



Metro Women's Network

Des Moines, Iowa

June 2018

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21

Noah's Ark 2400 Ingersoll Ave. 288-2246

Entrees:

--6 oz Top Sirloin with
mashed potatoes, chef's
medley choice, OR

--1/2 Chicken, broiled with
mashed potatoes, chef's
medley choice, OR

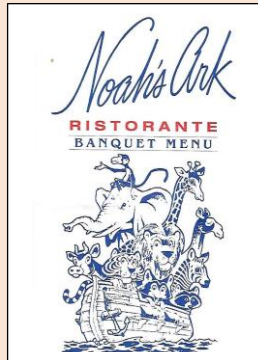
--Orange roughy, broiled with rice pilaf, chef's
medley choice, OR

--Vegetable Rigatoni Prima Vera

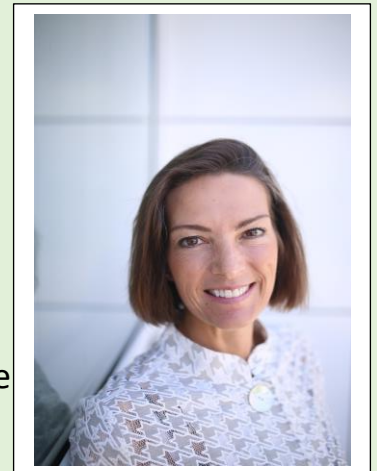
Dessert - Tiramisu

All served with tossed salads (creamy Italian,
French, oily Italian), bread/rolls, coffee, iced tea,
and dessert.

CASH BAR - including soda pop



Dorothy's House is a Welcomed Place in Des Moines



Kellie Markey was raised
in Iowa, is a Dowling High
School and Central College
alum. She spent most of
her career in marketing

for agencies and companies in Chicago and the
San Francisco Bay Area - ending with 5 years at
eBay. She returned to the Des Moines Area in
2011 and turned to volunteerism as a way to
connect with the community.

As a result of her experiences in volunteerism and
foster care, Kellie Markey has dedicated the last
several years to raising awareness, advocating and
caring for survivors of sex trafficking and
exploitation. In 2016 she opened the doors of
Dorothy's House to provide a safe place for the
practice of life for those girls whose lives have
been interrupted by these crimes.

Join us to learn and share this important
information!

RSVP before Monday noon, 6/18, at
www.mwniowa.org/calendar. Dinner
fee is \$30. Guests are \$35.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Last month we heard from Jan Milroy from Living History Farms. The question for the evening was, "What do you consider a hidden gem in Iowa?" We had many wonderful answers from the view Mary had from her backyard of the Skunk River valley to West Bend Grotto to RAGBRAI to the Des Moines Artfest. There is another hidden gem in Iowa, and that's the people. We have the "Iowa nice," and we are always ready to help another human being.

This month's speaker will help us to "arm" ourselves to help even more. We'll have a speaker from Dorothy's House. This is an organization that helps fight human and sex trafficking. This is a hot and heavy topic as the State Fair is a top spot in the nation for this. We need to get our "Iowa nice" in gear and learn how to fight it. Come to Noah's on Ingersoll for a wonderful meal, great company and learn how to put our "Iowa nice" to work.

Joyce Whipps
President

Going for it!

Remember, if you attend all MWN meetings in 2018 (including our holiday social), you may win a free membership for next year! Anyone who comes to all scheduled meetings throughout the year will have her name put into a drawing at our December gathering. The winner gets a free membership for 2019. Let's do it!

Check out our Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/MWNIowa/>.

Check out our website at
www.mwniowa.org



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End Human Trafficking*

- On any given day, 150 children are being sex-trafficked in Iowa. During special events like the State Fair, Drake Relays, etc. that number increases by 5 times.
- Approximately 300,000 children are at risk of being prostituted in the U.S. (U.S. Dept. of Justice)
- The average age of entry into prostitution for a child in the U.S. is 13-14. (U.S. Dept. of Justice)
- A pimp can make \$150,000 - \$200,000 per child each year. The average pimp has 4 - 6 girls. (U.S. Dept. of Justice)
- The average victim may be forced to have sex up to 20-48 times a day. (Polaris Project)
- Fewer than 100 beds are available in the U.S. for underage victims. (Health and Human Services)
- One in three teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. (National Runaway Hotline)

This is occurring in Des Moines, in every neighborhood and school district – the same place that we live and raise families. Dorothy's House is a local home campus with residential and non-residential staff who are trained to provide a safe, therapeutic, healing home environment for girls with a specific trauma/abuse profile in order to provide a customized healing solution based on the specific needs that type of trauma presents.

Dorothy's House mission is to provide a safe place for the practice of life for those teen and youth girls whose lives have been interrupted by sex trafficking and exploitation.

Dorothy's House has a vision to provide girls a chance to recover their bodies, hearts, souls and voices with a holistic approach to services in as close to a forever home environment as possible. Learn more about Dorothy's House at www.dorothyshouse.org.

*excerpts from DM Junior League's website
https://www.jldesmoines.org/?nd=ending_human_trafficking

Upcoming meetings:

June 21

July (no meeting)

August 16

September 20

October 18

December 6 (first Thursday)

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year!

We hope to see you at all of them!

Why not invite a friend to the next MWN meeting and share this fun with someone!



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More Interesting Stuff

Memberships can be completed at <http://www.jotform.us/form/91801357671> or in person at our meeting!

Guest, Dues, and Attendee Policy Guests may attend for \$35. Membership annual dues (\$40 by check or pay pal) cover the year of 2018 (January thru December). New members joining after January will pay a prorated amount for the rest of the year. Reservations made but not attended will be expected to pay the dinner fee.



The officers for 2018:

President: Joyce Whipps
Vice President: Maureen Mitchell
Secretary: Chris Duncan
Treasurer: Barb Hawbaker
At large: Anna Bradley, Janet Seeberger

Also, serving on the Programs committee are Connie Blodgett and Sherri Johnson. Lois O'Donnell will remain on newsletter/publicity.

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MWN Steering Committee Minutes

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- I. Call to Order: Called by: Joyce Whipps Date: June 7, 2018 Time: 5:30pm
- II. Treasurers Report: Reported by: Barb Hawbaker Account balance: \$1,569.41
- III. Programs Report: Reported by: Connie Blodgett, Sherri Johnson

Upcoming Programs:

June 21 Noah's Ark

Kellie Markey from Dorothy's House will discuss human trafficking and Dorothy's House's role

August 16th Urbandale Golf and Country Club

Kristi Knous, President of Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines will discuss workplace appreciation and touch on '90 ideas in 90 minutes', a program she was part of with other prominent city and company leaders.

Discussion was held on whether or not to have gift cards for these meetings.

September 20 is the Gals Night Out in combo with Stoddard in East Village. We need to make sure that emails are sent out in enough time to rsvp, especially for freebees. No formal meeting.

October 18 we'll be at Sam and Gabe's for our membership meeting. No menu yet. The restaurant has been sold so hope we can still be in the same room with the same quality of food and price.

IV. Publicity/Newsletter: Emails are being sent to invite members and guests to our June 21 meeting. Our Facebook page has been updated to have the invitation, also. Work continues on the design of our new website by Anna Bradley and more will be discussed later this summer.

V. New Business

Next meeting will involve updates on the new website.

VI. Next steering meeting: early July

Minutes taken by Chris Duncan, Secretary



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