

Minnesota Women of Today Chapter Mailing



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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,

What a great celebration we had at Annual Convention. A huge thanks to District 2 – you know how to throw a great party!

I am so proud of all that we have accomplished this year:

- Completed 4 extensions this year.
- The committees have worked hard this year and brought forward several significant changes that we will be implementing in the upcoming year.
- We moved the president/state delegate retreat to 1 day in July.
- We added CONNECT! to Winter State.
- We have added roundtables at Winter State and Annual for the 2 and under chapters.

But most of all, thank you to each chapter and member that each day worked hard to “Be the Difference” in your lives and communities. It takes all of us working together to continue to move our organization forward.

I encourage each of you to continue to “Be the Difference” in your own life, your family and this great organization each day!

Be the Difference

Jane Hanson



Lisa Hahn
Administrative VP

State Delegates, welcome to a new year! Don't hesitate to ask your outgoing State Delegate for advice and guidance as you start your new year. I hope you were able to take advantage of the State Delegate roundtable at Annual Convention and also LOTS. Be sure to take time to read over the New State Delegate Manual. I also encourage you to attend your upcoming district orientation/training which provides you with resources and information to assist you in getting your year off to a great start. Have fun with the many adventures you will experience this year!

JoAnn Miller
Chapter Management VP

I can't believe that this is my last Chapter Mailing highlight. This past year has gone by so fast! We've worked hard to get some chapters off the TLC list, lost a few that didn't recruit new members, and gained some new chapters this year. It's been a busy and fun year. Thank you to all of you who helped with recruiting members. Let's continue to sign those new members!

Thank you to the 66 chapter board members who attended LOTS this year. What a fantastic turnout. A special thank you to the staff and Tevyan for the training they did. Also, thanks to the Rice Women of Today chapter for the great food and hospitality.

For all you new chapter Presidents and State Delegates, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 22nd, for the President/State Delegate Retreat in Monticello. It's a great way to learn more about your positions.

Julie Marchand
Membership VP

Thank you MNWT members for working hard this past year on membership M-events, chapter socials, adding new members and retention of current members. Continue to have fun in your chapters and your chapter will benefit from it. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Membership VP this year. We are seeing how impacting our future one member at a time is effecting this organization. Thank you for all you do in your chapters.

Congratulations to the new chapters in our organization this past year.

Congratulations to the in-chapter extensions for third trimester - Warroad Area and Montevideo.

Congratulations to all the chapters showing growth and 75% or higher retention! You are awesome!!

Brenda Kennelly
External VP

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your External Vice President this year. Thank you so much for your consistent support and kind words. I know that the new Executive Council is going to kick off another amazing year. This year filled me with more pride than ever as I watched all of the amazing work each member put in out of support for the great State Program Managers that lead some very important causes. Great job! I hope this year just warms you up for many more to come.

Julie Hammel
Internal VP

Thank you to members who certified in STEP and OAP this year. There were 23 STEP I, 1 STEP II, 3 STEP III, and 6 STEP IV and 5 Outstanding Achievement in Programming certifications received.

I appreciate the help received during the year with the two open SPM positions. Thank you for all your work this year in the Internal Programming areas.

Cathy Snyder

Thank you Minnesota Women of Today. I have enjoyed being your Extension Director this year. Congratulations to the 4 new chapters that were added this year. I have enjoyed getting to know you all. Continue to grow and learn more about women of today. Together we will Explore Across Minnesota with Extensions.

Joanne Larson
Parliamentarian

Thank you for a fantastic year and Penciling in your Parli. I enjoyed being your Parli and reading your bylaws and policies. Enjoy the new year! Can't wait to see what is to come.

Shelli Struzyk
Secretary

Thank you to everyone who donated to the State Plan of Action (POA) for printing and mailing. I really appreciated

every single donation and each one helps our state budget. Please put a State POA donation in your budget for the 2017-2018 year and help our new state secretary get off to a great start. Continue to work to add members and help this great organization grow!

Cathy Shuman
Treasurer

A huge thank you to the chapters and districts that participated in state ways and means activities for third trimester and the past year. Every dollar counts, so your ways and means donations, orders for Neighborhood garden flags, purchases of clothing from the new MNWT online store, and participation in the Area meeting lucky buck auctions were much appreciated.

I'd like to give a shout-out to State Store Manager Jane Holmberg for her work with the state store this past year. Thanks to her for stepping forward and continuing as State Store Manager for the upcoming year. During the summer months, we will be working with the MNWT Web Team to develop an online state store so that you can order items through the website and have them shipped to you. Look for an introduction of the new online state store at the Fall State Project Fair.

