

Minnesota Women of Today Chapter Mailing



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MNWT Creed

We, the Women of Today, are service, growth and fellowship. We believe that through us great lessons can be learned, worthy deeds performed and a hand of fellowship extended to millions of women everywhere. May we leave the world a better place because we lived and served within it.

Dear Minnesota Women of Today!

"People need me...they depend on me. We're doing something important here. And knowing that gives me the energy to carry the sack, lead the pack, and keep coming back." - Santa

During the holidays, there are many Women of Today gatherings, both for social events and goodwill community projects. It's a wonderful time of year to share our mission of service and "leaving the world a better place because we lived and served within it." Invite a guest to your chapter's holiday party, or ask a co-worker to volunteer with you at the Santa Shop.

Speaking of Santa, have you ever thought of Santa as more than just the bearded guy in the RED suit? He's a LEADER, just like you, and his leadership style is a lot like that of the Women of Today organization. As detailed by the online source, *Business Class Inc.*,

Santa has a VISION to bring joy and happiness to all children all over the world.

WT Vision: "...leaving the world a better place because we lived and served within it."

His expectations are HIGH - all those toys, all in one night.

WT: Successful chapters keep their membership expectations HIGH, working hard to retain their valuable assests (members) and secure more valuable assests (new members).

He breaks big GOALS into smaller ones - working with his elves throughout the year to produce all those toys.

WT: Successful chapters maintain their successful projects with strategic GOALS and well-documented plans, and lots of teamwork.

He selects GREAT HELPERS and puts their unique talents to work—perfect example, Rudolph with his nose so bright.

WT: Successful chapters maximize the talents of its members by knowing what interests them and building projects and events around those interests.

Our communities depend on us, much like children all over the world depend on Santa. Enjoy the holiday season, and share the gift of Women of Today.

"You can't possibly focus on your mission without also focusing on the folks that make your mission happen." - Santa

Today is where your book begins,

Anne Johnson, President Minnesota Women of Today 2010-2011

Terri Dahlberg
Administrative VP

Half-way through the year already, can you believe it? While you're enjoying the holidays with family and friends please start thinking about the role you'll have in WT in May 2011. Winter State Convention will be here before you know it – and this year's awesome DDs and I will be hosting an Open House; we'll answer your questions about the District Director role, play some trivia, and of course, share some treats. Thanks to all the State Delegates and District Directors who completed their mid-year evaluation; I thank you...and your successor will thank you too! Happy Holidays and always drive safely!

Marie Robinson
Chapter Management VP

Have you started looking for your successor yet? Has someone mentioned an interest in learning more about a board position? Consider holding an information night or job shadowing with a current board member. If you know someone that would enjoy being on the board, all the encouragement they may need is to be asked!

Nicky Anderson
Membership VP

We are sure taking the mystery out of membership this trimester. I would like to say what a great 2nd trimester mystery Monday event all the chapters had!! Well we are not done yet still more to go. Don't forget renewal deadline date is Dec 15th postmarked and mailed to chapter service center. Did you sign new members this trimester? Well your next clue is to get those new members ACTIVATED now. Need help call your me and I will be there. This is also a good time for your chapter to pull out the growth plan and evaluate where your membership is. Please let me know if your chapter is in need of assistance and I'm willing to help. Happy Holidays and safe travels.

Sue Schoenborn
External VP

PVPs – do you have a DPM in your district that you think would make an awesome State Program Manager? It's not too late to bid for a programming area at Winter State! Contact EVP Sue or IVP Dana for more information. Don't forget to get your transmittal done. Need help? I am a computer click away: evp@mnwt.org! Programming questions? Please call or email EVP Sue or IVP Dana. We are here for you. Happy New Year!

Dana Hoenigschmidt
Internal VP

Now is the time to plan your bid for a State Program Manager position. Bids will be heard at Winter State. Please contact me at ivp@mnwt.org for more information.

