

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

Dear Minnesota Women of Today,

The beginning of new Women of Today year is an energizing experience. We have just completed the creative task of "Painting a Masterpiece". The paint is not dry yet it is time to move on to a new endeavor. Each year we learn different things. We take the valuable lessons learned, experiences embraced and knowledge gained and use them to imagine new successes for the future. In this upcoming year, remember the highlights from this past year and create a new painting that will become your "Masterpiece" this year. Thank you for "Painting the Masterpiece You Imagine" in 2009-2010. I look forward to helping you, "Frame your Masterpiece" in the 2010-11 year.

In friendship,

Jen Kinzer, President
Minnesota Women of Today
2009-10

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Seneca (Roman Philosopher)

Dear Minnesota Women of Today,

Welcome to a new Women of Today year – we are going to learn, grow, and succeed! Embrace the opportunity to begin new goals and plan to accomplish them. How will your chapter make an impact in your community this year? What new project or idea will you bring to the group? Isn't it exciting to think about all the good that will occur this year because of this fantastic organization, and the many new friends you will make in the process?

Staff members, District Directors, and State Program Managers are ready to help you brainstorming ways to accomplish your goals. Invite us to work your projects and events with you this summer. Send us your newsletters. Ask questions – we are ready and willing to help.

Members of the Minnesota Women of Today – thank you for your commitment to service, growth, and fellowship. Now is when this year's journey begins. **You** will write your chapter, your plotline, your suspense.

Today is where *your* book begins,

Anne Johnson, President
Minnesota Women of Today
2010-2011

Cindy Sanders
Administrative VP

State Delegates, it has been wonderful to see you all grow in your positions this year. As we start the new Women of Today year, take everything that you have learned and apply it to your new position. Continue to share your passion for this organization. I have learned amazing things from you and it will be a year I will never forget. Thank you for taking the time to Go and Grow with me. I will cherish this year and all the memories you have given me. District Directors, what can I say! It has been a year of fantastic memories, watching you all come together for the organization. I will miss working with you next year! Good luck on all your future endeavors!

Terri Dahlberg
Chapter Management VP

Thank you past board members for your service, and welcome to the newly elected and install chapter board members! Your year of learning, fun and friendship is just beginning – and I encourage you to take advantage of every training opportunity offered you! MNWT has a legacy of providing great learning opportunities for members; this is your chance to take it...grab it...and run with it! Learning new skills will have only one outcome for you – growth - and it will help you in all areas of your life. Thank you for a very wonderful, memorable year!

Amy Schoch
Membership VP

Congratulations to the two one-a-month chapters: Brainerd Lakes Area and Eden Prairie! And congratulations to our two chapters that ended the year with double-up; Avon and St. James! 9 districts were able to end the year at Growth! Thank s for everything you did to support membership in the 2009-2010 year. Remember: It's All in the Bag!

Vicki Rockwell
Internal VP

Living & Learning is up for programming review this year. Look for the programming evaluation

form in the Internal Programming Vice President's MNJOTS CIP. Please encourage all members to complete this form. Thanks for a sweet year!

Joanne Larson
External VP

Thank you for supporting external programming this year. It has been a fantastic ride. I can't wait to see what you have cooked up for next year.

Katie Castro
Treasurer

If you haven't already done so, it is time to start preparing your chapter budget for the 2010-2011 year. Watch for the newly updated Treasurer's Manual to arrive with the MNJOTS CIP packets; the manual has a lot of useful information to help you get your year off to a good start! Make sure your chapter's fiscal year runs from June 1st thru May 31st for 990 filing purposes; if you have any questions, let me know. The first trimester Treasurer's Challenge will be in the MNOTS CIP – be sure to complete the challenge each trimester to be included in the drawing for a great prize bag. Thinking about incentives for the year? Be sure to shop the State Store for great, inexpensive items for your district and chapter members. The first trimester promotional will also kick off with the MNJOTS CIP – be sure to look for it and promote sales on both district and chapter levels. Looking to step up and participate on a state committee? Join the Finance Committee! Contact the treasurer for more information on this fun, educational committee.

Heidi Westerlund
Presidential Assistant

Thank you everyone for participating in President Jen's quilt, scrapbook, and year-end gift. Your contributions have been wonderful. President Jen's quilt and scrapbook will be on display during Annual convention. Please take time to see your quilt square and pictures in her scrapbook. They are absolutely b e a u t i f u l . A special thank you goes out to the Aitkin Chapter for their countless

hours of scrapbooking. You will truly see a work of art that shows the love this chapter has for their State President, Jen. It has been a labor of love, and you will see it p a g e b y p a g e . I have been truly blessed with working with all of you lovely ladies throughout the year. It has been a joy I will not soon forget! I cannot say thank you enough for everyone's participation and contributions. Thank you!

