Dear Subscriber,

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The Journeys of June

With the changes of the last month embedded in our hearts, may we move forward as a collective contributing body sharing the joys and sorrows and the richness of our labyrinths together. I will look to you to create this club with what you want to receive out of it. Consider the circle and the cycle of giving and receiving as one whole and what you put in, you receive back out again.

I look forward to hearing from those of you who make the pilgrimages of the heart or the joyful journeys of the season adjusting to the warmer climate with fond remembrances of school being out and the precious vastness of the world open to your delightful explorations. I believe a few of you may not simply walk the path, but skip to a lighter and more joyful tune.

Do share, as it will touch everyone to know we are indeed on the same path called humanity. I am grateful for your help and assistance as we make the most of our time together caring to sharing.

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"The measure of a man is often seen not in the comfort, but in the challenge and adversity he faces... who is a man in comfort then?"

A Word to Walk on....  Comfort

This month as we move from the change of last, consider what you may have gained by stepping each day with one word and one thought in mind. How did it give reason to see things a little differently?
For this month with the warm rays of summer upon us we find the sense of familiarity that lends itself to comfort. This month consider in your daily walk how you embrace comfort and in the name of comfort how you grow and come to know more. It is said when a child feels safe, they can then become the natural living curiosity that they were meant to be. Who are we then when we walk in comfort and embrace if for its support and reminder that we are indeed marvelous? Walk well and smile in comfort of our familiars and may we grow.

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### Labyrinths in the World

June is the traditional month of weddings and if you have a story about a labyrinth wedding, we would all love to hear. The Regional TLS Rep from Illinois was married on a labyrinth he designed and built for a nearby community garden and school. A wedding I attended had the bulk of guests surrounding the large labyrinth as witness to the event, while the bride and groom entered independently and came together in the center. It was quite an intimate way to share themselves independently with us and as a couple walking the path outward on to their new life ahead.

There are a variety of ways to utilize the labyrinth for a wedding ceremony. Essentially it is all about capturing the moment in a meaningful way that can really give us perspective on the journey we begin with another.

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World Labyrinth Day

Share your stories of your World Labyrinth Day event. Ours was moving in a way we had not yet experienced as a group. The Heartland Labyrinth Circle has not met for a while and with the help of its members, we convened again and walked together. It was joyful to reunite yet one of our members was missing. We walked at one with a wholehearted connection including her in our thoughts and prayers uplifting her with our presence. We shared her loss and grief as she was burying her husband on this day of walking in the world and we walked beside her in spirit. It was a moving experience in a way that we had not had the opportunity to really be with one of our members in heartfelt need. It was rich and full and all of the things the labyrinth was meant for. We grew on this day and with prayers for Ellen and her family.

We Grow in What We know

We care by what we share. In the coming months, another way you can use your membership is to share books, articles and media about the labyrinth. Send in your reviews and they don't have to be long or extensive. Tell us what you read and give us a review. Share your opinion and open our world if you please. From Eve Hogan's simplicity in *The Way of the Winding Path* to the intensity of Hermann Kern's tome, *Through the Labyrinth*, make this an opportunity for labyrinth literacy where we all look better for what we know. Excite Education!

Email your reviews, all will be excited to hear what you have to say

Travel well friends

As we begin the summer season, there is much to explore and sometimes ideas and thoughts generated in this news are felt more helpful during the winter months when we are looking around for something to do as we escape the coldness and the boredom of being cooped up away from the natural environs.

Though consider all you can during your months of movement for our dedication is to the self-exploration done daily. Use the ideas when the mind is not so busy or so casual and enrich your daily pilgrimage, dance or stretch.

Appreciating your help and assistance to making this a club of commitment
and purpose,

Lynda Tourloukis, 365 Club Chair

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