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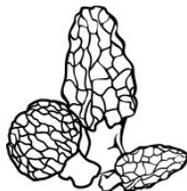
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women worldwide
through service
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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

April Showers bring May flowers.... and mushrooms! One of my favorite spring activities is combing the woods for more mushrooms. The first one I find (if I do find one) assures me good luck for the entire year.

(At least that is what I tell myself.) I have found a few but my neighbor has found *pounds* of mushrooms. I'm wondering if his good luck is expanding into my woods! With or without mushrooms I hope you all have a blessed spring and year!



I am excited for our May program. Boone County Sheriff Michael Nielsen

will tell us about the issues that women face in jail. We have guests from the Frankfort club attending, as they are considering starting a service project for women in their jail system.

We will also have an installation ceremony for Directors who will be joining the board in June. Incoming Directors for the 2015-2017 term are Ashley Shepherd and Debbie Holloman. Christine Sterle will also be installed, recently joining the board for the 2014-2016 biennium term.

At the April meeting I asked for suggestions to help address and resolve some of the club concerns submitted in March.

Thank you for your suggestions. The board has reviewed them and discussed possible solutions. They are listed on page 2 of the May meeting agenda, which is now included in the newsletter mailing. If time permits, we will have a brief discussion at the meeting on these ideas and any others that you may have.

Please remember that club dues are due at the May meeting. *If they are not paid at the meeting, then a \$15 late fee will be added.*

I am looking forward to seeing you all on May 6th at the REMC building!



MAY MEETING

Program:

Women's Jail Issues
presented by
Boone County Sheriff
Mike Nielsen

Where: **Boone REMC**
1207 Indianapolis Ave.

When: **May 6 at 6pm**
Dinner: Catered by Theresa Gordon

Cost: **\$12.00**
RSVP regrets to Debbie at 765-894-2054 or
dholloman.quality@comcast.net by 2pm Monday

Save the dates!

Club Meeting
May 6

Dues Deadline
May 6

Board Meeting
May 19

June Club Meeting
June 3

Zonta Says NO! Walk
October 3

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is celebrated in some form in many countries all over the world. In the US, the celebration was initially developed in 1868 as a "Mother's Friendship Day" to reconnect families that had been divided during the Civil War. There were observances in the 1870s and 1880s, but none took hold to become an official holiday.

"In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis with the help of Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker following the death of her mother, Ann Jarvis, on May 9, 1905."

Much to the chagrin of its founder, the holiday became a commercial success. Ann Jarvis spent much of her life campaigning against the holiday. She especially objected to the practice of purchasing mass-produced Mother's Day greeting cards, and thought that mothers were deserving of a hand-crafted card or personal note.

Source: Wikipedia.org



WOMEN IN PRISON

The number of men in American prisons has doubled in the past 20 years; the number of women incarcerated in the U.S.—now approaching a million—has quintupled during the same period. Here are some resources for those wanting to learn more about the unique challenges women face in the prison systems.

***A World Apart: Women, Prison, and Life Behind Bars* by Cristina Rathbone** - Women reveal the agonies of separation from family, and the prevalence of depression, and of sexual predation, and institutional malaise behind bars. But they also share their more personal hopes and concerns.

***Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* by Piper Kerman** - From her first strip search to her final release, Kerman learns to navigate this strange world with its strictly enforced codes of behavior and arbitrary rules. She meets women from all walks of life, who surprise her with small tokens of generosity, hard words of wisdom, and simple acts of acceptance.

Inside This Place, Not of It: Narratives from Women's Prisons - People in U.S. prisons are routinely subjected to physical, sexual, and mental abuse. While this has been documented in male prisons, women in prison often suffer in relative anonymity. *Women Inside* addresses this critical social justice issue, empowering incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women to share the stories that have previously been silenced.

The book above are available on Amazon; the first two titles may be placed on hold through your Boone County public libraries.

*"When you are deep in misery, you reach out to those who can help,
people who can understand." ~ Piper Kerman*

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