Judy Herrala
Secretary

Remember to fill out your PALS application to have a PALS chapter in the new year. That application was in my Winter State CIP, and I can also send it to you via email. When you are finished filling it out, please send it to secretary@mnwt.org.

Sue Schoenborn
Extensions

District 10 has a new chapter! Welcome to our newest Women of Today chapter, Eagan and it's 14 members. We currently have five extensions in progress - Savage, Stillwater, Owatonna, Breckenridge/Wahpeton and Hermantown. Keep thinking of potential names you can send to the extensions teams. Do you have a college roommate living in one of the communities? How about a niece, cousin, high school classmate? Don't forget to plant those "seeds of extensions", send me their contact information! You can also let them know about our amazing organization that is coming to their community!

Sarah Gafkjen
Chairman of the Board

Hope to see you at USWT Year-End Convention in Rochester, MN, June 11-13. The registration form is on the MNWT website or you can contact me if you'd like me to send you the registration form. Let me know ASAP if you are attending so I can include you on any updates. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Board this year. Continue to "Keep the Faith" in all that you do!

Lisa Stordahl

Community Connections

Keep Things Shakin' in Your Community!

There's been a lot of shakin' go on out there in your communities and I know that fun and excitement will continue in this MNWT external area. Remember to track what you do and report on it! This is the only way we know what you are doing and it is sooo important to our organization! Hold a party to do the reporting together! Make it fun and get it done! Thanks for a great year! Lisa Stordahl, CCSPM

HSDM-Can Do Canines

Shelah Heien

I am excited to say that Can Do Canines will have a State Program Manager thanks to Heidi Westerland! Please help her support this priority area this coming year! Let's show Can Do Canines how much Minnesota Women of Today can do for them!

Beth Pearson

Living and Learning

Thank you to everyone who certified this year! I enjoyed looking at all of the forms and reading what everyone did. The Living and Learning area is up for review this year. Watch for the review form to come out. Keep doing the great things that you do and "Stirring up a thing or two" with me this year in Living and Learning.

Wendy Tindall

NEWSLET

Hello newsletter editors! Thank you so much for a memorable year in the MNWT! I am highlighting districts 10, 12, 14, and 16 in the June/July edition of the NEWSLET. Please remember to send me your articles and personal ads ASAP!!! Please help me reach my year end goal of 275 personal ads! Chapter and District articles and personal ads should be emailed to me at Newslet@mnwt.org or mailed to 6258 Magda Drive #D, Maple Grove, MN 55369 NO LATER THAN JUNE 10th!

Wendy Lindberg

Records and Recognition

Thanks to the 16 exec council, 9 state delegate and 11 chapter presidents who submitted their Year-End Evaluations, and the 21 Success submissions that were submitted this trimester. Thanks for a great year with R&R!

Mary Bartlett

Women's Wellness

I have enjoyed being in the role of Women's Wellness SPM and appreciate all you have done to make my job easier. I want to welcome our new Women's Wellness SPM Dawn Scouton. She is enthusiastic, has good plans and will do a great job. Good luck Dawn!

Stacy Pearson

Youth of Today

Consider promoting youth projects this summer including volunteering as a family. Check out the Youth of Today CIPs for a wide variety of projects for and including youth. Also, start thinking about a high school student in your community that you would like to nominate for the Outstanding Young Adult award. Nominations will be due in the fall. Thanks for a great 2009-2010 Women of Today year!

Anne Johnson

Future Directions Committee

Do you have a vision for our organization's future? Then Future Directions has a leadership opportunity for you! We are looking for committee and sub-committee chairs for the 2010-2011 year. Please contact Anne Johnson for more information. Get involved and make an impact!

Candi Frick

MNWT Foundation

Thank you Chapters and Individuals for your support of the MNWT Foundation this past year. I hope you will continue to support the Foundations programs in the coming year. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 5th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Foundation, please let Jan Schwartz know. We are always looking for new members.

2010 – 2011 Meeting Dates

Fall State 2010

Date: September 24-26, 2010

Location: Ramada Inn Grand Rios Resort, Brooklyn Park

Hosted by: District 11

Theme: "Minnesota Fall State Fair"

President/State Delegate Retreat

Date: October 16-17, 2010

Location: Camp Friendship

US Women of Today Mid-Year Convention

Hosted by:

Theme:

Winter State 2011

Date: January 28-30, 2011

Location: Doubletree Park Place, Mpls.

Hosted by: Minnesota Women of Today

LOTS 2011

Date: May 7, 2011

Location: To be announced

Annual Convention 2011

Date: May 10-22, 2011

Location: Jackpot Junction, Morton

Hosted by: St James

Theme: The Games People Play

MNJOTS 2011

Date: June 3-5, 2011

Location: Cragun's near Brainerd

US Women of Today Convention

Date: June 9-12, 2011

Location:

Hosted by:

Theme:



CHAPTER MAILING AND CIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Chapter Mailing for \$16.00

• Nine issues with information regarding programming, state meeting minutes, highlights from staff and SPMs. A perfect way to stay on top of everything! Each chapter receives one copy. This extra Chapter Mailing is a popular item for State Delegates or anyone who wants to be in the know.