Has your chapter considered adding MN Women of Today to their donation list? For the new 2017-18 year, I would encourage you to add state ways & means to your chapter budget and make a donation each trimester. If your chapter normally makes donations at certain times of the year, please keep MNWT on your list. Donations can be sent to: Chapter Service Center, Attn: State Ways & Means, PO Box 44242, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Please check out the MNJOTS Chapter Information Packet for a promotional handout for Fun Pasta – this will be the promotional fundraiser for 1st Trimester. Fun Pasta features a huge variety of pasta choices that you will be able to order online. Check out the CIP and share this fundraiser with your chapter members – your chapter earns 20% of their total order.

Terri Dahlberg
Chairman of the Board

If you are interested in becoming a part of the elections process or being a part of the ONTO national committee for the 2017-2018 Women of Today year, let

**Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Annual Convention, Bemidji, MN**

May 19, 2017

- President Jane Hanson called the Annual Convention executive council meeting to order at 1:01 pm.
- Cindy Umland, Living and Learning SPM, read an invocation. Membership VP Julie Marchand led the Pledge of Allegiance. District 04 Director Shellie Lemmerman led the United States Women of Today Creed.
- Convention co-hosts Brenda Sather and Christine Sibilleau gave a welcome.
- Parliamentarian Joanne Larson read the Orders of the Day.
- Minutes of the Winter State Executive Council Meeting on January 27, 2017 were approved as written.

Secretary-Shellie Struzyk

- Thank you to everyone that donated to the State POA 3rd Trimester. Winner of the Wine basket to be given at the Business Meeting.
- Jane can you please draw for the winner of my basket for submitting minutes?
- Please remember if you changed your written report to get me a copy of it or let me know so I can print the updated one.
- DDs, you may take your name cards out of the frames at the end of today's meeting. SPMs and staff, you may take yours after the business meeting tomorrow. Please do not take the frames, as they will be used by future secretaries for name plates.

Administrative Vice President-Lisa Hahn

- The district directors have just celebrated all their accomplishments for the year and are geared up for this weekend. Would the district directors please stand to be recognized.
- Please help support your district this weekend. We have two judges watching for district excitement
- We have 8 of 11 district directors in place this year with a plan in place for the districts that do not have one. Thank you to the district directors who assisted me in getting them in place.

Membership Vice President-Julie Marchand

- District Directors, please make sure that the new District Directors are aware of the Growth Plan that should be completed for each district and sent to mvp@mnwt.org for the new year.
- Drawing for Membership rebate of \$100 will be given out at the luncheon.
- We had 11 chapters that qualified for the "Lumberjack Competition" challenge.

Chapter Management Vice President-JoAnn Miller

- I would like to thank the staff members who trained at LOTS this month. Thank you to President Jane, AVP Lisa, MVP Julie, EVP Brenda, Treasurer Cat and Secretary Shellie. The feedback we received was awesome and the attendees loved it.
- After seven straight years on Exec Council, including five on Staff, I'm not going to be on Exec Council next year. I've made so many wonderful friends over these last seven years and am looking forward to seeing all of you at future conventions where I can relax and have time to visit.

Extensions Director-Cathy Snyder

- We have 2 chapters that will we welcome to the Minnesota Women of Today at the luncheon Willmar Area and Alexandria Area.

Internal Vice President-Julie Hammel

- Two positions open for 2017-18. They are PR and Newsletter.
- Please welcome our 2017-2018 Records and Recognition SPM Shellie Lemmerman, where she shares that "It's a RECORD kind of day."
- Please welcome our Living and Learning SPM Cindy Golbuff, who will show you how to "Sparkle and Shine."

Living and Learning-Cindy Umland

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Executive Council Challenge. Unfortunately no one team completely finished and sent in their certifications but the team with the highest percentage completed are the SPMs.

NEWSLET-Amy Pumper

- The winner of the Exec Council Personal Message Challenge for the February/March issues is Cindy Golbuff.
- Get your personal messages today - they are being passed around.
- I could use more articles for the post Annual issue going out in mid June.

Public Relations-OPEN

- 2017 Day at the Diamond is Saturday, September 3. The Twins play the Kansas City Royals. Tickets are \$28.

Records & Recognition-OPEN

- Year-end evaluations are at your seats.
- 15 chapters completed SUCCESS for third trimester.

External Vice President-Brenda Kennely

- SPM drawings.
- Donna Barrett is bidding for WW SPM.
- M/S/P (EVP/IVP) I move that we authorize a deposit for a Youth of Today fundraiser for an Outstanding Young Adult Sporting Event.