Cindy Sanders
Extensions Director

Congratulations to District 7 on their intent to extend to Milaca. Congratulations to District 15 for their commitment to the Owatonna extension. Congratulations to St. James on their intent to extend to Lakefield. Do you realize that we have 8 extensions in progress right now? What an awesome accomplishment by everyone. Thank you to everyone who is working on an extension. If you know anyone in Hibbing, Hermantown, St. Peter, Stillwater, Lakefield, Owatonna, Breckenridge or Milaca please pass their names onto me and I will forward them to the extension chairs. Can you imagine us completing all of these extensions this year! That would be 10 new chapters for our organization. I know that we can do it by working together. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pam Przybilla
Parliamentarian

The State Bylaw Review has been completed and we managed to get it done in a reasonable amount of time. Thank you to those who participated for making it a great discussion and getting through it. Several more of you have submitted your bylaws and policies to me for

review. It's not too late for the rest of you to send them. You can still send them to me even if you have not had your local or district reviews yet. I look forward to seeing you all at Winter State in January. Have a great holiday season!

Kelly Porter
Secretary

Donations are still needed to help offset the cost of the printing of the State Plan of Action. I just need 12 more chapters and/or districts to donate \$50.00 and I will have met my goal to raise \$1100.00! So please consider making a donation today. I will be having a year end drawing for those who have donated this year!

Jen Kinzer
Chairman of the Board

Flowers say so much to those around you. Wouldn't you love to send a special note with a beautiful carnation to your friends and fellow Women of Today members at Winter State? But wait...you can!! An inexpensive way to say thanks, congratulations, hi or just, 'I appreciate you' is by purchasing an ONTO flower. They are only \$2.00 each and can be purchased through me. Pre-sales are important as a limited quantity will be available at the convention. I'm happy to print or send you tags for the flowers or an order form. See my Fall State CIP for an order form and details. Thanks. Did you know you can still purchase an ONTO shirt for the bargain price of \$12.00? Support President Anne by purchasing a shirt with her logo. See me for details.

Christine Harkess
Presidential Assistant

Wanted – Chapter scrapbook page (12 x 12) for Anne's year end scrapbook. Consider highlighting your chapter as a memory for Anne.

Wanted – chapter donations of \$10 for Anne's year end gift.

Please send both at your earliest convenience and let's make Anne's year a memorable one!

Katie Castro

Treasurer

Happy Holidays! Why not avoid the crowds and save time and gas this holiday shopping season by doing your shopping online and donating back to MNWT at the same time? Use iGive & GoodShop for all of your online shopping needs! And don't forget to set up GoodSearch as your search engine to help raise money for MNWT as well. Are you ready for the February 5th, 2011 sales tax filing? You should start gathering your information now. Contact me with any questions. The 2nd trimester transmittal deadline is January 14th. Remember that transmittals, whether paper or online, should be sent to the Treasurer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce to you **Jane Hanson of the Madelia chapter, who will be taking over as treasurer as of January 8th** to allow me to focus on my new Executive Director duties; Jane has previously served as State Treasurer. Jane's contact information is as follows:

hanson3@ccinternet.net, address is 31078 790th Avenue, Madelia, MN 56062-5416, and phone is 507-317-0951. Finally, be on the lookout for your chapter liability insurance billing, which will arrive from the Chapter Service Center in early January; this needs to be paid right away in order to avoid being put on credentials at Winter State. This billing comes out every year at about the same time. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed holiday and a happy new year! Be sure to enjoy every moment!

Mary Ann Johnson

Community Connections

I'll be having a forum on Friendship Ventures at Winter State Community Connections Awards are due in March. They are Joint Ventures, Impact, and Civic or Environmental. See what you have done and send them in.

Heidi Westerlund

Can Do Canines

Second Trimester project, "Name A Puppy" is going strong! How is your chapter going to participate?? Are you having a bake sale, having a garage sale, or coming up with your own wonderful idea? The puppies don't care how you do it. We have a good base, let's keep going strong! If you are a larger chapter, how about considering an Applebee's breakfast! This fundraiser generates a lot of money for a half day commit-

ment. If you have an Applebee's in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will personally help you pull off this event. Lastly, thanks to everyone who has sold candy bars, helped sell candy bars, helped deliver candy bars, and listened to me talk about candy bars! I must tell you, we have done a wonderful job for Can Do Canines on this fundraiser. I will tell you how we did at Winter State. It adds up fast!

Michelle Gag

Living and Learning

This year is the last chance to certify in Focus on Women and Chaplain & Family Involvement! Let's certify! Forms are available online at the L&L webpage and the USWT Book Forms.

Julie Hammel

Newslet

Articles, Articles, Articles! Articles needed for the February 2011 NEWSLET. Due date for submission is January 14, 2011. There is now an article submission link on the NEWSLET webpage.