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

CIPs for \$12.00

• Chapter Information Packets from the state meetings, distributed at MN JOTS, Fall State and Winter State. Packet includes reports and information from all staff officers and SPMs. Extra packet can be used for chapter presidents, programming vice presidents and state delegates. Saves the chapter time and expense at a copy machine.

Name _____ Chapter _____ District _____

Mail to: MN Women of Today, PO Box 232, Anoka MN 55303

MINNESOTA WOMEN OF TODAY
ELECTION MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL 2010

April 2010 Leaderboard

NMA's by chapter

- St Francis Area 8 (led by D. Schwartz)
- St. Cloud 5 (led by G. Winkelman)
- New Hope 4 (led by D. Mans)
- Avon 4 (led by M. Beuckers)

NMAs by District

- District 4-10 (led by B. Graves)
- District 8-10 (led by K. Luurs)
- District 11-9 (led by M. Robinson)
- District 7-8 (led by J. Weyer)

YTD by chapter

- Avon-20 (led by M. Bueckers)
- St. James-11 (led by S. Renz)
- Eden Prairie-16 (led by S. Toppings)
- Brainerd Lakes Area-14 (led by D. Matthies)
- St. James-14 (led by S. Renz)

YTD by District

- District 12 -45 (led by K. Goodin)
- District 6 -43 (led by P. Pryzbilla)
- District 11-43 (led by P. Pryzbilla)

The Elections Meeting was called to order by Chair Sarah Gafkjen at 11:10 a.m. at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, MN. Elections committee parliamentarian, Melissa Bueckers established a quorum with 50 of 83 chapters present.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Charlotte Perz (*1st nominator*) of Eden Prairie nominated Katie Castro for the position of state treasurer. Mary Kaminski (*2nd nominator*) of Golden Valley seconded the nomination. Candidate Katie Castro accepted the nomination. A voice vote was taken and Katie Castro of Eden Prairie was elected 2010-2011 state treasurer. Katie Castro gave comments following her election.

ELECTION OF STATE PRESIDENT

Cindy Collins (*1st nominator*) of Redwood Falls nominated Anne Johnson for the position of state president. Sue Ellen Toppings (*2nd nominator*) of Eden Prairie seconded the nomination. A demonstration was presented, followed by a slide show. Candidate Anne Johnson accepted the nomination.

Anne Johnson of Redwood Falls was elected the 61st president of the Minnesota Women of Today. Anne Johnson gave comments as newly elected president..

Sarah Gafkjen of the Elections Committee made the following motions:

I move to approve Terri Dahlberg of Burnsville as Administrative Vice President, seconded by Burnsville.

I move to approve Nicky Anderson of Madelia as Membership Vice President, seconded by Madelia.

I move to approve Marie Robinson of Eden Prairie as Chapter Management VP, seconded by Eden Prairie.

I move to approve Dana Hoenigschmidt of St Francis as Internal Vice President, seconded by St Francis.

I move to approve Sue Shoenborn of Mahnommen as External Vice President, seconded by Mahnommen.

I move to approve Cindy Sanders of Duluth as Extensions Director, seconded by Duluth.

I move to approve Kelly Porter of Lakeville as Secretary, seconded by Burnsville.

I move to approve Pam Pryzbilla of Avon as Parliamentarian, seconded by Avon.

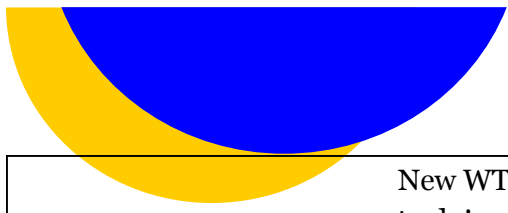
I move to approve Christine Harkess of Redwood Falls as Presidential Assistant, seconded by Redwood Falls.

Above motions M/S/P

Being no further business, the Elections Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jessica Bjerk, Area 1 Elections Representative



Board Training

New WT year...new board...new LPMs! There's a lot of training to do!

Local Program Manager Orientation condensed from Internal VP Vicki Rockwell's web page, at www.mnwt.org

What is a Program Manager?

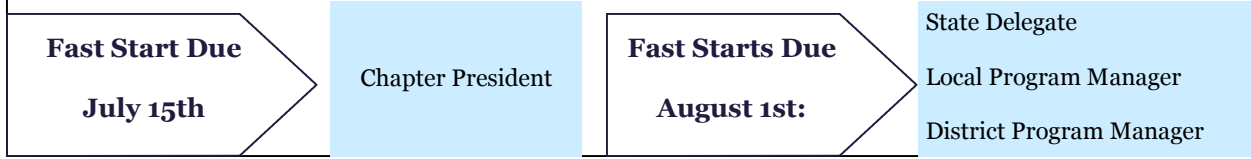
Program Managers promote an internal or external programming area of the Minnesota Women of Today.

