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&  
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# WELCOME

## N/L's New Board Members

OUR DIAMOND YEAR!

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP & GIVING!

Hello Ladies!

Jackie Zimmerman,  
President

It's hard to believe that our club is celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> year here at the Lake of the Ozark. 60 years of sharing friendship and giving back to our community.

I want to THANK all of our past and present members for their hard work and charitable giving. Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to make the impact on our community that we have.

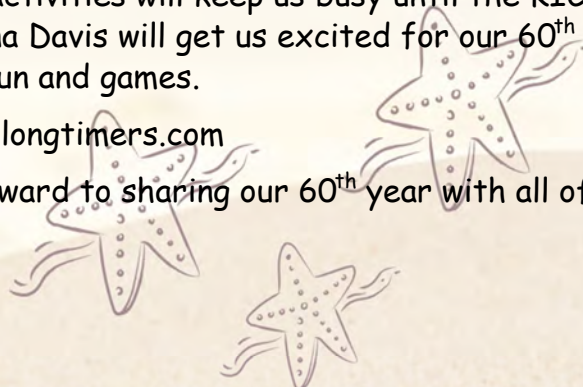
I would also like to THANK everyone who has said "yes" to being a part of the Board, "yes" to volunteering to chair an event or activity, and "yes" to helping Newcomers/Longtimers continue to grow and help our community. I'm so excited to serve you this year and look forward to all the wonderful things we do together!

Watch your email for Evites throughout the summer for Happy Hours, Everybody's Bunco, Ladies Bunco, and Book Clubs. These activities will keep us busy until the KICK-OFF in September when Marti Gambill and Gina Davis will get us excited for our 60<sup>th</sup> year of a calendar full of all our fall and winter fun and games.

Please check out the website: [newcomerslongtimers.com](http://newcomerslongtimers.com)

The BEST IS YET TO COME!! I look forward to sharing our 60<sup>th</sup> year with all of you incredible ladies!

Many Blessings,  
Jackie



# MEET '25-'26 EXECUTIVE BOARD!



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# IT WAS A “MUDDER”



BUT

The hats were stunning!

The juleps were minty!

The food was tasty!

And we made a nice profit of **\$3244.59**  
for the Julie Lane-VanMeter  
Scholarship fund!

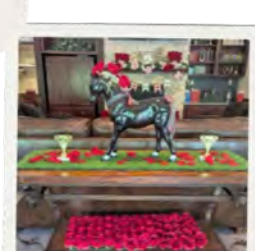
Two years ago while at a happy hour, Lou Thoma (Barb) suggested a Kentucky Derby party and I volunteered to head up the event. It was such a success last year that it was decided we would do it again. As Fundraiser chair, I can't say thank you enough to everyone who helped out whether it be planning, preparing food, decorating, working in the kitchen, selling "games" and everything in between. Chris VanMeter stepped in again this year as our Master of Ceremonies. I am so pleased he agreed to do so as this event was to raise money for the scholarship fund named after his wife and N/L's former president, Julie. The evening was filled with "playing the ponies", hat contest, raffles, cork pull & sipping on Mint Juleps! Chris made sure everything ran smoothly & kept everyone engaged. Did you meet the bartender? That was my daughter, Lori, who came from Iowa to help out this year as she did last year. Last of all thanks to all who attended! It wouldn't have been a success without you!

Patti Cook  
Special Activities





# Run for the Roses



# The Julie Lane-van Meter Memorial Scholarship Finalists

Thank you all for helping us reach our \$10,000 scholarship goal. You dug deep, bought lots of raffle tickets, supported our fundraising activities and made it happen. Each of these students received a \$2500 scholarship at the May luncheon.

Misty Conklin is from Gravois Mills. She is married and has two grown children. She is a 1994 graduate of Versailles High School. Her full-time employment is as a paraprofessional at Morgan County R2 Little Tigers Early Learning Center. She works part-time as a substitute janitor at the same school.

She said that after her second week working as a paraprofessional, she knew she wanted to become a preschool teacher and work in the special education department.

Her plan is to get an associates degree at the end of 2026 and then transfer to Columbia College to acquire a bachelors degree.

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Shawn Cochran lives in Camdenton. He attended Camdenton High School and Lake Career and Technical Center finishing up in May 2024. Finishing his education he went to work at the Center of Behavior and Health as a Behavioral Health Tech. In November 2024 he was a Health Unit Coordinator at Lake Regional.