Dawn Scouton

Women's Wellness

Happy Holidays everyone! Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Get Healthy Challenge!! We have more than 100 members throughout the state getting healthy together. I have enjoyed talking to you & sharing information to help you get healthy. My 3rd trimester emphasis will be Hormones and Your Health, watch for more information. Don't forget to get out there and do some fundraising for the Curable Foundation. Please help raise money for this foundation that focuses on raising funds for ovarian cancer research & education. Also, don't forget to start forming your Walk for Babies teams! Spring will be here before you know it! Keep Reaching for your Dreams!!

Sue Renz

Public Relations

What comes at the end of December? Christmas, New Year's Eve, & the end of the 2nd Trimester! It is a super-busy time of year. Please encourage all your LPMS, DPMs & State Delegates to fill out their report forms by the end of the year. I'm looking for reports about WT week, Founder's Day, and any other PR articles you've had this trimester.

Don't forget to publicize your December activities and projects in your local newspapers. It's a good way to use your holiday spirit to interest new members! Have a safe & wonderful holiday season!

Wendy Lindberg

Youth of Today

Have you registered for the Gopher Game yet? Please join me and President Anne at the Feb 13th game against Ohio State. All the proceeds go to the OYA Scholarship. Help me raise 800 for OYA through this year's fundraisers!! Have you donated to Issac's Journey? Please help your chapter start an event or make a donation to this organization that donates to the U of M to find cures for childhood cancer.

Janice Schwartz

Records and Recognition

Have you heard that there is going to be a Chapter Banner contest at Winter State? Get those banners ready. Not only can you enter your banner in the contest, it can be carried in the SUCCESS march once you have completed and submitted your second trimester SUCCESS submission to me post-marked Jan. 7, 2011. Keep "Recording the Present to Enhance the Future."

Johnette Jacobs

Ways and Means

Minnesalsa for Sale: Remember we have 4 delicious flavors: Mild, Medium, Hot and Corn/Blackbean. Try them all, they are all great! The next deadline will be January 14 to get your orders in with delivery at Winter State Convention

Sue Ellen Toppings

MNWT's Sponsorship to Cyprus

YOU Can Connect with Cyprus Women of Today Members Personally! The Cyprus Women of Today invite you to join them on their fantastic **NEW Online Forum!**

You will find more detailed information about Cyprus Women of Today members & activities as well as have interactive discussions with their project chairs & board members! It's a great way to share ideas, knowledge, & get to know our WT sisters on the other side of the Earth!! To start posting, visit www.cypruswot.org (see the cool stuff on their beautiful website - complete with their city's Mediterranean Sea View!), then click on "**Forum**" at the top of the page!

Register by following the instructions! Passwords need upper & lower case letters & include numbers. If you have any issues registering, contact Trish at info@cypruswot.org. You can also find them on Facebook under their "Cyprus Women of Today" fan page where they post updates to their activities!! *Happy Posting!*



This year is the last chance to certify in Focus on Women, and Chaplain and Family Involvement!

Certify by January 1st in Focus on Women, Chaplain and

Certify, Learn-to-fly, eat some pie!

Family Involvement, USWT Effective Writing and USWT Effective Speaking and have pie with Michelle Gag, L&L SPM, at Winter State!

Are you scared of the public speaking BEAST?! Tame the fear by signing up for the MNWT Planned Speech Competitions which is held at Annual Awards. Judging will be based on speaking ability, organization, and ability to use time allotment appropriately. The topic will be announced at the MNWT Winter State Convention.

Certifications

Chaplain Certification
The promotion of family involvement and spiritual enrichment for our members is part of the responsibility of the USWT Chaplain. The purpose of this certification is to impress upon members the importance of family in our lives and the need of some sort of “spiritual” enrichment.

Complete the forms yourself this evening or spend an afternoon with a group from your chapter. Why not make it a district event?

The forms are available online at mnwt.org/bof/bof_programming.html - and don't take long to fill in.

You could be enjoying pie with State Program Manager, Michelle Gag at the Winter State Convention in St. Louis Park!

Contact your District Director to see what certification challenge she has for the trimester.

You must complete and check off a total of five (5) requirements with at least one (1) in each of the four (4) areas, and one (1) additional, between May 1st and April 30th.