There are three levels of program managers:

- **State Program Managers (SPMs)** bid for their position at Winter State or Annual Convention. They are responsible for promoting their area for one year. SPMs are the members who come up with ideas, coordinate state-wide projects, and promote education and participation in their area. They communicate with the district and local program managers and report on state-wide activity in their area.
- **District Program Managers (DPMs)** coordinate a programming area at the district level. The main duties of a DPM are to pass along information from the state program manager, to coordinate district wide activities, to motivate chapters to participate in their area and to report chapter and district activity to the SPM.
- **Local Program Managers (LPMs)** promote one of the programming areas in her local chapter. She receives information from the state and district program manager, presents ideas and information to the chapter, and oversees activities and projects in the area and also reports chapter activity to the DPM. An LPM DOES NOT chair all the projects that fall under her area.

The programming areas are as follows:

INTERNAL—benefits the local chapter and it's members	EXTERNAL - benefits the community and foundations supported by MN Women of Today
Living and Learning (LL) Promotes participation and provides information and ideas in the areas of personal growth of members. Also promotes Effective Writing, Speaking, and Impromptu competitions as well as the Women Who Impact	Community Connections (CC) - Encourages involvement in local community projects. Promotes Friendship Ventures, Outstanding Person w/Developmental Challenges Award, Community Connection Award, and national programming areas that
NEWSLET – Responsible for gathering information for monthly newsletter, putting it together in an easy-to-read format, copying and distributing to members.	Can Do Canines - (3-yr priority project) Encourages involvement with hearing and service dogs of MN to serve more people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.
Public Relations (PR) —This area gets the word out about our group by submitting press releases to local newspapers, use of other PR tools for the chapter, cable TV, radio, internet etc. Also promotes Women of Today week.	Women's Wellness (WW) Educate members on current health issues; support a foundation dealing with women's health; promote the March of Dimes Walk America..
Records & Recognition (RR) - Program to encourage good recordkeeping for chapter projects; project recognition; mid-year and year-end entries; Projects of the Quarter; and Success.	Youth of Today (YT) Promotes ideas and activities that allow youth to discover and experience the importance of volunteering. Also promotes the OYA program, Kids Week and foundations related to youth activities.
Ways & Means (WM) - Raise funds to keep your chapter going! If you're an individual with lots of fund-raising ideas (no, you don't have to pull them all off yourself!) sign up now. Promotes state promotional and the state store.	



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President, Jen Kinzer, called the Annual Convention Executive Council meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Living and Learning State Program Manager, Beth Pearson, read an invocation. District 9 contact, Shirley Halgrimson, led the Pledge of Allegiance. District 7 Director, Judy Weyer, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Convention Co-Chairs, Peggy Kaufman and Karen Irwin, gave a welcome. President, Jen Kinzer, introduced guests. Parliamentarian, Nicky Anderson, gave Orders of the Day. Minutes from the Winter State Executive Council Meeting were approved as printed.

Secretary-Judy Herrala

Chapter Mailing Highlights are due on Monday.

Administrative Vice President-Cindy Sanders

- Thank you to DDs who completed mid-years. Also 9 State Delegates completed theirs.
- Please support your districts excitement this weekend.
- There are district directors in place in 13 of the 14 districts with a plan in place for the district that does not have one. Thank you District Directors for your assistance.
- Support your district directors by attending your next district meeting.

Membership Vice President-Amy Schoch

- Membership Stats-Fell shy of goal. 3rd trimester retention was 66% and we ended the trimester at -84. Success early in the year helped with year-end totals. We ended the year at -20. There are 2 chapters in the one-a-month club, 2 chapters at double-up. We have year-end retention of 70%.
- Challenges-AVP Cindy gave DDs a specific incentive-we buy lunch. We did not grow so no blue hair for membership. Chapters that qualify for mimosas challenge: St Cloud, St Francis Area, New Hope and Avon.
- Year-End results-we ended the year with 1537 members, 441 of them are new members! 9 district directors will receive recognition at the banquet for year-end growth.

Chapter Management Vice President-Terri Dahlberg

- LOTS was very successful. There were 27 chapters and 88 members. Thanks to Albany and Avon chapters for putting on LOTS.
- Gold Team Manual is being re-printed with minor changes. They will be available around Fall State.
- Terri has kept track of Exec Council members that have gone above and beyond to assist chapters, including District Directors.

