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Does the robin sing because the cold of winter is leaving, or the warmth of spring is coming? Or might he be singing because each without the other would lessen both? Mark Twain

President's Message from David Motherwell

I would like to thank everyone who has expressed condolences for the loss of my sister in Alabama. In the coming months, I will be traveling back and forth to settle her estate in Alabama. However, I plan to be here on April 9 to welcome the Quad Cities ambassadors. For those interested in the Knoxville Outbound trip in October, please continue to submit your applications. I will answer any questions you may have when we get closer to the date when applications will be forwarded to our Inbound host. Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

QUAD CITIES INBOUND JOURNEY WELCOME LUNCH

As a special opportunity for our members to meet our Quad Cities friends, we will have a **Welcome Lunch on Tuesday**, **April 9, 12:30 pm** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (6337 Clayton Rd., Clayton 63117)

Please bring \$5 *and a salad (A-M) or side dish (N-Z) to serve six; the main dish and dessert will be supplied.*

Parking: On Clayton road, enter the driveway to the right of the church for 12 parking spots plus 3 handicapped accessible spots **or**, park on Clayton Road. **Enter** through the back door on the alley behind the church.

Please email or call/text Maria Carson if you are planning to attend the lunch. (marcar1914@gmail.com).

SOCIAL EVENTS

To RSVP for or inquire about a social event please do not reply to this email but contact the chairperson for that event. And please remember that an RSVP is important for all activities because in the event of a change or cancellation, a notification will go out just to those who have signed up for the activity.

In order that all members are able to participate in and enjoy time with our Quad City friends, **Movie Group** and **International Coffee** will not meet in April. Watch for May details for both groups to be posted in the May email.

The **Book Group** discussion of, 'America Ramble - a Walk of Memory and Renewal,' by Neil King Jr. will be held on Tuesday April 23 at 1 pm (lower level of Dierbergs on Manchester east of I-270). Please contact David Motherwell if you plan to attend.

Let's Eat Out! If you have a favorite restaurant you'd like to share with other members as a **LEO**, please contact Barbara H. Robinson to schedule your month.

Welcome to new members Ron O'Rielly and Patricia (Trish) Rikli. Please add their contact information to your directory.

Ron O'Reilly <u>ronoreilly11@gmail.com</u>

Patricia (Trish) Rikli <u>enidmare1965@gmail.com</u>

Journeys

QUAD CITIES INBOUND JOURNEY

As our club hosts an inbound journey for the Quad Cities Club April 9-12, it would be wonderful if all our members would participate in some way in this time of fun and friendship. There are a variety of roles to fill and enjoy as we showcase our great city and lifestyle for our friends. For further details, contact our journey coordinators, Stephen Wolfe and Maria Carson at <u>marcar1914@gmail.com</u>.

David Motherwell is accepting applications for the outbound journey to the Friendship Force club in Knoxville, TN, October 24–29, 2024.

Mary Lou Hudson is planning an outbound journey to the Friendship Force club in San Francisco for spring of 2025, specific dates to be determined.

Whatever springtime calls you to enjoy - walks outside, gardening, outdoor sports, lunch on a patio - do enjoy and savor the newness of it all!