

- President Vicki Rockwell called the Annual Business meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Living & Learning State Program Manager Mary Ann Johnson read an invocation. Parliamentarian , JoAnn Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. NEWSLET SPM, Christine Sibilleau led the United States Women of Today Creed.
- Co-chairs of the convention, Amy Jesse and Sue Schoenborn, welcomed everyone to Annual Convention.
- Parliamentarian JoAnn Miller gave Orders of the Day.
- Minutes of the Winter State Business meeting on January 25, 2014, stand approved as printed.

Secretary – Wendy Homyak

- △ I am happy to report that the State Plan of Action has been paid for in full by all your many donations. I thank you for all your support. He winner of my incentive for donations third trimester is Melrose Area
- △ I have received 9 PALS applications so far for next year. I have applications with me this weekend if you would like one.

Administrative Vice President – Cathy Shuman

- △ Congratulations to the following District Directors who have been elected for 2014-15: District 3- Mindy Roberts, District 5- Julie Marchand, District 6- Sharri Brecto, District 7- Brenda Kennelly.
- △ Policy G.I. has been changed and the schedule for district meetings differs starting with the new year. District orientation will continue to be held between June 15 and July 15. However district meetings will change to be held BEFORE state conventions
- △ Members from the following districts will need to stay after the Elections meeting: District 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11. A member of the state staff will meet with each district to come up with a district director or district rep or a plan for leadership of your district, including a contact person. Please make sure you remain in the room if you are one of these districts.
- △ There were 2 District Directors and 6 State Delegates that submitted their year-end evaluations. A big thank you for leaving a legacy for your successor!
- △ Judges are looking for district excitement. Who will be the most excited this weekend?

Membership Vice President – Jean Skroch

- △ Welcome to the 120 new members 3rd trimester That is a total 288 new members for the year. Thank you to the 426 members that renewed 3rd trimester and the 1008 members that renewed for the year. What a difference we can make in the world with these amazing members.
- △ We had 14 chapters that received the 20.00 and 1 chapter that received the 45.00 rebate.
- △ We had 62 chapters receive “Membership Money” 3rd trimester. That is almost 100% 3rd trimester. \$2372.00 in “Membership Money” was given out for 3rd trimester for a total of 6200.00 for the year.
- △ We had 10 chapters contact me during “Color Week”. The winner for holding an M-Event is White Bear Lake. The winner for signing members during “Color Week” is St Cloud.
- △ The chapter that won the chance to sit with the Past Presidents and be treated like them at the business meeting because they had 100% retention and signed members is Mora.

Chapter Management Vice President –Heidi Westerlund

- △ LOTS- Be very excited guys! We had 80 guests attend LOTS. We have money to give away. Chapter with the most attendees is Burnsville. First time attended in two years is Mora. District with 75% attendance is District 6
- △ TLC chapters in attendance are: Thief River Falls, Mora, and St Cloud.
- △ Thank you to everyone that helped and supported me through this year.

Extensions Director – Lisa Hahn

- △ I hope you all have brought you're lucky dollars. Today at the luncheon there will be 3 Lucky Buck Extension Baskets. Year of Holidays, Purple Passion, and Tea Time. The money raised goes towards the extension fund with the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation.

- △ We currently have three extensions in progress. Kenyon Wanamingo Area, Silver Creek/Maple Lake Area and the Askov extension. Keep your ears open for upcoming events.

- △ Thank you to everyone who has been or is currently on an extension team. Without your hard work we would not be where we are today.

Internal Vice President – Joanne Larson

- △ Thank you for everything in programming this year. You have outdone yourselves with projects, fundraising, certifications, socials, and more. While reaching your goals at the chapter level, you have helped the SPM's reach their goals.
- △ We did not have any internal bids for 2014-2015 SPM position(s) yesterday at the Exec Council meeting. We still need SPM's in the following areas NEWSLET, Ways and Means, Records and Recognition, and Public Relations. Please let your IVP/EVP if you are interested in a position. The SPM role is very rewarding.
- △ Please check out the Programming mini CIP. It has a wrap up of this year's SPM's and introduces you to your incoming SPM's

Living & Learning SPM, Mary Ann Johnson

- ★ I asked you to let “Your Light Shine” and many did by submitting certifications. We had 115 Living and Learning, 137 Health and Wellness, 120 Personal Development, and 7 Personal Enrichment Courses. Thank you for helping reach my goal
- ★ Welcome to Tevyan Sorenson who will be your 2014-2015 Living and Learning SPM
- ★ The outstanding LPM for 3^{rs} trimester is Nancy Dvoracek.