Extensions Director-Sue Schoenborn

- The extension to Eagan is complete! Welcome to our newest chapter and it's 14 members.(Notice President Jen's nice shade of blue hair)
- We currently have five extensions still in progress: Breckenridge/Wahpeton, Hermantown, Owatonna, Savage, Stillwater. Please pass contact information to Sue if you know anyone in those communities.
- There are 2 lucky buck baskets for extensions-Beauty and Relaxation. Sue will take donations up until Friday night.
- The 2 and Under chapters, Waconia, Crookston, and St. Joseph are doing well. Please congratulate them on their successes!

Internal Vice President-Vicki Rockwell

- Later today we will hear bids for Living and Learning SPM and Records & Recognition SPM. Still in need of members to fill Newslet, PR and Ways and Means for next year. Please see EVP Joanne or Vicki as soon as possible if you would like more information.

Living and Learning-Beth Pearson

- Thank you to those certified in Living and Learning and in the US certification areas.
- I surpassed my goal this year for Living and Learning, Chaplain and Focus on Women certifications.
- Beth passed out incentives to those on Executive Council that certified.
- Living and Learning is up for review in 2010-2011. Watch for the survey form that will be coming out.
- Outstanding LPM is Candee Mills from Byron.

Newslet-Vicki Rockwell for Wendy Tindall

- Wendy is still accepting Seasonal Greetings for the post Annual Awards issue until June 5th. Submit personal ad with payment either in the envelope being passed around or mailed to Wendy.

Public Relations-Dana Hoenigschmidt

- Thank you all for helping get the word out about MNWT.
- Pretty in Pink basket winner was drawn and will be announced at the Business Meeting.
- Ballots for renaming of the Day at the Dome were passed out and Executive Council members voted. The author of the new name will win a ticket to the game in September.
- One YouTube video submission so that chapter wins by default and will be announced at Business Meeting.

Records and Recognition-Wendy Lindberg

- 23 Success Submissions were submitted this trimester.
- 16 Executive Council, 9 state delegates and 11 chapter presidents submitted

Year-End Evaluations.

- Please have your chapters or districts drop off scrapbooks by 9:00 pm tonight for judging.

Ways and Means-OPEN-report given by IVP

- Thank you to those that participated in the 3rd trimester promotional. Treasurer Katie will have totals in her report.
- M/S/P IVP/Parli I move that we award 1 free ticket to the baseball game in September for the winner of the naming contest formerly Day at the Dome.

External Vice President-Joanne Larson

- Thank you to those completing the US Women of Today Outstanding Achievement in Programming.
- Still looking for an SPM for the area of Community Connections. See Joanne after the meeting to find out how you can join this dynamic team. Later in this meeting, we will hear a bid for Can Do Canines SPM position.

Community Connections-report given by EVP

- 8 nominations for Community Connection Awards were received. Chapters nominating were Byron, Brooklyn Park, Fridley, Eden Prairie, Madelia, and New Hope.
- More than 30% of chapters made footprints in communities by participating in new programs and projects this year.

Can Do Canines home of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota-Shelah Heien

- The Heel and Wheel Walk is September 19th, please see Can Do Canines website for more details.

Women's Wellness-Mary Bartlett

- Mary gave thank you's to all of Executive Council that assisted her this year.
- Welcome to Dawn, the new Women's Wellness SPM.

Youth of Today-Stacy Pearson

- Congratulations to the 70 kids who earned Reading rewards! Rewards are in the District Director bags.
- Thank you to the 45 chapters who submitted Youth of Today chapters this year.
- Welcome Youth of Today SPM Wendy Lindberg! Don't forget to start thinking about OYA nominations...watch the MNJOTS CIP for deadlines.

Treasurer-Katie Castro

- Transmittal summary will be given at the business meeting.
- Finance Committee Raffle Update will be given at the business meeting.
- 13 chapters participated in the Maravonda Coffee and Tea fundraiser.
- Final Ways and Means numbers will be given at the business meeting.
- Budget Review and next Finance Committee Meeting will be Friday May 28 at 6:30 pm.

Parliamentarian-Nicky Anderson

- Thank you to district directors who submitted your bylaws and policies for review this year.
- There will be SPM Bids later in this meeting. Tabulators will be AVP, Cindy and Secretary Judy.
- There will be the vote this weekend on the bylaw amendment proposed at Winter State. This is listed at the end of the staff report.

Chairman of the Board-Sarah Gafkjen

- March Planning recommendations distributed to staff and committee chairs.
- USWT Year-End Convention June 11-13 in Rochester, MN. Let me know if you plan to attend.
- ONTO shirts for \$12, see me if you would like to purchase one. There will be an ONTO Rochester table tonight and in the a.m.
- M/S/P COB/CMVP I move that we approve Amy Schoch as Marketing Committee Chair.
- M/S/P COB/EVP I move that we approve Sue Ellen Toppings as Membership Management Committee Chair.