Focus on Women Individual Certification

Effective Speaking Certification

The individual member must meet the qualifications listed below to certify in Effective Speaking. NOTE: These requirements do not have to be done solely through Women of Today activities but may be accomplished in other organizations, career, etc. Send this completed form to the State Program Manager, postmarked no later than May 1st.

Effective Writing Certification

The individual member must meet the qualifications listed below to certify in Effective Writing. NOTE: These requirements do not have to be done solely through Women of Today activities but may be accomplished in other organizations, career, etc. Send this completed form to the State Program Manager, postmarked no later than May 1st.

Mid Year Executive Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2010

Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN

President, Anne Johnson, called the Mid Year Executive Council meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Internal Vice President, Dana Hoenigschmidt, read an invocation Community Connections State Program Manager, Mary Ann Johnson, led the Pledge of Allegiance. State Treasurer, Katie Castro, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Parliamentarian, Pam Przybilla, gave Orders of the Day.

Secretary-Kelly Porter

December/January Chapter Mailing Highlights due November 21, 2010

Still need donations for the State Plan of Action printing cost

Administrative Vice President-Terri Dahlberg

• Thank You to the ten State Delegates who completed their mid-year evaluations! And Congrats to the seven District Directors who also completed a mid-year!

• I have begun my quest for the future leaders in our districts! I'm asking everyone on Exec Council to send me names of potential district director candidates. I will be sending personal invitations to them for our Winter State DD Open House. An incentive to everyone on exec council who submits at least two names by December 30th!

• Thank you for the hospitality at the districts I visited 2nd tri – Districts 1, 13 and 16. Unfortunately, that's all I was able to visit before 'life' happened – I look forward to visiting the remaining districts on my list in February – 2, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

• District Director Open House at Winter State Convention! There will be food – fun – trivia and lots of laughs; I hope you'll join us

Membership Vice President-Nicky Anderson

• **Early Bird deadline is Nov. 15th**. DD's please contact your chapter presidents and see how the renewal process is going. I will be contacting you more about them later this month.

• **Mystery Monday is Nov. 29th**. Chapters that hold an m-event on November 29th and call MVP Nicky will be in a drawing for a "Pampering" at Winter State, including reserved seating at the luncheon. The Chapter President will be treated to extra pampering. For each member signed in November, the chapter will get an extra chance in the drawing.

• Call MVP Nicky from 7 – 10pm on Monday, November 29th at 507-381-0786 to tell her about your Mystery Monday M-event AND new members you have signed that night and in November.

• **Inching our way to growth:** President Anne will be cutting her hair at the Winter State. For each 10 new members signed this trimester, our hair stylist extraordinaire will be cutting 1 inch off Anne's hair. How much is cut is up to you, MN Women of Today. The more new members we sign, the shorter Anne's hair will be.

Chapter Management Vice President-Marie Robinson

• We have 5 chapters in the 2nd trimester on TLC. They have until December 30th to get their needed members or they will fold.

Extensions Director-Cindy Sanders

• Congratulations to District 7 on filing an intent to extend to Milaca!

• Thank you to District 15 for committing to the Owatonna extension!

• We continue with 7 extensions in progress- Breckenridge/Wahpeton, Hermantown, Hibbing, Milaca, Owatonna, Stillwater and St. Peter

• Partnership agreement – hold 4 events in 30 days get \$25 in cash, hold another 4 events in 30 days, get a book of stamps, \$10 gift card and \$25 in cash.

• File an intent to extend and hold 3 m-events and receive a Mystery Night event in a bag and \$10 Wal-Mart card from the USWT. Receive 100 SUCCESS points for completing an extension and \$25 cash from the USWT.

Internal Vice President-Dana Hoenigschmidt

• Please contact EVP Sue or myself if you know of someone that may be interested in holding a SPM position next year.

• Outstanding Achievement in Programming is due to Cindy Umland, USWT Programming VP by May 1st.

• STEP III Exec Council Certification Challenge. Plan to get certified!

Living and Learning SPM-Michelle Gag (report read by District 16 Director, Laura Gaylord)

• I want Twenty-five Certifications in both USWT Effective Writing and Effective Speaking! Please show your commitment to your personal growth by completing these certifications.

• Challenge yourself to a completion at the National Level at USWT annual convention!