Breaking Free -Sherry Boike

- Thank you for all of the support this year.
- President Jane draws for the "Buy a Piece of the Van" winner.

Community Connections-Kandy Dorlack

- Drawings for the CC year end awards.
- DD's please continue to promote True Friends wish list items.

Women's Wellness-Jessy McShane

- Our qualifying American Chapter Challenge Luncheon salute recipients are Aitkin, District 3 and Thief River Falls.
- Madame president would you please draw for our \$100 donation wine and chocolate basket winner?
- Madame president would you please draw for our Attitude of Gratitude Third Trimester challenge winner?

Youth of Today-Ileana Miller

- President Jane will draw for the winner for OYA Scholarship fundraiser.

Treasurer-Cathy Shuman

- Final expense checks for 2016-17 are being distributed - let me know if any questions.
- Please stop and shop the State Store this weekend. Check out the variety of MNWT logo items. Looking for a nice gift for the last minute? Purchase a crystal rainbow star or bookmark with a charm.
- We started an online store for MNWT logo clothing at the end of January and it's open during convention. Clothing samples are on display at the store and you can try them on. Bring your credit card and you can order online this weekend.
- I would like to thank those from Exec Council that served on the State Finance Committee this past year: Katie Castro, Cindy Golbuff, Jane Hanson, Julie Marchand, Jane Holmberg, and Terri Dahlberg; and thanks also go to Sharon Erickson and Wendy Homyak. The Finance Committee is holding their annual budget and finance meeting on Friday, May 26th at the Chapter Service Center. The budget meeting starts at 2 pm and finance meeting at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you are attending.

Parliamentarian-Joanne Larson

- Thank you to the three districts that turned in bylaw and policies. We will draw for a winner at business meeting from the chapter and district entries.
- M/S/P (Parli/NEWSLET) I move that the Minnesota Women of Today host National Convention Year-End 2018.
- M/S/P (Parli/LL) I move that we move Policy J.13.2.j to Policy J.13.7.g.
- M/S/P (Parli/LL) I move that we change Policy O.15.b to read "Women's Wellness" instead of "Living & Learning."

Chairman of the Board-Terri Dahlberg

- Thank you to everyone who made March Planning recommendations and attended the event. Please pass the recommendations on to your successor if you have not completed the recommendations.
- Thank you to the District Directors for the planning and coordinating you did to make the area meetings a great success.
- Last chance to purchase your rainbow ONTO shirt to remember President Jane's year.
- Motions to accept 2017-2018 Marketing and Membership Management Committee Chairs.
- Election for State President will be held this weekend Please attend the caucus tonight to hear the candidates and also visit her hospitality room. We are still in search of a Treasurer for the 2017-2018 year; please contact me this weekend or Jane Hanson after this weekend if you are interested.
- M/S/P (COB/DD 11) I move that we accept Sherry Boike as the 2017-2018 Membership Management Committee Chair.
- M/S/P (COB/LL) I move that we accept Tevyan Sorensen as the 2017-2018 Future Directions Committee Chair.
- M/S/P (COB/Parliamentarian) I move that we accept Shellie Matthes as the 2017-2018 Marketing Committee Chair.

Executive Director-Katie Castro

- Don't forget to complete your chapter and district officer sheets; the link is on the home page of the website. Remember to indicate if you wish to receive CIPs, Chapter Mailings and/or the State Plan of Action hard copy or electronically.
- I am still looking for a host for Annual 2018; I have space reserved at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, which makes hosting easy! Please see me if you are interested. I did not receive a priority bid for Fall State 2018, so bids are now open to the state and are due to me by Friday, August 25th.
- MNJOTS 2017 will be held June 2-4 at Arrowwood Lodge in Brainerd. Registration forms will be distributed Sunday to incoming Executive Council members.
- Reminder to file your 990n with the IRS and your Annual Registration with the State of MN Secretary of State's office beginning June 1. These must be filed no later than September 1 to avoid late fees.

- Don't forget to use #MNWT when posting on social media

Presidential Assistant-Nicky Anderson

- No Report

MNWT Foundation Chair-Jen Kinzer

- The Empower the Future Fundraiser is going well. We still have spots open for donations. Contact me if you would like to participate.
- Tomorrow we will be holding a Lucky Buck Auction to benefit the General MNWT Foundation Fund. If you have donations for the baskets, please get them to the Found-

Cindy Umland

Living and Learning

Thank you MNWT, because of you, and what we have all learned about ourselves is that you can Be You because YOU BELIEVE in YOURSELF. Remember if you want to nominate someone for the Lois M Christiannson Woman Who Impact Award, it will be found in the Women's Wellness area and promoted by the Women's Wellness SPM.

