

President's September Message

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and everyone is ready to start back to work to increase club memberships and get prepared for a busy 2020 campaign. I am happy to report we have increased our MoFRW membership and as of today, we have 913 members! Congratulations and welcome new members!

I know this is the time of year we think about renewing our memberships and collecting dues. I am asking that you wait until after your club president has received the updated 2020 Membership Transmittal Report to start collecting dues. On September 28th, 2019 the NFRW Board of Directors will be voting at the National Convention if there will be an increase in NFRW dues and when this will take effect. You will be advised of the changes in NFRW dues via email. Membership Chair Pat Lehman will email district and club presidents the new dues transmittal report.

I look forward to attending some of the District meetings, see and reading about others on our MoFRW Facebook page. Don't forget to email your pictures and information to Angie Stiffler at anstiffler@yahoo.com

Our clubs and districts are choosing their leaders for next year and leadership is so important to the growth of the MoFRW. There are leadership potentials in all of you so don't be afraid to hold a club or district office. Leaders are: Visionaries, Service Minded, Optimistic, Ethical, Creative, Role Models and Daring. There are many opportunities for each of you to be a leader, simply say "I will take that office or position".

Technology is now a major part of lives and the ability to communicate via email and the web is so important for all clubs. ALL clubs must have an email contact. NFRW only communicates via email and on the web and the MoFRW is following their model.

"It is like the buggy manufacturer in the late 1800s. Those who thought their job was to manufacture buggies fell by the wayside. Those who understood that their job was to provide transportation thrived. The world will move forward, the calendar will advance, the days will pass and the only question is whether we will be ready." And ALL MoFRW members said "YES".

September brings many festivals, parades and campaign events and I hope your club will participate because this is a great way to showcase the MOFRW. Be prepared to tell anyone who would ask about our objects and how they can join this organization. Remember when you join a Missouri Federated Club you also become a member of a District, MoFRW and NFRW, one membership = four great organizations.

September as [Literacy Month](#). This is the time of year when our clubs place books in school libraries and classrooms. Be sure you place a bookplate in each book you donate. There are instructions and samples on the MoFRW web site under MELP/Literacy. NFRW suggests a great book to read each month. Go to: www.facebook.com/NFRW-education-literacy and find a book you would enjoy!

Celebrate the Birthday of our United States of America. Constitution Day is observed every year on September 17 to commemorate the signing and adoption of the constitution of the United States of America by the Founding Fathers in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. Don't forget to fly your flag!