NEWSLET SPM, Christine Sibilleau

- ★ Come and see me this weekend to have your personal message in the June issue of the NEWSLET! Only \$2/message. Thank a member for a job well done or encourage a new member on your board.
- ★ Chapters in Districts 4 and 8 it is your turn in the “Spotlight”!
- ★ Chapters in 6 out of 11 districts have submitted articles to date. One more issue to go! 4 of those articles were in the “Spotlight”. Looking for submissions from chapters in districts 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10
- ★ The winner of the NEWSLET survival kit is Jen Kinzer.
- ★ Outstanding LPM is Jenny Marsaba.

Public Relations SPM, Jen Eckstein

- ★ Save the date!! Come watch your State President throw the first pitch against the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday September 7th at 1:10. More info to come.

Records and Recognition SPM, Stephanie Putzier

- ★ Thank you to the 6 staff, 2 District Directors, and 6 State Program Managers who submitted year-end evaluations. The winner of my basket is Terri Miller of Champlin.
- ★ Thank you to the 22 chapters who submitted SUCCESS third trimester. You will find out SUCCESS results during the luncheon. Please have your banners ready for the SUCCESS march. The winner of the third trimester SUCCESS party pack is St Cloud. SUCCESS results for year-end will be announced at the banquet. The winner of the party pack for submitting all three trimesters is Fridley.
- ★ 5 chapters submitted 13 USWT Project Recognitions. The winner of the party pack is Rice.
- ★ The outstanding LPM of third trimester is Julie Marchand from St Cloud.

Ways and Means SPM, Sharon Erickson

- ★ If you still need manuals for your new chapter board members, stop at the state store.
- ★ Spring showers, bring May flowers. Stay dry with your new WT umbrella.
- ★ Last opportunity to Give a gift, be a light \$1 donation this year. My goal is raising \$25 with the cards this weekend for Ways and Means.
- ★ The winner of the butterfly effect basket is District 6.
- ★ The winner of the coffee fundraiser challenge is Rice.
- ★ The winner of the State Store gift basket is Burnsville.

External Vice President – Leslie Goble

- △ Approved at the Exec Council meeting is the 2014-2015 Community Connections SPM- Tari Sieler. We are still looking for an Isaac's Journey SPM. Please consider!

- △ Welcome to the 2014-2015 Priority Area foundation bidders-Breaking free, Inc. and Shriner's Hospitals for Children.
- △ Thank you so much for the 562 transmittals and 23,258 service hours turned in this year to help us meet our 2013-2014 goals for the MNWT year. Looking forward to dollar amounts that will be heard at the luncheon.
- △ An even bigger thank you to the MNWT membership for all their hard work to make this another successful year for the MNWT.

Community Connections SPM, Sue Lemke

- ★ There were 5 chapters that did Random Acts of Community Connections. The chapter who did the most is St Francis with 2007.
- ★ The chapter winning the gift certificates for donating \$25.00 or more to WACOSA, True Friends, or Pageant of Hope is Aitkin.
- ★ There were 7 chapters who nominated projects for Community Connection Awards. Winners will be announced at the banquet.
- ★ The outstanding LPM of the third trimester is Heidi Hanson of Fridley

Isaac's Journey Foundation SPM, Anna Nichols

- ★ Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and shared the Isaac's Journey story this year. 39 chapters participated in the Priority Area this year. The chapter winning my final participation basket is Mahnomen.
- ★ Save the date. The 2014 Hope Walk/Run will be on July 19th. They love volunteers and walkers.
- ★ The 2013/2014 Wings of Hope Recognition board is now complete and on display. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year amazing. The total amount donated will be revealed at the luncheon.
- ★ The outstanding LPM for Isaac's Journey 3rd trimester is Angie Jensen from Byron.

Women's Wellness SPM, Jess Bjerk

- ★ Last chance to get your MS Society Apparel, see me during convention.
- ★ If you or your chapter members have not picked up your first aid kits, please see me during convention.
- ★ Thank you to everyone who participated in the Women's Wellness programming area this year. A special thank you to all the WW DPM's and LPM's
- ★ The outstanding LPM for Womens Wellness third trimester is Jess from Greenbush.