Amy Pumper
NEWSLET

Thank you for all the awesome articles and personals for the NEWSLET this year. I received some wonderful newsletters from chapters - so fun to read what your chapters are doing. It has been a fun year putting the NEWSLET together and serving as your SPM!

OPEN

Records and Recognition

Thank you to all the chapters that participated in SUCCESS this year! Your patience with the changes needed due to not having an SPM was greatly appreciated. Continue your hard and diligent work toward being well-rounded chapters.

OPEN

Public Relations

Mark your calendars! Day at the Diamond 2017 is on Sunday, September 3. Tickets are \$28 each. Watch for the order form in the MNJOTS CIPs.

Sherry Boike
Breaking Free

Thank you everyone for all of your support this year. We have raised funds to "Buy a Piece of the Van", we put together packets for Breaking Free to go into the community and helped women to get help getting out of "the life". I am very thankful and proud of all that we have accomplished together.

We have one more year to focus on this wonderful organization, please be as helpful and enthusiastic with the new SPM. I know we can get a van for Breaking Free!
THANK YOU!

Ileana Miller
Youth of Today

Thank you to all chapters, districts and individuals who have helped make this year in Youth of Today a success! You truly have shown that by coming together we can help youth across the state.

We will be announcing the totals for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship fundraisers/donations as well as what we have raised for Bridge for Youth this year. I just want to say that without each and every one of you it would not have been as successful a year as it has been. THANK YOU for all you do and continue to do in your communities.

We are still looking for a Youth of Today State Program Manager. If you or someone you know is passionate about helping youth in the state, please contact the state EVP at evp@mnwt.org.

Jessy McShane
Women's Wellness

Thank you to all of the Districts, Chapters, and individuals who took it upon themselves to fundraise on behalf of the Women's Wellness area. You are AWESOME!

I was excited to announce the winners of all of our year end drawings at convention.

Sharon Erickson
Marketing Committee

I want to thank everyone who participated in our committee meetings this past year. We learned a lot and we continue to make great strides in the growth of our organization. A huge Thank You to Sue Ellen Toppings and all who supported last year's Buckets of Sunshine Project "The Firefly Sisterhood". A special Thank You to all who served on Sub-Committee Chairs this year, whether it was for a brief time in the beginning of the year or stepping in during the year. We are still looking for members to fill some open positions. Please reach out to Shellie Matthes at marketing@mnwt.org if you would like to be on the Marketing committee, either as a general representative, an Area Representative or as one of the Sub-Committee Chairs. Thank you for joining me in Mapping the Route to Marketing this year.

Wendy Homyak
MMC

Thank you to everyone who attended the MMC meetings this past year. Your voice and your help has been wonderful! Both the Leadership and 2020 x 2020 subcommittees are looking for new members this year. It's a great way to learn more about our great organization and get involved.

Please welcome you new MMC Chair Sherry Boike! Information on the next meetings will be coming soon.

Jen Kinzer
MNWT Foundation

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the MNWT Foundation

Welcome to the
2017-2018
State Staff!

President Shelli Struzyk

Chairman of the Board Jane Hanson

Presidential Assistant Lisa Hahn

Administrative VP Christine Sibilleau

Membership VP Cindy Umland

Chapter Mgmt. VP Heidi Westerlund

Extensions Director Brenda Kennelly

Internal Programming VP Jessy McShane

External Programming VP Barb Zeroth

Secretary Brenda Sather

Parliamentarian Illeana Miller

Executive Director Katie Castro

throughout the year! I appreciate your





It's a NEW DAWN. It's a NEW DAY. at the 25th Annual Chapter President & State Delegate Retreat July 22nd, 2017, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9300 Jason Ave. NE, Monticello, MN 55362

For Information

Heidi Westerlund (651) 303-5964 or cmvp@mnwt.org, or
Katie Castro (952)406-8578 or esc@mnwt.org

Tentative Schedule:

- 9:30 - 9:45 Registration
- 9:45 - 10:00 Welcome
- 10:00- 12:00 Training
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 - 2:00 Enrichment & Team Building
- 2:00 - 4:00 Training and Hopes (below)
- 4:00 - 4:30 Evaluation, Closing & Pictures

Local Hotels:

- Best Western, 89 Chelsea Road, Monticello, MN, (763)271-8880 (\$120—internet)
- Super 8, 1114 Cedar St, Monticello, MN, (763) 295-5900 (\$93—internet)
- Days Inn, 200 Oakwood Dr. East, Monticello, MN, (763) 295-1111 (\$59—internet)

GOAL: Our goal for you is to attend this training in one day.