He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and plans to work as a licensed mental health professional or a psychiatric nurse practitioner. He aims to support individual facing personal hardships. This scholarship will help alleviate financial burdens and enable him to focus on his studies and continue his commitment to helping others overcome their challenges.

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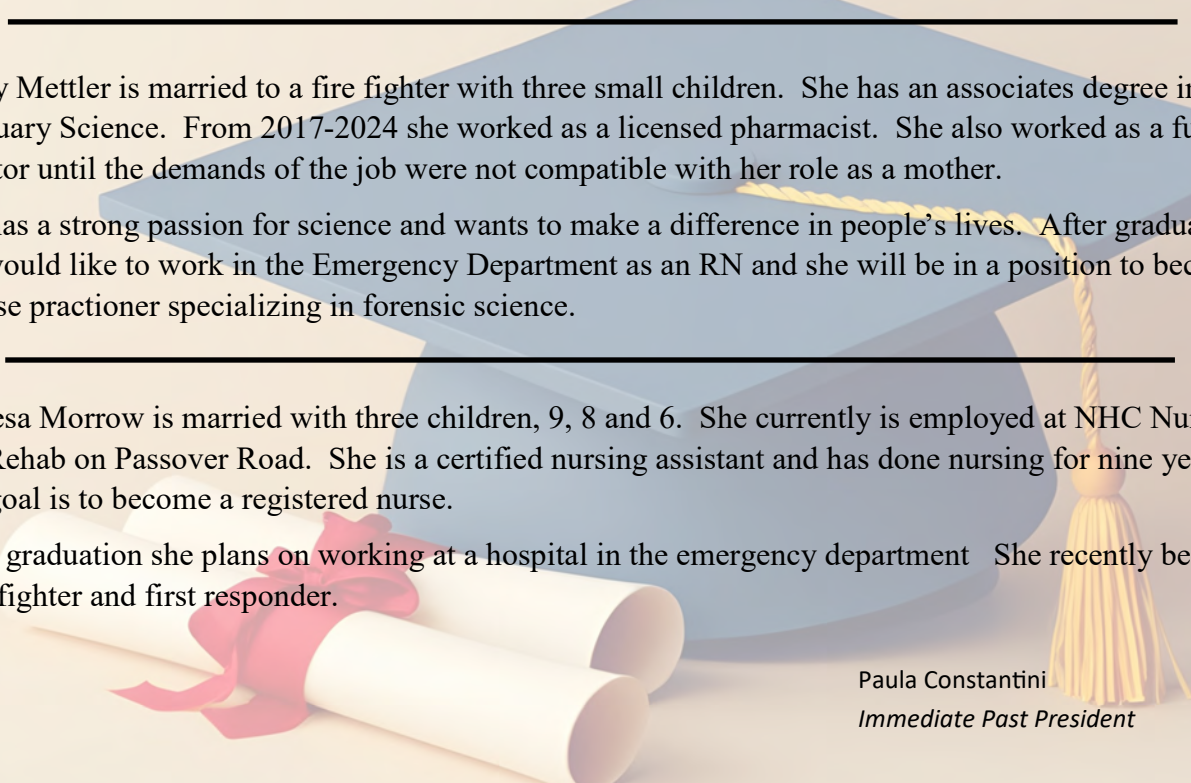
Emily Mettler is married to a fire fighter with three small children. She has an associates degree in Mortuary Science. From 2017-2024 she worked as a licensed pharmacist. She also worked as a funeral director until the demands of the job were not compatible with her role as a mother.

She has a strong passion for science and wants to make a difference in people's lives. After graduation she would like to work in the Emergency Department as an RN and she will be in a position to become a nurse practitioner specializing in forensic science.

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Theresa Morrow is married with three children, 9, 8 and 6. She currently is employed at NHC Nursing and Rehab on Passover Road. She is a certified nursing assistant and has done nursing for nine years. Her goal is to become a registered nurse.

After graduation she plans on working at a hospital in the emergency department. She recently became a firefighter and first responder.



