



# Le Bon Mot



News letter for the John R Mott Chapter of YMCA Retirees of Iowa and Nebraska

## May/June 2024 Newsletter

### *Mama Mia!*



The Mott Spring meeting held in Newton, Iowa and hosted by Marv and Connie was a classic (like ABBA) success. The Jasper County Concert Association housed the 20 members and community on April 14 for an ABBAFAB tribute band concert. The crowd was a little shy at first but quickly warmed up to the familiar tunes and 1970's costumes. The group had no problem singing along and clapping to the beat.

After the concert the group convened for a social hour at Gezellig Brewery located on the Legacy Plaza of the former Maytag headquarters complex and dinner at Okoboji Grille.

*Here we go again! My My  
How can I resist ya!!*



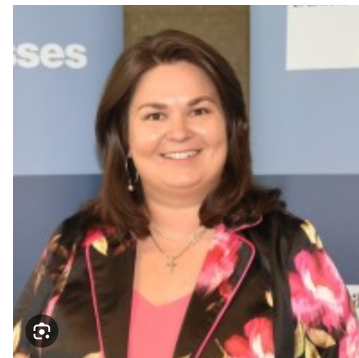
Karron Wands, Mary Ching, Jack/MaryCarol Fish, Janis Berry, Mary/Hazel Coates, Jon/Lynne Springer, Marv Z, John Shepherd, Rich Schoffelman, Bill Ching, Bruce Wands



Monday morning the group met at the Newton YMCA and was welcomed by CEO Lucas Hughes. Lucas gave the group an overview of the current Y and highlighted the Safety in Water program, a 1 week learn how to swim and water safety program free to all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Newton.



Top left to right: Lynne/Jon Springer, Hank/Jo Bagelmann, Mary Carol/Jack Fish  
 Bottom left to right: Mary Carol/Jack Fish, Mary/Hazel Coates, Janis Berry, Rich Schoffelman.



The keynote speaker was Sveta Miller from the OPEN program in Newton in support of Ukrainian Women. She spoke of their culture and shared a Ukrainian Honey cake with us. The group could purchase some of their traditional crafts and foods. The Mott Chapter also voted to donate to the OPEN organization.

Above: President Marv Zimmemann and Bruce Wands.

*Refresh, Connect, and Relax!*

**The Mott Chapter Officers**  
**Look Forward to Seeing You !!**

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**Monthly Celebrations**



*Spring has Sprung!!*

Anniversaries: May		
Dave & Connie Snow		05/28
June		
Hank & Jo Bagelmann		06/09
Jon & Lynne Springer		06/10
Birthdays: May		
Jim Weaton		05/11
Hazel Coates 90 <sup>th</sup>		05/14
Vicky Roux		05/16
Marv Zimmermann		05/18
Janis Berry		05/26
June		
Jan Lauterbach		06/06
Dave Snow		06/11
Scottie Soczek		06/13
Joe Soczek		06/19
Connie Snow		06/20

**Save the dates**

The fall Mott Chapter meeting will be held in Washington and Kalona Iowa hosted by Jack and Mary Carol Fish. The proposed dates are Oct 15-16. Our tour will focus on the Mennonite settlements in that area.

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Our Mott Chapter goal is 100 % participation in all Alumni organizations. Thank you for your support!