**“Eat the Frog First”
A Guide to Prioritizing!
(Who Needs This!?!)**

**Registration
Postmark Deadline:
July 14, 2016**

President/State Delegate Registration Form

_____ \$12.00 Registration (Late registration \$15.00, after July 14, 2016)
Includes continental breakfast, lunch and training materials

Name _____ Chapter _____ District _____

Email _____ Phone _____
_____ President _____ State Delegate

List two things you hope to gain from this weekend. Session is based around these answers:

1. _____
2. _____



Make checks payable to **Minnesota Women of Today**
Mail to: **Heidi Westerlund, 44475—334th Lane, Aitkin, MN 56431**

Save The Date...

Day at the Diamond!

Sunday, September 3, 2017 @ 1:10 pm

What is Day at the Diamond?

Day at the Diamond is an opportunity for all the members of Women of Today around the state to celebrate Women of Today with fellow members, friends, and family. Day at the Diamond is a great PR opportunity and membership social for your chapter and the entire organization.

Who can attend?

Anyone can attend, chapter members, friends, family, co-workers. Women of Today receives a block of specially priced tickets that can be shared with others.

What is happening on the field September 3rd?

It's MNWT Day! Our State President, Shelli Struzyk will be throwing out the first pitch. Arrive by 12:30 pm so you don't miss this fabulous event.

It's Kids Day! Kids 14 and younger can run the bases postgame.

How should this be promoted?

Chapter meetings and newsletters, emails, Facebook, websites, and more...

What a great way to end the summer with a fun get together at the diamond to cheer on the Minnesota Twins.



Minnesota Women of Today

- Amazon Smile benefits the MNWT Foundation with a percentage of sales. If you shop Amazon, please sign up to be a part of Amazon Smile.
- Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 12th, 2017, time and location to be determined. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Future Directions Committee Chair-Tevyan Sorensen

- New reports are now available for District Program Manager, State Delegate, and Local Programming. The Local Programming Report replaces the individual LPM reports and transmittals.
- Updates to chapter officer manuals are complete and all chapters will receive a new set. Those chapters attending LOTS received their manuals then. All others will be distributed to DDs at MNJOTS.
- A reminder as you organize and clean out “filing cabinets” as we get through our last trimester:
- Save space and paper by archiving documents and publications from your year electronically, on a USB flash drive and/or Google Drive, for your successor.
- Shred documents like reports or CIPs that contains personal information.
- For SPMs, please turn over any feedback you have on your Ops Manual to your successor. We will be focusing on updating these in the new year and don't want to lose your insights.
- Future Directions is looking for subcommittee chairs for Outstanding Awards, Manual Review, Online Training and Train the Trainer. There are also openings for Area 1, Area 3, and General Members.

Membership Management Committee Chair-Wendy Homyak

- No Report

Marketing Committee Chair-Sharon Erickson

- No Report

President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Jane Hanson

SPM Bids

Ongoing Business-None

New Business-None

Announcements-None

Living and Learning SPM Cindy Umland read a benediction.

Extensions Director Cathy Snyder led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelli Struzyk, Secretary

Business Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2017

Annual Convention, Bemidji, MN

- President Jane Hanson called the Annual Convention Business meeting to order at 8:31 am.
- Cindy Umland, Living and Learning SPM, read an invocation. Chapter Management VP JoAnn Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. District 02 Director Janice Nelson led the United States Women of Today Creed.
- Convention co-hosts Brenda Sather and Christine Sibilleau gave a welcome.
- Parliamentarian Joanne Larson read the Orders of the Day.
- Minutes of the Winter State Business Meeting on January 28, 2017 were approved as written.
- 35 of 60 Chapters are present. A quorum has been established.

Secretary-Shelli Struzyk

- Thank you to everyone that donated to the State POA 3rd Trimester. The winner of the wine basket is Byron WT.
- Thank you to those that submitted meeting minutes for review 3rd Trimester. The winner of that basket is Daina Mirsch-Wenner, Duluth WT.
- Thank you so much for all the support I received this year!

Administrative Vice President-Lisa Hahn

- Thank you to the 4 state delegates that completed their year-end entries
- Thank you to the 8 district directors that completed their year-end entries
- The 2017-2018 state delegate round table today at 4:15—5:15 pm
- Please make a point to attend your district meeting and orientation in June. Please support your new 2017-2018 District Directors
- Judges are looking for district excitement, is there any excitement out there?

Membership Vice President-Julie Marchand

- We had 11 chapters qualify for the lumberjack competition and the winner was the

Burnsville Chapter.