Paula Constantini  
Immediate Past President





## JUNE

- June 3 - Happy Hour H. Toads 4-6PM
- June 5 - Cards & Games, 10am-1pm,  
Osage Beach Sr. Center
- June 11 - Working Women  
(Last meeting until Sept)
- June 12 - Board Meeting, 10am,  
Osage Beach Library
- June 17 - Euchre, 5:30pm, Dierbergs
- June 18 - Everybody Buncos, 3:30-7pm  
(TBD)
- June 26 - Ladies Bunco, 11am-2pm,  
Osage Beach Sr. Center

## JULY

- July 1 - Happy Hour (TBD) 4-6PM
- July 3 - Cards & Games,  
10am-1pm,  
Osage Beach Sr. Center
- July 10 - Board Meeting, 10am,  
Osage Beach Library
- July 15 - Euchre, 5:30pm,  
Dierbergs
- July 24 - Ladies Bunco, 11am-2pm,  
Osage Beach Sr. Center

## Good News!!!

Joanne Glantz has graciously *accepted* the position for next season as Pickleball Activity Chair and will also host during the summer. .

Every Monday 3-5pm at Community Christian Church in Camden

**June Pickle Ball Dates**, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

**July Pickle Ball Dates**, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

Karen Leary  
*Retiring Pickle Ball Chair*





## *Wine, Boards & Easter Vibes*

On Friday, April 18th, N/L members gathered at the picturesque Riverbird Winery in-Camdenton for a delightful afternoon of wine and creativity, kicking off the Easterweek-end with style and flavor.

Hosted by Bestside Boxes and Boards, the exclusive Charcuterie Class offered the nineteen (19) attendees more than just a typical food arrangement experience. Unlike traditional charcuterie boards, this session focused on crafting vibrant and diverse grazing boards—perfect for Easter celebrations. Each participant created their own festive board filled with a delicious array of ingredients, ideal to take home and share with friends and family.

Set against the scenic backdrop of Riverbird Winery, guests were welcomed with their first glass of wine before diving into hands-on instruction. All supplies and ingredients were provided, making the event not only enjoyable but also stress-free.

The combination of gourmet bites, good company, and a beautiful location made this class a memorable way to embrace the holiday spirit. For those who attended, it was more than a workshop—it was a chance to unwind, get inspired, and celebrate community.

Our special activities are designed not only to create unforgettable memories but also to strengthen our Newcomers Longtimers community. By participating, you'll discover new passions, connect with fellow members, and contribute to experiences that make our-group vibrant and meaningful. Every event is an opportunity to grow, have fun, and make a difference—so don't miss out on what's ahead. Your energy, creativity, and presence are what make these moments truly special!

Photos on the next page!

Dee Long  
*Special Activities Chair*



## A RELAXING AFTERNOON AT RIVERBIRD WINERY







We are absolutely thrilled to have them join our wonderful community and eagerly anticipate many joyous activities and delightful gatherings together!

Julie Valenti lives in Camdenton with her husband Greg. She is interested in Bunco, Hapy Hour, Pickleball, Brunch, and Book Club

Judy McMurray lives in Sunrise Beach with her husband Pat. She is interested in Bunco, Hapy Hour, Pickleball, Brunch, Book Club, Crafts, and luncheons.

Shelia Snyder lives in Fayetteville, AR with her husband Tom. She is interested in Bunco, Hapy Hour, Pickleball, Brunch, and Book Club

Amy Lovig  
Membership Chair

### ***DUES ARE DUE***

Thank you for your continued support and membership! We are now collecting dues for the 2025/2026 season. The membership fee is \$30, and you have the convenience of paying at any of our events. Alternatively, if you prefer to mail your payment, please send it to **Amy Lovig at 1205 W Harbour Towne Dr, Lake Ozark, MO 65049**. Your timely payment helps us maintain and improve the services and events we offer. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to another great season together!



# CRAFTY LADIES MAKE A BIG SPLASH

The Crafty Ladies' final craft class before the summer hiatus was a vibrant celebration of color and creativity, as participants transformed ordinary wooden trays into stunning fruit-themed artworks. With the sweet hues of juicy watermelons and the zesty brightness of lemons, each tray became a cheerful summer masterpiece, perfect for adding a splash of color to any barbecue, picnic, or leisurely backyard day. As the class wrapped up, the room buzzed with excitement and a shared sense of accomplishment, sending everyone off with warm wishes for a bright and creatively inspired summer ahead.

