



Le Bon Mot



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

March/April Newsletter 20121

✚ **ZOOM** is coming! Join us for a zoom meeting April 21st at 2:00 pm hosted by our Presidents Jon and Lynn Springer and tech support Jim Weaton. It will be great to see your smiling faces! Jim will be sending a link.

We had 12 Mott members sign in to our zoom meeting on January 13th. It was great to see real faces and hear the voices of our friends. Our hour was spent mostly doing the round table talks so everyone could catch up on the activities and interests that keep us going during these restricted times. The only point of business addressed was the request from the National Project for a seed money gift, which was presented and voted to approve.

✚ **EAF** I will include the end of the 2020 year end report that I received from Rich Schoffelman. The Mott Chapter donations were \$1800.00 which is \$100 more than the 2019 and, since 2015, the second highest. "A sincere thanks is due to our wonderful members."

WORLD SERVICE

Hank Bagelmann challenged the Mott Chapter members (during the zoom meeting) to achieve 100% participation in their donations.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

"Thank you for the Mott Chapters's vote of confidence to make a very generous \$200 seed gift to the project. Thank you to Jim Weaton, for making this presentation (during the zoom meeting) in my absence."
Nick Zimmer

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

"The Spring meeting of the Mott Chapter will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 pm. I hope all of you will be able to be there. We will have our Spring business meeting at this time with reports etc. We will also talk about what and where we can hold our Fall meeting. Hopefully the pandemic will allow us to meet in person. We have really missed being able to fellowship with all of you."

"Getting a vaccine for us has been a challenge. For those of you who want shots, I hope you have had better luck than we have. I pray that all of you are staying safe and healthy."

Jon Springer Mott Chapter President

March/ April Celebrations

Anniversaries: None

March Birthdays: Judy Thornton 03/23

Nick Zimmer 03/31

April Birthdays: Betty Buckley 04/04

Lynne Springer 04/05

Connie Zimmemann 04/08

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS BUT KEEP
THE OLD. ONE IS SILVER AND
THE OTHER GOLD.**

Here is a note from Chuck and Bonnie Pletke. “Bonnie and I believe our first involvement with the Mott Chapter was at the downtown Des Moines YMCA in 1996. Since that time our Chapter has evolved from a one day meeting event to a day and one half meeting and tour/entertainment gathering.

We began meeting twice a year in the early 2000. Our chapter has been involved in outings from: Lincoln, Nebraska (west), to Davenport, Iowa (east), and Forest City, Iowa (north) and Branson, Missouri (south.) The programs included witnessing service dogs being trained to hearing about aircraft maintenance (always interesting), with the meeting agenda taking second place to our primary focus of renewing friendships. What a great way to stay connected!”



Chuck and Bonnie Pletke

Greetings from Jim and Barb Sturms.

“Jim and I have been members of the Mott Chapter for over twenty five years. Those first years were very slim, but they kept meeting every April for lunch usually at the Amana Colonies. Jim came home from our first meeting as President! In fact, Jim served for many years as President. We have had a long run. Due to our current health, we are not active members now, but we still pay dues.”

As a side note, Marv and I visited with Barb and Jim last spring. It is always a joy to be met with such enthusiasm and openness. Barb’s needlework was resting on the front table and an in depth discussion of the rules of playing cribbage occupied our conversation. The time went by quickly as it always does when you are catching up with our Y Alum family.



Jim and Barb Sturms

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Look Forward to Seeing You !!

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