- I had a challenge in April for chapter to add 2 new members. We had 8 chapters that met this challenge. Will these chapters please come forward for a gift. Duluth, Virginia, Albay, Benson, STMA, Woodbury, Jackson and Hawley.

- MN Women of Today membership ended with 1,038 members for the year! Let's continue to impact our future one member at a time.

Chapter Management Vice President-JoAnn Miller

- Thank you to the 66 chapter officers who attended LOTS this year!
- We currently have 3 chapters in their second trimester on the Spark list and 2 chapters in their first trimester on the list.
- Chapter Presidents and State Delegates, the President/State Delegate Retreat will be July 22nd in Monticello.

Extensions Director-Cathy Snyder

- We currently have 2 Extensions in Progress St. Joseph and Trimont.
- I want to say I am so proud of my five 2 and under Chapter. They are: Hutchinson Area, Coon Rapids, Willmar, Alexandria Area and Eastern Carver County. All of you are a Ray of Sunshine so you all deserve a bag of Starburst! Please come forward.
- YES, this afternoon we will be welcoming a new Chapters. They are Alexandria Area. I would like to say Thank You to 2 special women, Shelli Lemmerman and Sue Lemke for all of your time and effort to get Alexandria Area completed. Please come forward or a special gift.
- Thank you to the foundation for their continued support. Two chapters will be receiving a check for \$200.00 this weekend. They are Alexandria Area and Willmar.
- M/S/P (Extensions/Duluth WT) I move that we accept Willmar as a chapter into District 4.
- M/S/P (Extensions/Morris Area WT) I move that we accept Alexandria Area as a chapter into District 4.

Internal Vice President-Julie Hammel

- Exec Council heard 2 internal SPM bids yesterday. They were for Records & vRecognition and Living and Learning. Congratulate Cindy Golbuff the next Living and Learning SPM and Shelli Lemmerman next year's Records and Recognition SPM.
- SPM Positions still open for 2017-18 are Public Relations and NEWSLET.
- Winners of the STEP and OAP drawings are: STEP I: Beth Clifford, Coon Rapids, STEP II: Dani Olson, Aitkin, STEP III: Brenda Kennelly, Coon Rapids, STEP IV: Cindy Golbuff, Glenville and overall STEP: Oneka Jenkins, Monticello. OAP drawing winner is Becky Stock, Brainerd Lakes Area.
- Check out the mini programming CIP for this year's programming wrap up and news for next year. It will be handed out Sunday morning at Special Executive Council for distribution.
- Internal areas are up for review. They are PR and NEWSLET. Online surveys are available on the MNWT Website. Deadline to submit is July 31st.

Living and Learning-Cindy Umland

- This trimester we had no members sign up to participate in the Effective Speaking Competition.
- Throughout the year I challenged the District Program Managers to promote certifications. The district with the highest percentage of chapters participating in the Living & Learning area is District 7.
- MNWT rocked certifications this year, I truly believe that each of you believe in yourself more and more each day. Certifications: Living & Learning 67 this trimester and 106 for the year. Pep Courses 35 this trimester and 81 for the year. Personal Development 69 this trimester and 115 for the year. Health & Wellness 67 certified this trimester and 135 for the year. Over all 91 members certified in all three areas with 356 total.
- Thank you to President Jane and Julie for asking me to come back. I have really enjoyed myself and thank you MNWT. Because of you I Believe You can Be You and Believe in Yourself.

NEWSLET-Amy Pumper

- NEWSLET had 5 LPM and DPM reports received.
- Don't forget to complete the evaluation on this area to make it the best it can be.
- 17 chapters or districts submitted articles for the NEWSLET this year. The winner of the drawing is Brooklyn Park.
- The winner of the “You're the Difference” message drawing for submitting at least five messages during the year is Shelli Struzyk from Rice. The chapter with the most for the February and March issues is St. Cloud and the district with the most is district 05.
- I received newsletters from 12 chapters and 3 districts throughout the year. The winner of the drawing for submitting is Monticello.

Public Relations-OPEN

- Public Relations received 4 LPM reports.
- Day at the Diamond is Sunday, September 3. Tickets are \$28. Order form will be available on the MNWT website and in the MNJOTS CIPs.
- Still looking for bidders for PR for 2017-18. Please see IVP Julie if you are interested.

Records & Recognition-OPEN

- Records & Recognition received 4 LPM reports received.

External Vice President-Brenda Kennelly

- Congratulations to our new WW SPM Donna Barrett
- Youth of Today is still open for bidders.
- Our grand totals will be announced at the luncheon.
- Please remember to attend the 2017-2018 meet and greet for the new SPMS this afternoon.
- We will get a chance to hear presentations from the two Priority Area bidders as well as be able to ask questions. Remember we will be voting at fall state.