Executive Director-Nancy Dvoracek

- Chapter Officer Sheets-send in immediately. Submit via the website (preferred way) or page 10 in the Book of Forms.
- Trimester Dues Billings-1st trimester billings out soon. Renewals August 15 postmark. Early Bird July 15 postmark.
- MNJOTS 2010-Training session for new Executive Council members, June 4-6, 2010, Craguns Resort near Brainerd. Information at Sunday /Special Executive Council meeting.
- Chapter Service Center Hours-June 7, 2010, summer hours go into effect. Tuesday, 1:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Office closed from June 9-13 due to National Convention and August 16-22 for vacation.
- 990-Thanks to all that have supplied what the IRS needed and to those that have now been able to go in and complete their filing. Hope to soon hear that the group income tax exemption has been approved. I will be communicating with those that need to complete their filing. By mid-summer hope to have all done for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- Conventions
 - Annual 2011-bid tomorrow.
 - Fall State 2011-Priority Bid received. Will hear at Fall State.
 - Winter State 2011-Hosted by State organization, January 28-30, 2011 at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St Louis Park.

- Fall State 2010-Information in MNJOTS packets, hosted by District 11WT, September 24-26, 2010. "Minnesota Fall State Fair" at Ramada Inn Grand Rios in Brooklyn Park.

Presidential Assistant-Heidi Westerlund

- President Jen's quilt will be on display in room 153.
- Scrapbook will be on display also in room 153.
- Donations to President Jen's year end gift will be taken through convention.

MNWT Foundation-Candi Frick, chair given by Jen Kinzer

- Cheryl L. Anderson scholarship applications are due to the MNWT Foundation by July 1.
- Straight River Scholarships can be awarded at any time. The deadline to be considered for Fall State is July 1.
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- The new website is at last up and running! Great thanks and appreciation for all the hard work involved in this over many years is expressed to Nancy Dvoracek and Stacy Pearson.
- M/S/P PR SPM/IVP I move that we rename Day at the Dome, "MNWT Day at the Diamond"

President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Jen Kinzer

SPM Bids-Three programming bids for 2010-2011 were heard at this time. Heidi Westerlund was approved as the Can Do Canines state program manager, Michelle Gag was approved as the Living and Learning state program manager and Janice Schwartz was approved as the Records and Recognition state program manager.

Ongoing Business: None

New Business:

Annual Convention 2011 Bid at the Business Meeting

Announcements:

The service project will be in Miliona-A

The Foundation Meeting will take place immediately following this meeting.

President Jen was given a gift from the Executive Council.

Living and Learning SPM, Beth Pearson, read a benediction. District 15 Director Stephanie Helgeson, led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by President, Jen Kinzer.

Submitted by Judy Herralra, Secretary

Minnesota Women of Today Business Meeting Minutes
Annual Convention - Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, MN May 22, 2010

Secretary, Judy Herralra

- Thank you to the 30 chapters that participated in PALS this year.
- I am accepting PALS applications for 2010-2011, I have received several already. Will be given to the new secretary to match chapters with each other.

Administrative Vice President, Cindy Sanders

- M/S/P Extensions/Eden Prairie I move that the Eagan chapter be placed in District 10.
- Thank you to the 9 state delegates that completed their year end entries.
- 2010-2011 district directors-13 women have committed themselves for the next year. D1-Tonya Hockett, D2-Debbi Johnson, D4-Leslie Goble, D6-Kelly Neu, D7-Ginny Winkleman, D8-Kandy Dorlack, D9-Barb Swalinkavich, D10-Mary Pramann, D11-Robyn Farm, D13-Tina Myhre, D14-Jolene Farley, D15-Joanne Miller, D16-Laura Gaylord. Thank you!

Membership Vice President, Amy Schoch

- Welcome to the 155 new members 3rd Trimester! They joined 474 renewing members. We had 22 chapters and 5 districts with growth. 27 chapters had 75% retention or higher and 13 chapters had 100% retention. There were 8 in chapter

extensions and 2 chapters completed the one-a-month club for the year.

- The Mystical Monday in March was a huge success with 19 new members signed and welcomed by Alex Trebeck.
- The April challenge to sign 4 new members was very successful with a total of 77 new members signed and 4 chapters entered into the drawing to win Breakfast in Bed from the Membership Team. All 4 chapters received the breakfast, St. Francis, St. Cloud, Avon, and New Hope.
- The 3rd Trimester rebates were very popular with 14 chapters achieving membership incentives for a total of \$410 awarded by the MNWT Foundation.
- We ended the year with 1,537 members and will honor individuals, chapters and districts at the luncheon and banquet later on today.

