Thoughts from the Chair

"A man or woman that has friends must show him or herself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother." *Proverbs 18:24*. How awesome is that ancient proverb? Everyone should have a good friend. Love, trust, loyalty, forgiveness and reconciliation are key to the building of foundations and to the maintenance for long lasting friendships. Loneliness is real for many people in our neighborhood. It is often times the reason for depression, which often leads to substance abuse and afflictions. The behaviors from substance abuse and self-affliction often harmfully affects our families and our neighborhoods and it will and does diminish the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Listening to others, acts of kindness, prayers and compassion for others are needed for healthy friendships to grow and it's a beautiful thing to see in action. The quality of life in our neighborhood will be much better when we begin to establish solid true friendships with our neighbors.

Have a Beautiful Month! Yvonne Matthews, Chair