NEWSLET SPM-Julie Hammel

• Hot Flashes – Cost is one for \$3 or two for \$5. Not too early to get them for the February 2011 issue.

• Articles needed from Exec Council. Spotlighting articles second trimester from Districts 2, 6, 9, and 14.

• Articles for the February 2011 issue are due by January 14, 2011.

• Did you complete the scavenger hunt on pg. 2 of the NEWSLET?

Public Relations SPM-Sue Renz

• 22 chapters reported an activity for Founders' Day

• 2 DPM & 6 LPM Fast Starts were sent

• Looking forward to hearing about your WT activities through the "Shout out with Pride" forms

• Brochure and Board Display contest at Winter State

Records & Recognition SPM-Janice Schwartz

• Mid-Year Evaluations

• Exec. Council Yearend Incentive

• U.S. Project Recognition

Ways and Means SPM-Johnette Jacobs

• MinneSalsa, which is our 2nd trimester promotional, orders are due by January 14th, 2011. Delivery will be at Winter State convention.

• The Finance Committee fundraiser deadline is December 30th, 2010. The prize is two full convention registrations and one night hotel for Winter State convention. Drawing will be held at the Finance Committee meeting on January 8th.

• The new State Store items include Anne's red mugs and the embossed wine glasses; we also have the red coffee cup sleeves for those hot cups of coffee from coffee shops. They are a great way to advertise the Minnesota Women of Today!

• Clothing orders can be sent in at any time, but the deadline is January 1st for delivery at Winter State.

External Vice President- Sue Schoenborn

• Please contact IVP Dana or myself if you know of someone interested in holding a SPM position next year.

• Evaluations of the CC and YT areas were reviewed

• Bids for the 3 year priority area need to be received by the EVP by Dec. 1st. Please contact me if you know of a foundation interested in working with the Women of Today.

Community Connections SPM-Mary Ann Johnson

• Remember food shelves during the holidays

• Abuse shelters need gas & grocery vouchers, personal items –(shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste & brush, comb, hairbrush, deodorant), toilet paper, diapers, cough syrup, hand soap-liquid, Tylenol for children & adults, nail clippers, blankets—adult & baby, tampons & maxi pads, pillows, alarm clocks, etc.

• At convention you can turn in your Campbell soup labels or your donation towards the scholarship for Friendship Ventures or anything from the wish list.

• Have extra purses you don't need? Turn them into me at convention for Clutch for Cause; the organization helps single parents with children.

• Look for nominations for your project of the trimester.

• DPM reports are due Dec. 19th.

• LPM reports are due Dec. 23rd.

Can Do Canines- Heidi Westerlund

• We have 80 boxes of Chocolate Bars out for sale right now. That would be \$4,000 worth of sales and \$2,000 of donation directly to Can Do Canines! How Wonderful. Thank you everyone!

• We attended Graduation Day on November 6th. Attending this graduation was Anne, Sue, Dana, Heidi and Janice fellow members. Photos were taken, and we were personally responsible for some of the training of the graduating class with our work in the last year and a half. Once again, thank you everyone.

• We are in the middle of our 2nd tri promotion of "Name a Puppy". We need to raise \$2,500 to have the privilege of naming a puppy from the next litter of puppies. We will watch this puppy's progress and attend the graduation of our puppy. We will be so proud of our accomplishment and our puppy's too!

Women's Wellness SPM-Dawn Scouton

• Outstanding response for the Get Healthy Challenge!!!!

• November is Women's Wellness emphasis month

• Cancrurables

• March of Dimes

Youth of Today- Wendy Lindberg

• A total of \$160.00 was raised for the OYA Scholarship fund.

• Women's Gopher game is coming up February 13th at 2 pm against Ohio State. All funds go toward the OYA Scholarship Fund.

• \$1250.00 has been reported in donations for Isaac's Foundation. I am still a long ways away from my \$7,000.00 goal.

• Isaac's Journey Cook books are still for sale. They are \$25.00 and \$2.00 of every purchase will go towards the OYA Scholarship fundraising.

Treasurer-Katie Castro

• Reminder that expense vouchers for Winter State due Jan 14th to your supervising officer, to me by Jan 21st. Transmittals due to me by Jan 14th.