Breaking Free –Sherry Boike

- There were 46 transmittals received with \$15,794.42 money raised for third trimester.
- The Priority Area had 12 LPM reports received with 35 service hours.

Community Connections-Kandy Dorlack

- There were 56 transmittals received with \$10,037.31 money raised for third trimester.
- Community Connections had 7 LPM reports received with 588 service hours.
- The winner of the Community Connections Award Drawing is the Melrose Area.

Women's Wellness-Jessy McShane

- There were 27 transmittals received with \$1,157.34 money raised for third trimester.
- Women's Wellness had 7 LPM reports received with 87 service hours.
- The winner of our Chapter Meeting wine and chocolate basket is Thief River Falls.
- The winner of our Attitude of Gratitude challenge basket is Amy Pumper.

Youth of Today-Illeana Miller

- There were 85 transmittals received with \$24,170.39 money raised for third trimester.
- Youth of Today had 11 LPM reports received with 264 service hours.
- The winner of the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship basket is: St. Cloud.
- A total of \$1,572 was raised for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship fund. Thank you to all the chapters that contributed this year.

Treasurer-Cathy Shuman

- Thank you to local treasurers that completed the 3rd trimester challenge: Cathy Olson from Aitkin. Please stop and shop the State Store this weekend. bookmarks with a charm.
- The new MNWT online store features logo clothing and a tote bag, and it's open during convention. We earned about \$117 on a total of 28 items ordered through April 10th. The current store will close on May 26th and orders will be processed and shipped after that.
- 3rd trimester fundraisers. The promotional was a Neighborhood Flag fundraiser, which earned \$233 on total sales of \$583. Chapters that participated earned a rebate of 20%. We raised \$267 from the lucky bucks at Area Meetings.
- Ways & Means donations for 3rd trimester totaled \$1,385 and the grand total for the year came to \$2,556. I offered a challenge for 3rd trimester for any donation of at least \$50.
- Reminder to chapters and districts to complete a financial audit after the end of your fiscal year. Helpful guidelines are in the Local Treasurer Manual and a worksheet can be found in my Winter State Chapter Information Packet and the Treasurer's webpage.
- The Finance Committee is holding their annual budget and finance meeting on Friday, May 26th at the Chapter Service Center. The budget meeting starts at 2 pm and finance meeting at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you are attending.

Parliamentarian-Joanne Larson

- Thank you to the 15 chapters and 3 districts for sending in their bylaws and policies for review. The winner of my year-end basket is Morris Area.
- M/S/P (Parli/Byron WT) I move that we discontinue the PALS Program.
- M/S/P (Parli/Duluth WT) I move that we remove Policy J.8.i and re-letter.
- M/S/P (Parli/St. Cloud WT) I move that we remove Policy J.8.e and re-letter.

Chairman of the Board-Terri Dahlberg

- A lot of members attended March Planning to help plan the future of the Minnesota Women of Today.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Area meetings.
- Yesterday at the Executive Council meeting, Sherry Boike was approved as Membership Management Chair, and Shellie Matthes was approved as Marketing Chair for the 2017-2018 year. Tevyan Sorenson will chair the Future Directions committee for another year. Congratulations.
- Year End National Convention will be June 8-11 in Las Vegas, NV. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please see me this weekend.
- There are just a few ONTO shirts left! Get them while you can - only \$12.
- Elections for a new State President will be held after the business meeting. We are still in search of a Treasurer for the 2017-2018 year; please contact me this weekend or Jane Hanson after this weekend if you are interested.

Executive Director-Katie Castro

- Don't forget to complete your chapter officer sheets; the link is on the home page of the website. Remember to indicate if you wish to receive CIPs, Chapter Mailings

and/or the State Plan of Action hard copy or electronically.

- I am still looking for a host for Annual 2018; I have space reserved at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, which makes hosting easy! Please see me if you are interested. I did not receive a priority bid for Fall State 2018, so bids are now open to the state and are due to me by Friday, August 25th.
- Reminder to file your 990n with the IRS and your Annual Registration with the State of MN Secretary of State's office beginning June 1. These must be filed no later than September 1 to avoid late fees.
- We will hear a bid for Fall State 2017 from District 3 under New Business.
- Don't forget to stop by Lakeview 7 on Sunday morning between 8:30-9:00 for help with your chapter email if needed. The Web Team will be there to assist.