Youth of Today SPM, Tari Sieler

- ★ Thank you to the 11 chapters and 1 district for submitting their reports 3rd trimester.
- ★ The winner of my 3rd trimester challenge is Brainerd. I also had a challenge to chapters that donated \$50.00 or more to PACER. That winner is Monticello.
- ★ Last chance to purchase a "put a stop to bullying" bracelet for only \$3.00.
- ★ Thank you to 24 members that attended the Minnesota Roller Derby. It was a blast!! We raised 347.00 for the OYA Scholarship fund.
- ★ The outstanding LPM of the trimester is Shelly Struzyk.

Treasurer – Peggy Kaufman

- △ Thank you to the 3 treasurer's who completed my third trimester challenge. Incentives were placed in the DD bags.
- △ Thank you to the 14 chapters who donated ____ to ways and means. The winner is Burnsville.
- △ Thank you to the 32 chapters and 5 districts that submitted 338 transmittals totaling 96,772.96 for third trimester. Annual totals are 38 chapters and 6 districts that submitted 562 transmittals totaling 203,199.72 for the year! WAHOO!!
- △ The next budget and finance meeting is Friday, May 23 in Albertville. The committee is looking for new finance members and guests are always welcome. Please contact me for more information.
- △ Thank you for letting me serve you, Minnesota Women of today. I have completed my years on exec council, learned lots along the way, and have made many lasting friendships. It is an experience I encourage everyone to take.

Parliamentarian – JoAnn Miller

- △ Thank you to the 7 chapters and 2 districts that submitted their bylaws/policies for review 3rd trimester. Winner of the party pack is Champlin
- △ There are 36 of 66 chapters present: a quorum has been established.

Chairman of the Board – Nicky Anderson

- △ 34 members attended March Planning to help plan the future of the Minnesota Women of Today. Some items have already been implemented and others are in the process of being completed.
- △ Thank you to everyone who attended the Area Meetings where you were given a chance to hear the presidential candidates and learn how to host an M-Event.
- △ Year End National Convention is being held in Shawano Wisconsin June 12-15. See me if you are interested in attending.
- △ This is your last chance to purchase a purple ONTO T-shirt to remember President Vicki's year. For a bargain price of \$12. I have some here with me.
- △ National Convention skit
- △ National Convention-vote information
- △ After the business meeting today, we will be electing a new state president.

Executive Director – Katie Castro

- △ Chapter Officer sheets are needed immediately. Online submissions via the website is preferred. Link to new Google Doc is on the home page.
- △ The first trimester dues billing will be sent out as soon as it is received. Early bird renewals are due postmarked by July 15th, and final postmark deadline is August 15th; a \$10 late fee is assessed if your renewals are not postmarked by this deadline. New member adds are accepted thru the last day of the trimester, and last minute additions can be emailed if necessary.
- △ MNJOTS 2014 is June 6-8 2014 at Arrowood Brainerd Lakes; further information will be handed out at Special Executive Council meeting on Sunday.
- △ The 990-N postcard for fiscal year 2013-2014 must be filed between June 1, 2014, and October 1, 2014; MNWT requires chapters to file by October 1st or a \$10 late fee will be charged. Watch the Treasurer CIP and Chapter Mailings for further information; a link to the 990-n filing is also now available online on the Executive Director's webpage.
- △ Conventions
 - ✓ Annual 2015 – still looking for hosts; please see me this weekend with any questions.
 - ✓ Fall State 2015 – no priority bid received; bids now open to the entire state and due August 24, 2014.
 - ✓ Fall State 2014 – information and registration form available this weekend, and will be in MNJOTS CIP packets. Hosted by the St. Michael Albertville Women of Today, "Kickin' It Country" will be held September 19-21, 2014, at the Crown Plaza West in Plymouth, MN.
 - ✓ Winter State 2015 – Hosted by the state organization January 23-25, 2015, at the Double Tree Park Place.
- △ A huge thank you to our Web Master and Web Assistant for all of the hours that have been spent on the improvements to the website, the new webinar series, and the new Executive Council Online Ops Manual. If you see these incredibly committed women this weekend, please be sure and thank them!

Presidential Assistant – Cathy Snyder

- △ Thank you all for making this a great year.
- △ Please come to room 2415 after the banquet for an open house celebration with President Vicki and everything will be on display.