• Entries for the Finance Committee Fundraiser are due to me by December 30th; drawing will be held at the January Finance Committee Meeting. The Annual Raffle is having a makeover! Raffle will kick off at Winter State. Cheryl Karpen "Eat Your Peas" book sale raised \$195 at Fall State Brunch. Fall State book sale raised \$155.85.

• Goodshop/Goodsearch/iGive – don't forget to use our ongoing fundraisers for all of your online holiday searching and shopping needs.

• The next finance meeting is going to be January 8th at 10:00am at Bonnie Waller's house; potluck lunch will be served. Mid Year budget review will take place on Friday, January 7th, also at Bonnie Waller's.

• Sales tax filing deadline for 2010 is Feb 5th, 2011, and is easily done online. Full info is in my Fall State CIP; please feel free to contact me with any questions. DD's, please be sure to remind your chapters.

• Audit for last year is complete. Report and balance sheet will be in the next Chapter Mailing.

Parliamentarian- Pam Przybilla

The Bylaw Review has been completed with several policy recommendations. Policies will be voted on this weekend and if passed will take place immediately. We didn't have any specific bylaw motions but did have a couple of items to have the Finance Committee or Marketing Committee discuss.

•I received 4 bylaws and policies to review from 5 chapters and 1 district so far. I have tried a new approach to getting these submitted to me by emailing a random set of chapters and districts in groups to remind them to send them to me. After doing so I received some responses. I will continue the pro-active approach so that I can get closer to my goal for submissions.

•Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Chairman of the Board-Jen Kinzer

USWT Mid-Year Convention, Oct. 1-3, 2009 in Des Moines, IA

•ONTO committee members needed; ONTO shirts available \$12; ONTO Flowers for sale \$2.00 each.

•Staff, president, and treasurer filings for next year will be accepted starting December 6th. Remember, NO ONE may publicly state intent to seek ANY staff position prior to February 15, 2011 to anyone other than the chair of the Election committee.

•March Planning location needed

•Area Meeting Schedule is as follows: Area 1-April 1st, Area 2-April 2nd, Area 3-April 8th, Area 4-April 9th.

•Executive Director committee update

•Redistricting information has been distributed and was discussed this weekend. Please forward this information to chapters.

Executive Director-Nancy Dvoracek

Convention Bids – Annual Convention priority Jan. 14 for Section 2 Central (Districts 8, 9, 10, 11, 12). Final bid due April 22 to be heard at Annual Convention in Morton in May. Contact Service Center for information.

•Winter State 2011 – January 28-30, 2011, at Doubletree Park Place. Registrations in Fall State CIP & website. Room reservations due Jan. 11. Convention registrations due Jan. 12. If do not plan on attending all or part of the event, must inform me by Jan. 10. Thanks to the DDs that have responded with their workers for the convention weekend. No Friday Night Exec. Council dinner. Box lunches will be ordered for DDs and SPMs for during your Friday morning meetings. Friday Night Flannel Pajama Party to include a Marshmallow Statue Contest - out of Marshmallows (a couple different sizes), toothpicks, licorice, soft candy and/or raisins, etc., to be judged by "Mrs. Marshmallow" and an Outrageous Flannel Contest. Motion to allow a fundraiser at Winter State to raise funds for the convention service project fund. M/S/P (N.Dvoracek/D.Hoenigschmidt) move to allow a "fun" fundraiser at Winter State Convention to support the convention service project fund.

•Insurance - Statements for chapter liability insurance for 2011 to be sent out soon. Due to Chapter Service Center by January 14, 2011.

•990 – Group exemption has been approved with the IRS for all of the chapters. Will be working with chapters that have been unable to complete their 2009 filing.

Presidential Assistant –Christine Harkess

• Pictures and news articles of presidential visits needed for President Anne's scrapbook

• Contribution towards State President year end gift - \$10. Send in now.

MNWT Foundation Chair-Candi Frick (read by Kelly Porter)

•As we approach the end of the year, I encourage all of you to consider the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation, as you make final decisions on your year-end charitable donations. The proceeds are used to enhance an organization that is there to serve you.

• Just a reminder that coming up Tuesday November 16 is Give to the Max Day. Remember throughout the 24 hour event an individual donor will be randomly chosen every hour to have \$1,000 added to their donation. If you have any questions contact Jodie Meyer or Christine Harkess.

•Winter State will again be the site of the annual lucky buck auctions to raise funds for chapter grants. Please encourage your chapters to attend convention. Besides supporting this excellent program, the weekend will be a very fun time.

