

NEWCOMERS/LONGTIMERS NEWS & VIEWS



Debby Nickless,
2020-21 N/L President

From the President's Perspective

Spring is around the corner!! Before long you will see the Daffodils and Tulips pop up. Spring to me is a "rebirth.". It gives me a feeling of optimism for the year to come. We have survived the pandemic and frigid temperatures. Hallelujah!!!

The Board voted at its February meeting to look at starting up activities in April. Keep your eyes open for the Evites which will begin to hit your email box. The reasoning behind this decision was that a lot of our members will have had their shots by April 1 (hopefully). There will still be some of the "youngsters" who will not be vaccinated and we understand that. At the events, there may be some Covid-related safeguards. If the venues have in place a protocol to follow, we will adopt and follow their guidelines. We still ask members to be safe and use their best judgment when participating. Our goal is to have fun and see friends safely!!

In May, we are putting together plans for a Road Rally. This will be an outdoor event with somewhere between 5 and 10 stops around the lake. The stops will be places of interest selected just for you. It will be a way to have fun and be outside for the most part. This will replace the Home Tour for this year and will be available to members only as a test run to see if this could be a fund raiser on a larger scale in the years to come. Oh yes....there may be a prize or two!!!

Stay tuned for more fun to come.....and

remember to watch for your Evites!

Happy Spring!! Look forward to seeing you soon!!!



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COMMUNITY AWARENESS SPOTLIGHT



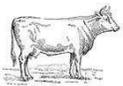
Kids' Harbor, Inc. is a child advocacy center serving the Lake of the Ozarks area in Central Missouri, Fort Leonard Wood, and surrounding areas. This agency assists victims of child abuse and their safe caregivers as they make their way through the difficult and often frightening process of a child abuse investigation.

Kids' Harbor was established in Camdenton, Missouri by a task force of concerned community members in 2001. A satellite office in St. Robert, Missouri was opened in 2005 and the Camdenton office moved to Osage Beach, Missouri in 2006. Both centers are nationally accredited by the National Children's Alliance.

Services are provided at no cost to children (ages 0-18) who are referred by Children's Division of Missouri Department of Social Services, Juvenile Authorities, and /or Law Enforcement. Most referrals involve reports of sexual abuse but also include physical and emotional abuse as well as physical and medical neglect, witnesses to violence and drug endangered children. Services are designed to begin at the onset of the

investigation. Early intervention and support have been shown to lessen the traumatic consequences that a child may experience during the criminal justice process.

Executive Director, Cara Gerdiman states "In 2020, we had 731 referrals for service. We conducted 455 Forensic Interviews and 503 Forensic Medical Exams. Since last July, we've had 169 referrals for counseling. We carried 99 children already enrolled in counseling services into 2021. As of mid-January, we have already processed 10 new counseling referrals, with several other referrals pending. Our current counseling waiting list has 49 children waiting for services. With only three counselors, we process those children into services as soon as we can while still ensuring our high-quality services are maintained for those already enrolled in services. These children on our waiting list are getting regular check-ins from our advocates or counseling program manager." Recent donations from Daybreak Rotary and Community Foundation of the Lake have helped mitigate the shortage of counselors.



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There is a way for us in the community to help Kid's Harbor. Their ongoing efforts to fund raise during a pandemic requires some new approaches. Thanks to Walden Farms, Tom's Meat Market, and Facelift Marketing & Design, you can be the lucky recipient of a side of beef (about 400 pounds) . Don't have the freezer space? Share with family and friends! Raffle tickets for a side of beef are now available at www.kidsharbormo.org Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Two winners will be chosen on March 25. All proceeds will benefit this great nonprofit.

MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITY NEWS

Based on the results of the survey conducted last month, the board has made the decision to slowly start introducing activities for those that are comfortable attending. We are excited to see everyone once again! Here are the first events scheduled for the near future. Bear in mind that all activities are subject to any restrictions necessary to keep our members safe and comfortable, and may be changed or canceled based on unanticipated surges in Covid cases.

Road Rally "In the Cards" for May

We are blowing off the dust this PANDEMIC brought to NL during our 2020-2021 season. In place of the Home Tour, we will have a road rally - poker run fundraising event!!!

Stay turned for future details; this will be a wonderful way to start getting back out there in and around our beautiful lake area during spring blooms.



It's Showtime! Luncheons to Resume in April

NL's first "post lockdown" luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 15 at Ozark Yacht Club. The board is working on some great programs for our remaining luncheons so please keep an eye on your email – an Evite with all the details will be coming out soon.

April is also the month when the board presents the slate of officers for the following season for membership approval. We look forward to introducing you to your 2021-22 leadership team!



"Outdoor Venue" Happy Hour on Tap for April

NL is working with local bars and restaurants to arrange for outdoor happy hours commencing next month, weather permitting. The first event is scheduled for April 6. Please watch for the Evite to be released in the near future with all the details.



I FINALLY FIGURED OUT
WHAT I WANT TO BE
WHEN I GET OLDER...

...YOUNGER.



A Little St. Pat's Fun!

Don't Rain on Our Parade!

Since around the ninth or tenth century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. However, the first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.



More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.



Saint Patrick's Day Word Scramble

1. TOP _____
2. GIMAC _____
3. SRCAMKMO _____
4. ACMHR _____
5. UKLC _____
6. IKCRPTA _____
7. TSINA _____
8. LODG _____
9. REAILND _____
10. LCETCI _____
11. HIRIS _____
12. RAEADP _____
13. SELEV _____
14. UENUFRT _____
15. ISWH _____
16. KOELROFL _____
17. LEHUREPANC _____
18. WAOBNRI _____
19. OLRECV _____
20. EGNRE _____