MNWT Foundation – Terri Dahlberg

- △ The Annual Lucky Buck Auction held at Winter State brought in \$1,175 for the Chapter Grants Program.
- △ The Cheryl L Anderson scholarship deadline is July 1st. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a deserving member of at least 2 years who is pursuing higher education and needs financial assistance. The scholarship is awarded at Fall State and is funded primarily through the Fall State Silent Art Auction. If you have art that you would like to donate, please contact the scholarship chair Cindy Sanders.
- △ The Straight River Scholarship is a \$400 scholarship and is given to assist a person to enter or continue in an education program.

Her/his goals should be to improve or enhance their skills in working with physically or mentally handicapped individuals. Applications are accepted at any time, and awarded at state conventions.

- △ Sapphire Club memberships are open! We have 500 and \$100 spots left, and payments can be spread over 3 years.
- △ The Foundation once again approved continuation of the membership rebate program for the 2014-2015 year by committing \$1,000 to the program.
- △ Please consider joining the Foundation; we have several openings in the coming year.
- △ The next Foundation meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9th, at 10:30 am at Billy's in Anoka.
- △ Winner of the wine drawing is Terri Miller.

Future Directions Committee – Wendy Lindberg

- △ Thank you to the 26 people who attended the March Future Directions meeting. There was a lot of great discussion and a lot of great actions happening from March Planning. Thank you to Terri Dahlberg, Dawn Scouton, Sue Ellen Toppings, Erin Strot, Peggy Kaufman, Nicky Anderson, Jen Kinzer, Daina Mirsch Wenner, Bonnie Olmanson for all their hard work with the sub-committee.
- △ Sub-committee chairs are needed for the following sub-committees: Train the Trainer, International Chapters, Restructuring, Chapter Structure, Go Green, Awards.
- △ March Meeting highlights:

The PR Manual is in need of review. Anyone interested in assisting contact Sue Ellen Toppings

Online Training/Videos Subcommittee needs members.
Contact Bonnie Olmanson

Many great March Planning recommendations being put into place in the near future. Look to Annual Convention to hear more on these policy etc... changes!

Welcome Jean Skroch, the 2014-15 Future Directions Chair!

Membership Management Chair – Cindy Umland

- △ There are 7 first-timers here this weekend.
- △ The winner of the Out and About 3rd trimester is Champlin.
- △ The winner out of all who participated with Out and About and reported to me is Fridley.
- △ If you would like to be a part of this committee that is keeping Membership on the Move please see the new Chair for 2014-2015 Heidi Westerlund.

Marketing Chair – Shannon Malbraaten (given by Wendy Lindberg)

- △ At the last Marketing meeting, “New Beginnings” was voted in as our Buckets of Sunshine project for 2014-2015. Watch for more information on this exciting organization.
- △ I am looking for Marketing committee members for the 2014-2015 year. If you are interested in sharing your ideas, please contact Cat Shuman the 2014-15 Marketing Chair or email her at marketing@mnwt.org.
- △ Watch the MNJOTS CIP's for state committee meeting dates and locations.

President of the Minnesota Women of Today – Vicki Rockwell

Ongoing Business – M/S/P (Parliamentarian/Byron) I move that Minnesota Women of Today change the following bylaws to read:
Article III. Section 1. B. 'Application for membership shall consist of an Intent to Charter form, the \$20 charter fee, and a minimum of ten (10) new members in good standing, with a minimum of five (5) of them being under the age of 40.'

Article III. Section 1. G. 'Chapters must have a minimum of ten members, with a minimum of five (5) of them being under the age of 40. If the chapter remains under ten (10) members or has fewer than five (5) members under the age of 40 for two consecutive trimesters, the chapter shall automatically be removed from the rolls of the Minnesota Women of Today on September 1, January 1, or May 1, whichever is applicable. All records of the chapter shall be turned over to the District Director who shall then forward them to the Chapter Service Center. A chapter wishing to reinstate their membership must do so as a new chapter with a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing, with a minimum of five (5) of them being under the age of 40.'

Article IV. Section 1. 'Member chapters shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$45.00, of which \$40.00 is state dues and \$5.00 is national dues, for each chapter member in good standing. These dues shall be due in each member's respective anniversary trimester. Dues must be paid on a minimum of ten (10) members, with a minimum of five (5) of them being under the age of 40, per chapter in order for a chapter to retain its membership.'

The above motion passed with a vote of 103 for and 6 against.

New Business – Three year Priority Area presentations by Breaking Free and Shriners

Announcements – None

- Living & Learning State Program Manager Mary Ann Johnson read a benediction. District 5 Director Shelli Stuzyk led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Wendy M Homyak, Secretary