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Executive Team News

Hello Sweet Couples,

It's hard to believe that February is over already! Wasn't it just the New Year? We, along with your National Board had a wonderful Board meeting early in February in Florida and much was accomplished!

As an organization, we are working hard to make it easier for affiliates, churches and organizations across our country to reach out to married couples and present a Marriage Encounter event.

In this newsletter, you will also have more information on the upcoming NME Conference that will be held in Jefferson City, MO on July 16-19, 2015.

We'd love to see you all there this summer!

We are here for you always. Let us know how we can help you!

Live, LOVE and Laugh often!
Mike and Joni



Ways to Donate to NME

1. The AmazonSmile Foundation funds for the last two quarters of 2014 amounted to \$5.46 and \$21.47 respectively. It's a



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Mindful Marriage Moments

*Love isn't love until
you give it away.*

You might remember
these words from your
weekend. Many affiliates
use them on banners, and

small beginning, but as more of you who already shop at Amazon
sign up for this opportunity this amount will continue to grow. For
more information, go to www.marriage-encounter.org/amazonsmile/. Bookmark this link
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1094911> so all your eligible
shopping will benefit National Marriage Encounter Incorporated.

2. If you want to donate by *credit card* directly to National Marriage
Encounter, go to [http://marriage-encounter.org
/nme-online-donations/](http://marriage-encounter.org/nme-online-donations/). It's quick, easy, secure, and best of all,
your donation appears overnight in the NME bank account. All of
these donations are tax-deductible.
3. If you are concerned about the small charge for credit card
processing, we still take personal checks!
Please send any amount to:

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It's also quick, easy, secure, and best of all, your donation appears
overnight in the NME bank account. 100% of your donation is
tax-deductible. You will be notified by email almost immediately,
and by letter, near the end of the calendar year.

4. NME is also set up to receive appreciated stock. If you have
questions about this option, please contact the Business
Administrators at bus-admin@marriage-encounter.org.

Watch for an exciting *new donation opportunity* coming in next
month's newsletter

Affiliate Spotlight

Each month, we will "spotlight" one of the NME
Affiliates to let you know what is happening in
other NME communities. If your NME Community
would like to be in the "spotlight", please send a
write-up about your community or community
event, along with a photo in digital format (.jpg
or.png) to the **NME News Team** by the 10th of the month. We would
love to hear/see what you are doing and share it with the rest of NME!



Watch for **National Marriage Encounter of North Texas** in the
spotlight next month.

they form the basis for a follow-up session in Dialog Book 1. Reflect on the love surrounding Valentine's Day this year or any other.

How do you share your love with your spouse, with your family, with others?

Some ideas from Romans 12:12-13 – Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. And from 1 Corinthians 13 – And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.



Prayer Network

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
---Jeremiah 29:12

To submit your name to be on the list to pray, or to make a prayer request, send an email to: Mike and Gene Vander Heyden mikegene@gmail.com. Put Prayer Network in the email subject line.

Upcoming Affiliate Weekends and Events

Here is a list of some of the upcoming Affiliate Weekends/Events:

March 7-8, 2015 **Chippewa Valley**

March 21, 2015 **Twin Cities, MN (engaged)**

March 21-22 2015 **Green Bay, WI**

March 27-29 2015 **Central Coast, CA**

April 11-12 2015 **Hamilton, Ontario CAN**

April 11-12 2015 **Twin Cities, MN**

April 17-19 2015 **Green Bay, WI**



Live, Love, Laugh!

Make plans now to attend the **NME 2015 Summer Conference, Live, Love, Laugh**, July 16-19 in Jefferson City Missouri. A full week-end of keynote, featured and workshop speakers/sessions are planned, along with family-friendly fun, fun, fun.



Register now!



Winter 2015 Board Meeting Action Items

Weekend and Affiliate Support Committee

- Recommendation: to create a marketing packet for use with professional and other contacts.
- Recommendation: to put alternative weekend options on the affiliate backdoor of the website.
- Recommendation: to approve the Traveling Ambassador Couple duty statement, job description, and application form.
- Recommendation: to accept Harry and Cecilia Hentges as the first

Traveling Ambassador Couple.

Finance and Operations

- Recommendation: to approve the 2015 budget as presented.
- Recommendation: to include Volunteer of the Year awards in the budget office supplies category.
- Recommendation: to use an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from the Special Projects budget to find a legal/professional opinion regarding the use of NME's 501.c.3 status as it applies to any of its subordinate organizations in accepting tax-deductible donations.

Communication and Publicity Committee

- Recommendation: to send out an electronic survey about the future of summer conferences.
- Recommendation: to continue a partnership with National Marriage Week USA <http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/> to use their calendar to advertise the 2015 summer conference and future conferences and put their link on our website as a partner.

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