products and services. It costs nothing, you simply shop with one of the participating merchants and they donate an average of 3% to your designated organization. Again, you will spend nothing extra - in fact you'll often save money with exclusive coupons, free shipping specials, and sales only available for iGive members. It's simple, it's free, and it's fast.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity as you do your on-line shopping. Simply sign up at iGive.com, specify Newcomers/Longtimers as the organization you wish to support, then return to iGive.com when you are ready to shop, search for your favorite store (or we recommend downloading their icon to your computer, making it even easier!), click on the link, then shop away! The donations are made automatically to your specified cause.

**My idea of Christmas,
whether old-fashioned or
modern, is very simple:
loving others. Come to think
of it, why do we have to
wait for
Christmas
to do that?**



—Bob Hope



**N/L HAS SENT CARDS TO
THE FOLLOWING LADIES**

Get Well - Donna Hyde, Terri
Hall, Jan Weeks

Thinking of You - Judy Pease

Sympathy - Shirley Edwards

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SO WHY DO WE KISS UNDER A PARASITE?



Mistletoe is an aerial parasite that has no roots of its own and lives off the tree that it attaches itself to. Without that tree it would die. So how did this destructive parasite become the symbol of romance during the holiday season?

The magic of mistletoe traces its roots (or lack thereof!) to ancient times. The Norse, the Celtic Druids and the North American Indians believed that the plant possessed sacred powers. The Druid priests would cut it from an oak tree with a golden sickle, catching the branches before they touched the ground. They then divided the branches into many sprigs and distributed them to the people, who hung them over doorways as protection against thunder, lightning and other evils. They also believed that whenever enemies met under the mistletoe in the forest, they had to lay down their arms and observe a truce until the next day. The folklore continued to evolve over the centuries. At one point in history, it was believed that a sprig placed in a baby's cradle would protect the child from goblins, or that giving a sprig to the first cow calving after New Year would protect the entire herd.

Ultimately, mistletoe became a universal symbol for peace and joy, and the custom of hanging a ball of mistletoe from the ceiling and exchanging kisses was a sign of friendship and goodwill. The current tradition of began in the 18th century, when the exchanging of kisses between a man and a woman was adopted as a promise to marry. At Christmas a young lady standing under a ball of mistletoe could not refuse to be kissed. The kiss could mean deep romance, lasting friendship and goodwill. It was believed that if the girl remained unknissed, she could not expect to marry the following year.

Extend a Warm Welcome to Members New and Old

N/L is a sisterhood that as existed for half a century. Over those many years, hundreds of women from all over the country have reached out to N/L as a means of finding friendship and fun as part of their new lives at the lake. In fact, the most common reason cited by new members for joining N/L is the need to meet other ladies. Making them feel welcome and a part of our family is critical to ensuring they find a spiritual, as well as a physical, home here at the lake.

We can all remember how difficult and uncomfortable being "new" can seem. This is just a reminder at this time of year, and in the months to come, to reach out to new members (and the "longtimers" you may not have had the chance to get to know!) extend a hand of friendship, invite them to join you at events and get acquainted. You just never know who you might meet...and who may become a new lifelong friend.



Wishing Happy Holidays to All, and a Very Blessed 2016!



Feeling Crafty?

Do you have a hobby that you love, such as painting, knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelery making, etc ? If you are interested in sharing your skills with others, or in establishing a monthly get-together to spend quality time visiting with other ladies while working on your projects, please contact Karen Robinson at 573-692-3544 or stlgirl@charter.net. She would like to start regular craft classes or get-togethers in the spring for ladies that are interested. Would love to hear your ideas!



ACTIVITIES

Note - Single Ladies Night Out is taking January off...see you the 1st Saturday in February!

Dining Out "Venues & Menus"

Dining Out is a social evening with spouses and friends held once a month at various restaurant, wineries and venues around the lake. Social hour with cash bar begins at 6 pm and dinner is served at 7 pm. Please mail checks to Katy Kirn at 1385 Arbor Ct., Osage Beach, MO. 65065.

For additional information call Katy Kirn at 573-693-9304 or Barb McGee at 573-220-1147.

Sunday, Jan 17 JB Hooks - \$35

Prime Rib, Chicken Gregory or , Grouper Supreme; includes side dishes, salad, Crème Brulee or Hook's Browne and tea or coffee.

Reservations and payment required by Jan 13. Make checks payable to Newcomers/Longtimers

Wednesday, Feb 10 Windrose- \$35

Grilled pork tenderloin, chicken dijon or sauteed tilapia "Provincial"; includes creamy yukon mashed potatoes, seasonal vgs and New York cheesecake. Reservations and payment required by Feb 7. Make checks payable to Newcomers/Longtimers.

MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

Cards & Games - Debby Nickless 573-374-0779

Luncheons - Vickie Faulstich 573-280-7223

Happy Hours - Sue Bleigh

Dining Out - Katy Kirn 573-693-9304

Bunco - Linda Corning 573-375-0696

Movie Days - Vee Jay Groce 573-692-3567

Singles Night - Jan Weeks 573-365-7072

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Happy Hour 4:00 JJ Twigs	6	7 Cards & Games 10:00 Osage Nationsl	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 10:00	15	16
17 Dining Out 6:00 JB Hooks	18	19	20	21 Luncheon 11:00 Camden on the Lake	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Bunco 11:00 Golden Corral	29	30
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February 2016

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	1	2 Happy Hour 4:00 Wobbly Boots	3	4 Cards & Games 10:00 Camden on the Lake	5	6 Single Ladies' Night OUt
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