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## Greetings from Your NME Executive Couple

Dear Friends:

Wow! How can summer be only 30 days away? And the National Marriage Encounter Conference *less than 60 days away!*

How many of you have moved from your home lately? It is really stressful! Joni and I have been trying to sell our home, buy a new home, packing, saying goodbye to friends at our church in the Bay Area, and trying to move to the Central Coast of California!



Through it all Joni and I have not had one argument and have been in complete agreement about everything. Ha! As you know the stresses of life will try to separate you... coming together using the tools we have all learned in Marriage Encounter will see us successfully through this move.

We look forward to seeing you in Missouri! Remember to *bring your costumes and of course your talent for the talent show* - and remember to have fun!

Have a great Summer!

Hugs, Mike and Joni

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**Mindful Marriage  
Moments**

See article on the right.



**Upcoming Affiliate Weekends and Events**

**May**

- May 16, 2015 - Twin Cities (EE)
- May 16-17, 2015 - Green Bay, WI

**June**

- June 13-14, 2015 - Twin Cities

**July**

- **July 16-19 NME Conference, Jefferson City, Missouri**
- July 18, 2015 Twin Cities (EE)
- July 19-20 North Texas



**Spotlight on Affiliates**

- Jefferson City Marriage Encounter celebrated its 40th anniversary in February this year by hosting a full weekend.
- This spring, Central Iowa Marriage Encounter held its third Marriage Encounter event during four evening sessions.
- Ken Ripp, Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter leader, received a Mayo Clinic Volunteer Award.



**Attention Affiliate Leaders:** Send us some news and photos about your affiliate for future *Spotlights on Affiliates*.

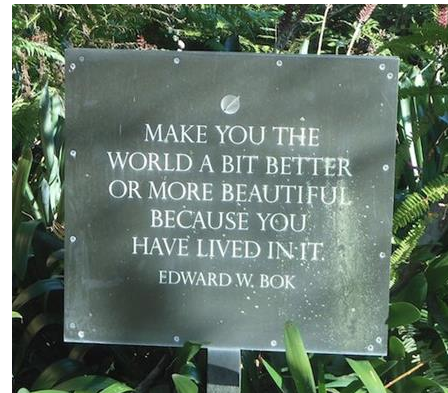
**Mindful Marriage Moments**

Occasionally, we will bring this section out of the usual place to catch your attention.

*Make you the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it.*

- as his grandmother often told Edward W. Bok (Founder of Bok Tower in Central Florida)

*Leave everything a little better*



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## Prayer Network

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  
mikengene@gmail.com

Put *Prayer Network* in the email subject line.

*than you found it.*

- Life's Little Instruction Book, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.: #274

*Take the world as you find it, but leave it a better place.*

- in the words of a 2015 graduating class's motto:

What have you done in the past month, or could you do in the next month, individually or as a couple, to make your life or someone else's a little bit better?

If you notice something that might fit in the Mindful Marriage Moments section of future newsletters, please send the information and citation (publication data, URL, etc.) to us at [nmenewsteam@marriage-encounter.org](mailto:nmenewsteam@marriage-encounter.org).

Thank you in advance!

## Announcements

1. There is still time to register for the 2015 NME Conference. Check it out at these web pages: [Jefferson City M.E.](#) or [National M.E.](#)
2. The [NME donate button](#) works for conference registration payment and/or tax-deductible donations to National Marriage Encounter.
3. Check with your Affiliate Leader if you want to nominate someone for the **Volunteer of the Year Award**, or click to open a nomination [form in Word](#) or [a PDF form](#). Please follow the directions, fill out the form with all the needed information and return **no later than June 30, 2015** to the address given.

If you prefer to mail the form, send it to:

4421 Woodhaven Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

It must be postmarked no later than June 27, 2015. Forms mailed after this date will not be accepted for consideration this year.

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