•United Way drives are still happening at companies for the next year. Remember that you can direct money to the MNWT or your chapter by routing it through the MNWT Foundation.

•Finally, please review your workplace policies regarding charitable grants and/or financial volunteer recognition. Both are wonderful ways that you can obtain funds for the MNWT or your chapter due to your place of work or your volunteer schedule outside of work.

•The next Foundation meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2009 place to be determined.

Future Directions Chair-Kayla Hermann (read by Terri Dahlberg)

•The Chapter Structure Sub-Committee held their first meeting on No-

vember 1 in Waite Park. There was good attendance both in person and by conference call. The committee reps were to go back to the chapters in the district and find out what they all felt constitutes a healthy chapter. These findings are due to Melissa Kloss-Lezer by November 15th. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 18th at 7pm in Waite Park at the Girl Scout office. Members can call in to participate via conference call.

•The Train The Trainer committee is meeting and discussing ways to revitalize the current program.

•The next Future Directions meeting is December 4th at Billy's in Anoka beginning at 2:30 pm.

Membership Committee-Sue Ellen Toppings (read by Nicky Anderson)

•MMC members are using Google Docs just to learn how and get comfortable with using something like this. So far six (6) people have tried it. I am still learning how to use these, too. Will continue to challenge MMC members to use the documents as we go.

•Videos for Recruiting and chapter Training will have something to show by next MMC meeting (Dec 4th) (unless "Life Happens" again, in which case it will be ready by Winter State Convention).

•Next MMC meeting is Dec 4th at 12:30pm at Billy's in Anoka – be there or be square!

Marketing Committee-Amy Schoch (ready by Dana Hoenigschmidt)

• Expo grants are available to chapters holding or participating in a local expo. See the marketing page on the website for an application form.

• Volunteers will be needed for the Hands On Twin Cities Volunteer Expo on Saturday, February 19 at Mall of America. See the marketing page on the website for more information.

• The next Marketing Committee meeting will be held at Billy's in Anoka at 10 AM on December 4. All are welcome to attend.

President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Anne Johnson

Ongoing Business-none

New Business-

M/S/P (J.Kinzer/T.Dahlberg) moved to approve Tanna Engen as Area 1 Representative and Wendy Homjah as Area 3 Representative to the Elections Committee.

M/S/P (J.Kinzer/D.Hoenigschmidt) moved to approve Nicky Anderson, Wendy Lindberg, Katie Castro, Stacy Pearson, Sue Ellen Toppings, Katrina Dickhaus and Cindy Sanders as members of the ONTO Committee.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved that we change Policy D.2.g. to add "up to".

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved to change Policy D.3.b. so that we strike out twelve (12) and add "ten (10)" chapters.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/D.Hoenigschmidt) moved to change Policy D.3.3. to strike out "Mid Year and add "Fall State".

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved to change Policy E.1.b. to strike out "4" and add "3".

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/S.Renz) moved to change Policy G.1. to strike out "late June/early July following Annual Convention" and add "after MNJOTS but between June 15 and July 15.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved to change Policy J.2.a. as it relates to Officer Duties to add "and District Directors

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/D.Scouton) moved to change Policy J.13.f. and add "Appointed SPM Plan of Action shall be approved by the Exec Council and may proceed under the direction of the State President and their Supervisor under the duties in accordance of the policies.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/D.Hoenigschmidt) moved to change Policy M.4.d. to strike out the word "full" in front of the sentence beginning with CIPs.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved to change Policy T.8.a. to strike out "awards are" and replace with "program is".

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/M.Johnson) moved to change Policy T.17.c.5. to strike out "be awarded and equal monetary amount" and add "receive an award from Friendship Ventures".

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/J.Kinzer) moved to change Policy T.5.d. to add "Success System certificate" to end of the sentence.

M/S/P (P.Przybilla/D.Hoenigschmidt) moved to change Policy T.5.e. to strike out "(25)" and add (15).

M/S/P (J.Kinzer/ D.Hoenigschmidt) moved to approve the appointment of Jane Hanson as Treasurer effective January 8, 2011 by President Anne Johnson.

Announcements-none.