Chapter Management Vice President, Terri Dahlberg

- Congratulations to all new chapter officers for 2010-2011. Begin working on fast start.
- The revised Gold Team Manual should be available this fall; and if you are thinking about sharing your talents by helping a struggling chapter, assistance is available. Look for the Chapter Reactivation Grant application on the MNWT website.
- Lots was held Saturday, April 24th in Albany; 27 chapters and 88 members enjoyed a day of learning, laughing and teambuilding. Thank you to Avon and Albany for hosting!
- Thank you to all Gold Team Members this year. The winner of the basket is: Brenda Schramm, Richfield.

Extensions Director, Sue Schoenborn

- Extension to Eagan is complete! Welcome to Eagan and their 14 members!
- We currently have 5 extensions in progress: Breckenridge/Wahpeton, Hermantown, Owatonna, Savage, and Stillwater. Pas along contact information to Sue if you know anyone in these communities.
- There will be two lucky buck baskets for extensions: Beauty and Relaxation.
- 2 & Under chapters, Waconia, Crookston, and St. Joseph are doing well. Please congratulate them on all their successes!

Internal Vice President, Vicki Rockwell

- Bids for two SPM positions were heard at the Executive Council Meeting this weekend. Programming areas still available are: NEWSLET, Public Relations and Ways and Means..
- Meet your new State Program Managers this afternoon.
- The state program managers have composed a mini CIP highlighting this past year in programming and offering a glimpse of what is to come. They will be distributed to the incoming district directors.

Living and Learning, Beth Pearson

- Thank you to all members who certified this year in Living and Learning and in the US Certification areas. Nine chapters met Beth's challenge and turned in more than 5 certifications this trimester.
- Living and Learning is up for review for the 2010-2011 year. Watch for the survey form that will be coming out.
- Outstanding LPM is Candee Mills from Byron.

NEWSLET, Wendy Tindall

- Local Newsletter of the Trimester is Sauk Rapids edited by Judy Moldenhauer. District Newsletter of the Trimester is District 16 edited by Jane Hanson.
- NEWSLET and "Seasonal Greetings" for the post Annual Awards issue will be accepted until June 5. Please send payment to Wendy.
- NEWSLET Outstanding LPM of the Trimester is Sheila Courtney, St. Michael/Albertville.

Public Relations, Dana Hoenigschmidt

- The winner of the Pretty in Pink Basket drawing for sharing your PR ideas is Tara LeBrun of Thief River Falls.
- The new name for "Day at the Dome" is "MNWT Day at the Diamond" by Lori Keys, White Bear Lake, who wins a ticket for the game in September.
- We had (1) YouTube video contest entry and the winner of the \$25 Target gift card is Monticello.
- Outstanding LPM is Lori Keys, White Bear Lake.

Records and Recognition, Wendy Lindberg

- 23 Success submissions were submitted this trimester. The drawing winner for the chapter submitting success is Mahanomen.
- The winner of the scrapbook contest is Aitkin Women of Today.
- 16 executive council members, 9 state delegates, and 11 chapter presidents submitted Year-End Evaluations.
- Outstanding LPM is Jennifer Stoffel, Fridley.

Ways and Means

- Thank you to those that participated in the 3rd Trimester Maravonda Coffee and Teas promotional. Participation totals in Treasurer Katie Castro's report.
- Outstanding LPM for 3rd Trimester is Ranae Morton from Morris Area..

External Vice President-Joanne Larson

- Congratulations to the successful bid for 2010-11 SPM position: Can Do Canines, Heidi Westerlund Still looking for a Community Connections SPM..
- 60+ Project of the Trimester nominations were received in the External Areas.

Community Connections, Lisa Stordahl

- Nominations for the Community Connection Awards were impressive and difficult to judge. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

- Over 30% of chapters Made Footprints in Their Community through projects serving families!
- Minnesota Women of Today Members raised and donated \$34,145.30, with a total of \$1,818.50 service hours 3rd Trimester. Thank you chapters!
- CC Outstanding LPM of the trimester is: LeAnn McPherson, Champlin.

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, Shelah Heien

- Minnesota Women of Today members raised and donated \$2,237.27 with a total of 597.5 service hours for third trimester.
- Can Do Canines Outstanding LPM of the trimester is: Tricia Ludens, Anoka.

Women's Wellness, Mary Bartlett

- Thank you for supporting Women's Wellness this year. Minnesota Women of Today members raised and donated \$8,877.28 with a total of 146 service hours. Winner of the American Heart Association drawing is Brooklyn Park.
- Women's Wellness Outstanding LPM of the trimester is: Rose Goetti from Monticello.

Youth of Today, Stacy Pearson

- Minnesota Women of Today members raised and donated \$26,615.12 with a total of 2,514 service hours. Thank you for making books an important part of your children and grandchildren's lives.
- Winner of the drawing for donating to the OYA Scholarship Fund is Anoka.
- Youth of Today Outstanding LPM of the trimester is: Mary Boerner from Eden Prairie.