Presidential Assistant-Nicky Anderson

- No Report

MNWT Foundation Chair-Jen Kinzer

- The Empower the Future Fundraiser is going well. We still have spots open for donations. Contact me if you would like to participate.
- At today's Luncheon we will be holding a Lucky Bucks. Bring your dollars and have a chance to win one of three baskets: Pot of Gold, Edible/Drinkable desserts and Outdoors.
- Scholarship deadline is July 1st. Have any art you would be willing to donate? The MNWT Foundation is seeking donations for their annual Art Auction at Fall State to benefit the Cheryl L Anderson Scholarship.
- Amazon Smile benefits the MNWT Foundation with a percentage of sales. If you shop Amazon, please sign up to be a part of Amazon Smile.
- Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 12th, 2017, in Rice. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Future Directions Committee Chair-Tevyan Sorenson

- New LPM, DPM, and State Delegate reports as well as new Success and Individual Evaluation forms are now available.
- Updates to chapter officer manuals are complete and all chapters will receive a new set. Those chapters attending LOTS received their manuals then. All others will be distributed to DDs at MNJOTS.
- Think "Green" as you clean-out your chapter files at the start of the new year.
- Future Directions is looking for subcommittee chairs for Outstanding Awards, Manual Review, Online Training and Train the Trainer. There are also openings for Area 1, Area 3, and General Members.

Membership Management Committee Chair-Wendy Homyak

- Welcome to the 12 first timers here at Annual convention. Please stand to be recognized.
- We recognized 12 chapters and 4 districts at our Picture Perfect Party last night. Great job in retention this year. Looking for members to be on our committee this coming year.
- Our new Membership Management Committee Chair is Sherry Boike from the Coon Rapids chapter.

Marketing Committee Chair-Sharon Erickson

- Thank you to all the members for joining us at the Marketing Committee meeting on March 18 and to all the Subcommittee chairs that served this year. There is open positions for sub-committee chairs at this time..
- Bid was heard for the 2017-2018 Statewide Buckets of Sunshine project, Wigs for Women was accepted.

President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Jane Hanson

Ongoing Business-None

New Business Fall State 2017 Bid Priority Area Bids

Announcements

The Elections Meeting will begin 10 minutes after adjournment of the Business Meeting

Living and Learning SPM Cindy Umland read a benediction.

NEWSLET SPM Amy Pumper led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelli Struzyk, Secretary

**MINNESOTA WOMEN OF TODAY
ELECTION MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL 2017**

The Elections Meeting was called to order by Chair Terri Dahlberg at 10:50 am. Elections committee parliamentarian, Michelle McGowan established a quorum with 35 of 60 chapters present.

ELECTION OF STATE PRESIDENT

Stephanie Keen, of Rice, nominated Shelly Struzyk of Rice for the position of state president. Becky Stock of Brainerd Lakes Area seconded the nomination. A demonstration was presented, followed by a slide show. Candidate Shelly Struzyk accepted the nomination.

M/S/P to elect Shelly Struzyk, as the 68th president of the Minnesota Women of Today. Shelly gave comments as newly elected president.

Michelle McGowan of the Elections Committee made the following motions:

I move to approve Christine Sibilleau of Roseau as Administrative Vice President, seconded by Duluth.
I move to approve Cindy Umland of St. Cloud as Membership Vice President, seconded by St. Cloud.
I move to approve Heidi Westerlund of Aiken as Chapter Management Vice President, seconded by Aiken.

I move to approve Jessy McShane of Aiken as Internal Vice President, seconded by Aiken.

I move to approve Barb Zeroth of Rice as External Vice President, seconded by Rice.

I move to approve Brenda Kennelly of Coon Rapids as Extensions Director, seconded by Coon Rapids.

I move to approve Brenda Sather of Greenbush as Secretary, seconded by Red Lake Falls.

I move to approve Illeanna Miller of Monticello as Parliamentarian, seconded by Monticello.

I move to approve Lisa Hahn of Sauk Rapids as Presidential Assistant, seconded by Sauk Rapids.

All motions passed.

Being no further business, the Elections Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Submitted by,

Tawn Hanson – Elections Committee

Terri Dahlberg – Chair of Elections Committee, Chairman of the Board 2016-2017



Save the Date

President/State Delegate Retreat

Saturday, July 22, 2017



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Upcoming State Events

**Fall State
Convention
September 22-24
Grand Casino
777 Lady Luck Dr.
Hinckley, MN
“Choose Your
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Hosted by:
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**Support our State
Ways & Means!

Check out the
Treasurer’s
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Don’t forget to
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Saturday,
July 22nd

Resurrection
Lutheran Church
9300 Jason Ave. NE
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See the
Registration
form Inside!**