Internal Vice President, Dana Hoenigschmidt, read a benediction. District 8 Director, Kandy Dorlack, led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Kelly Porter, Secretary

Leaderboard Stats-October 2010

NMA's by Chapter:

Longville-3 T. Hess
 Rice- 2 J.Skroch
 Elk River Area-3 C. Newville

YTD by Chapter:

Savage Area-18 S. Pearson
 Eden Prairie-8 B. Wojahn
 Andover-9 L. Servin
 White Bear Lake-9 L. Keys
 St. Michael/Albertville-8 P. Kaufman

NMA's by District:

District 4- 5 Led by L. Goble
 District 7- 3 Led by G. Winkelman
 District 12- 3 Led by S. Robinson

YTD by District:

District 12- 17 Led by S. Robinson
 District 9- 26 Led by B. Swalinkavich
 District 10-23 Led by M. Pramann
 District 1- 14 Led by T. Hockett

Winter State Service Project

Join other members as we help put together "Fuzzy Fleece Pillow Kits" at Winter State for this year's statewide project Camp Get-A-Well-A. The kits will be used at hospitals to provide a bit of a camp activity for the hospitalized children. Members are asked to bring 1 yard of fleece for the kits to the event at 8:35 pm on Friday Jan. 28, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Golden Valley.

December 1

- Chapter grant applications due to MNWT Foundation

December 4

- Marketing, Membership Management and Future Directions Meeting in Anoka, MN

December 10

- Key Woman nominations due to Key Women President

December 15

- Renewals due to Chapter Service Center

December 29

- LPM reports due to DPM

December 30

- Chapter President monthly reports due to DD
- 2nd Trimester Closeout

January 3

- DPM reports due from DPMs to DD, SPM and IVP/EVP
- All Certifications are due to SPM

January 7

- 2nd Trimester Success due postmarked to R&R SPM
- Project of the Trimester due to SPM
- Fired-Up DPM & Outstanding LPM nominations due to SPM
- NEWSLET personals due to SPM
- PALS activity sheets due to State Secretary
- Mid-Year Budget review meeting

January 8

- Finance Meeting

January 14

- Transmittals due
- Presidential pin and medallion nominations due to State President
- NEWSLET articles due to SPM (post Winter State issue)

January 15

- MNWT Foundation meeting location to be announced

January 28-30

- Winter State Convention in St. Louis Park

January 31

Congratulations to the following Exec Council Members who were recognized at National Convention for their achievements during 1st trimester.

Fast Start:

SPM-Michelle Gag-LL
 SPM-Sue Renz-PR
 SPM-Wendy Lindberg-YT
 SPM-Janice Schwartz-RR
 SPM-Heidi Westerlund-Can Do Canines
 SPM-Mary Ann Johnson-CC
 SPM-Dawn Scouton-WW
 SPM-Julie Hammel-Newslet
 SPM-Johnette Jacobs-WM
 Secretary-Kelly Porter
 MVP-Nicky Anderson
 IVP-Dana Hoenigschmidt
 EVP-Sue Schoenborn
 President Anne Johnson

Presidential Pins:

Kelly Neu-DD 6
 Heidi Westerlund-CDC SPM
 Wendy Lindberg-YT SPM
 Barb Swalinkavich-DD 9
 Marie Robinson-CMVP
 Nicky Anderson-MVP
 Cindy Sanders-Extensions

Presidential Medallion:

State President-Anne Johnson

Outstanding Contacts 1st Trimester:

Outstanding Secretary-Kelly Porter
 Outstanding State Contact-Michelle Gag
 Outstanding PR Contact-Sue Renz
 Outstanding Extensions Contact-Cindy Sanders
 Outstanding Membership Contact-Nicky Anderson



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Upcoming State Events

MN Gopher Women's

Basketball Game



Outstanding Young Adult
Scholarship Fundraiser!

Date: Sunday February 13, 2011

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Williams Arena

Minnesota vs Ohio State

Cost: \$10 per ticket

Please find the registration
form in the Youth of Today
CIP!



Sales Tax Deadline ap- proaching

Are you ready for the February 5, 2011 sales tax filing? You should start gathering your information now. Please contact treasurer Katie Castro with any questions.

Mid-Year Budget Review

Friday, January 7, 2011

Finance Committee

Saturday, January 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Liability Insurance

Payments

Invoices will be sent out January 4 to chapter addresses. Will be due January 14, 2011.