Treasurer, Katie Castro

- M/S/P Treasurer/Eden Prairie I move an additional \$7.60 be added to the district 10 director budget for 2 visitations to the Eagan extension.
- Congratulations to the 4 treasurers who completed the third trimester challenge. Winner of the prize drawing is Nancy Buerman, Albany.
- 217 transmittals from 40 different chapters were submitted during 3rd trimester reporting over \$80,110.87 in donations! A grand total of 454 transmittals were submitted during the year reporting over \$181,152.99 in donations! There was 58% chapter participation. Thank you for sending in your transmittals and keep up the great work!
- The finance committee raffle grossed \$1,585.00. Net profit was \$1,085.00 for Ways N Means! The winners are: Jen Kinzer of Aitkin, Pat Trombley of Golden Valley, and the STMA chapter.
- Thank you to the 13 chapters who participated in the Maravonda Coffee & Tea promotional. The chapter selling the most coffee & tea was Fridley. We raised \$264.20 for Ways & Means.
- Thank you to the 22 chapters that made donations totaling \$1,509.16 to Ways & Means this year. Our Ways & Means grand total for the year is \$9,837.90
- Audit: We will be conducting our annual audit in June.
- The next budget review & finance meeting will be held on Friday, May 28th at 6:30pm in Zimmerman.

Parliamentarian, Nicky Anderson

- There were a total of 15 districts and 7 chapters that submitted their bylaws and policies for review this year. The winner of this years Mega Musical basket goes to Brainerd Lakes.
- There are 50 of 83 chapters present today, a quorum has been established.

Chairman of the Board, Sarah Gafkjen

- March Planning recommendations distributed to staff and committee chairs.
- USWT Year-End Convention June 11-13 in Rochester, MN. Let me know if you plan to attend.
- ONTO shirts for \$12, see me if you would like to purchase one.
- Executive Director Position. Sarah working to find candidates.
- Elections for state president and treasurer held after business meeting.
- M/S/P COB/Richfield I move that we support Brenda Schramm in the event she seeks a national position.
- M/S/P COB/St. Cloud I move that we support Sarah Gafkjen in the event she seeks a national position.
- M/S/P COB/Rochester I move that we send the MNWT delegation to the USWT convention uncommitted.

Executive Director, Nancy Dvoracek

- **Chapter Officer Sheets**-send in immediately. Submit via the website (preferred way) or page 10 in the Book of Forms.
- **Trimester Dues Billings**-1st trimester billings out soon. Renewals August 15 postmark. Early Bird July 15 postmark.
- **MNJOTS 2010**-Training session for new Executive Council members, June 4-6, 2010, Cragun's Resort near Brainerd. Information at Sunday /Special Executive Council meeting.
- **Chapter Service Center Hours**-June 7, 2010, summer hours go into effect. Tuesday, 1:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Office closed from June 9-13 due to National Convention and August 16-22 for vacation.
- **990**-Thanks to all that have supplied what the IRS needed and to those that have now been able to go in and complete their filing. Hope to soon hear that the group income tax exemption has been approved. I will be communicating with those that need to complete their filing. By mid-summer hope to have all done for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Conventions

- Annual 2011-bid today.
- Fall State 2011-Priority Bid received. Will hear at Fall State.
- Winter State 2011-Hosted by State organization, January 28-30, 2011 at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St Louis Park.
- Fall State 2010-Information in MNJOTS packets, hosted by District 11WT, September 24-26, 2010. "Minnesota Fall State Fair" at Ramada Inn Grand Rios in Brooklyn Park.

Presidential Assistant, Heidi Westerlund

- President Jen's quilt will be on display in room 153 after the banquet.
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Ongoing Business

Bylaw Proposal

Winter State proposal by Ham Lake Area Women of Today to amend Article III Section 1 letter G to strike out "under 40." To be voted on at Annual Convention. Would then read:

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New Business

Annual Convention 2011 Bid

- Bid was heard from St James Women of Today
- M/S/P Executive Director/St James I move that we accept the bid from St James for Annual Convention May 2011.
- M/S Melissa Kloss-Lezer I move that we delete article 3.I.G. and replace it with: chapters of 10 members need 2<40, chapters of 20 members need 4<40, chapters of 25 members need 5<40, chapters of 30 members need 7<40.
- The above motion was moved to committee by Nancy Dvoracek, seconded and was passed by the membership to read: I move that this motion be moved to the Future Directions committee to return at Fall State with a proposal.

Announcements

- Elections meeting will begin at 11:05 am
- Success envelope left at registration

The benediction was given by Living and Learning SPM, Beth Pearson. The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by District 11 Director Marie Robinson. Adjourned by President Jen Kinzer at 10:56 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Herrala, Secretary



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Upcoming State Events

Minnesota Fall State Fair

Fall State Convention 2010

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Ramada Inn, Brooklyn Park



Project Fair

Fun Booths

Great Food

Water Park

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