Teri Valladolid  
Michelle Clauson  
*Crafty Ladies Co-Chairs*







# EXCITING NEWS!

The Book Clubs now make  
up one third of our  
membership!

Please welcome new  
book club members,  
**Debbie Knopke** and  
**Pam Petropoulos** to  
*The Boozy Bookworms.*

## The Book Nook

Here is what our book clubs are reading!

### **Between the Covers**

*She's Not Sorry* by Mary Kubica, Rating 4

She is a best-selling author on NY Times, Amazon and Goodreads. She specializes in the mystery, thriller genre. She has been translated into 30 languages and has sold over 20 million copies. She is a high school history teacher and uses a very unique writing style of adding many bits, pieces and characters to the story and lets the many twists and turns suddenly reveal the Big Ending to HER as she writes.

The author herself said her main theme was to address the major fears of all women such as being stalked, mugged, kidnapped etc. This might have been the most interesting discussion we have had on all of our books. It had 3 different sections, two different timeframes, and characters with two different names. There were misdirection's everywhere. There was a long discussion on the title of who was the she. In the end it could have been every woman in the book.

Our own reviews were as diverse as they have ever been.

### **Book Babes**

*The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn.

*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

*The Boyfriend* by Frieda McFadden.

### **Boozy Bookworms**

*48 Clues Into The Disappearance of My Sister* by Joyce Carol Oates, Rating 3

We had a great time today discussing 48 CLUES INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MY SISTER by Joyce Carol Oates. This was a "creepy mystery" where a woman mysteriously vanishes from her small-town home, and her sister must tally up the clues to uncover the truth behind the mystery. The fate of the missing beauty slowly comes to light in this suspenseful story about



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the complex relationship between the two sisters. Just "ok" and did not inspire to immediately read more of this author.

## **Ozarks Bookies**

*All the Colors of the Dark*, by Chris Whitaker,  
Rating 4

The book follows two teenagers, Patch and Saint, whose lives are forever changed by a traumatic event in their small town. Patch, a young boy with one eye, saves a girl from a kidnapping, but is taken instead, becoming a missing person. Saint, his best friend, dedicates years to finding him, leading to a decades-long search spanning multiple perspectives and revealing truths that could change their lives forever. The story explores themes of trauma, loss, love, and obsession, weaving together a missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, and a love story. We really enjoyed the book.



*The Grace Year* by Kim Ligget, Rating 4

The book is about sixteen-year-old Tierney, along with other girls from Garner County, is sent into exile for a year, believed to be a time to expel their dangerous magic. This tradition is fueled by the fear that girl's skin emits a powerful, aphrodisiacal force. Not only did we have a lively discussion about the book but we debated who should play the parts, should this book ever be made into a movie. We thought the book was very well written.

## **Read Between the Wines**

*The Wife*, by Alafair Burke, Rating 4

A stunning domestic thriller in the vein of *Behind Closed Doors* and *The Woman in Cabin 10* - in which a woman must make the impossible choice between defending her husband and saving herself.

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When Angela met Jason Powell while catering a dinner party in East Hampton, she assumed their romance would be a short-lived fling, like so many relationships between locals and summer visitors. To her surprise, Jason, a brilliant economics professor at NYU, had other plans, and they married the following summer. For Angela, the marriage turned out to be a chance to reboot her life. She and her son were finally able to move out of her mother's home to Manhattan, where no one knew about her tragic past.



Mary Stewart  
Corresponding Secretary  
Book Clubs Chair

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## Community Awareness

Our charity for April was Our Father's Table . We presented them with a check for \$405.00 for this great service organization! I was thrilled, and so were they. They said this would provide over 250 meals for those facing food insecurity. Thanks to all who attended the luncheon!

Gina Davis  
Community Awareness Co-Chair



*Installation of Officers  
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# SUMMER READING *List*



List of 20 websites where you can download unlimited books for free:

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15. Bookyards
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17. eBookLobby
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19. LibriVox
20. ManyBooks

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# Get Well Soon

Anita Kness (Bill)

Vickie Faulstich

Paula Constantini

Christine Leon

Nettie Straight

Jackie Hiebert (Bob)

# Thinking of You

Danielle Moore

(The Roaming Gypsy Boutique)

Thank You For Your Contribution To The Scholarship Fund

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