



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.

Minnesota Women of Today,

Another month of the 2017-2018 Women of Today Year has come and gone. I know February is a short month, but seriously where does time go? It seems like just last week we were all celebrating at Winter State! I just have to say again how grateful I am to all that came out, it was so much fun!

I'm hoping to see even more of you at Annual Convention in May. Before we get to Annual Convention, how about attending your final District Meeting for the year? Or a Statewide Committee Meeting and please don't forget the Area Meetings.

We also have March Planning coming up on March 10th, 2018. This is your time to come out and have your voice heard. It doesn't matter what trimester we're in or what time of year it is, these meetings are so beneficial and you can learn so much to continue your own Women of Today journey.

As your chapter and district are wrapping up the year, have you thought about what you will be doing for the 2018 -2019 year? I encourage you all to step out of your comfort zones and step up to take that open position you've always been curious about.

We provide some fantastic training for Board Positions at LOTS as well as more training for Chapter Presidents and State Delegates fairly early in the year now.

Or, come up with a new project. Get your details together, present it and make it your own!

Don't forget, together we can end the 2017 - 2018 year with a bang! I may be a Packer's Fan, but I will steal a fabulous Vikings chant....."Bring It Home!"

Remember, there isn't anything you can't do when you get up and embrace your "New Dawn and New Day."

In this, don't forget the end of the year Membership Challenge. You can see some of us in Purple to do this chant.

Shelli Struzyk

State President

Minnesota Women of Today 2017 - 2018

Christine Sibilleau
Administrative VP

Happy March! Are you finding more time for what matters to us, so we can "build the lives we want in the time we've got?" We talked about some ways to gain control of our free time at our most recent State Delegate Roundtable - rather than saving bits of time here and there, we carve out the time we need by shaping the lives we want. If you weren't able to join us at Winter State convention and would like a copy of the materials, please email me at avp@mnwt.org and I would be happy to share with you the handouts and link to the TED Talk we watched.

You may have heard members say their favorite position has been that as District Director. If you're interested in finding out why, contact me so we can chat about it and see if this is something that may be in your future!

Heidi Westerlund
Chapter Management VP

Local Officer Training Session (LOTS) is being held on May 5th, Saturday, at Immaculate Conception Church in Rice. The cost is \$15.00 per person and postmarked before April 23rd. Check your bylaws and policies because a lot of Chapters cover this training. There is no better way to get yourself prepared for next year, than attending LOTS. I promise you, we will have a great time!!

Cindy Umland
Membership VP

Recruiting.... We need to be recruiting at each and every opportunity. March is an excellent month to invite a friend, a co-worker or neighbor to a chapter event. Be sure to use all different forms of media to reach out to perspectives...Reminder EARLY BIRDS are Due March 15.

Barb Zeroth
External VP

It was great talking with many of you at convention and exciting to see others excited about the possibility of them trying something new and taking on a State Program Manager position. There are still many positions open, especially for YOU. It would be great to have these areas filled before Annual Convention, that way everyone is ready to start their year off strong! Don't wait any longer, let Jessy and I, help you get prepared now before Annual Convention, less than 2 months away.

Jessy McShane
Internal VP

We are looking for enthusiastic

members to be our next leaders in the programming areas for 2018-2019. If you have a passion for one of our programming areas, becoming a State Program Manager will give you the opportunity to promote an area you love. Open Internal programming areas include:

- Living and Learning: This programming area not available prior to 2009-2010 was developed to encourage a member's personal growth -- mentally, spiritually, civically and through family.
- NEWSLET: This is the official newspaper of the Minnesota Women of Today. Every member is encouraged to submit an article to this newspaper by contacting the state program manager. Items included are: staff and program manager news, awards received at conventions, personal notes, chapter highlights, etc.
- Public Relations: Public Relations programming area is the "how to" in teaching our members how to market our organization by utilizing community assets; newspapers, cable, television, radio, network and businesses.

Contact me at ivp@mnwt.org.

Brenda Kennelly
Extensions Director

This year is flying by but we are working hard around the state to take advantage of the hot cash our foundation is offering chapters that charter in February and March. Please contact me with your thoughts and ideas on how we can get a record number of chapters to charter in one Trimester.

I've got pretty cool gifts for each person that helps get a chapter chartered before the end of April.

Illeana Miller
Parliamentarian

Brenda Sather
Secretary

Not a whole lot to share with you this month as my schedule has been busy with typing the minutes from the Executive Council and Business Meeting from Winter State. Please check online for a copy of these. Also we will be putting together a staff report for Area Meetings of reminders and events happening as we round out the 2017-18 year.

As Chapter and District Secretaries, make sure that you get your files in place for

the upcoming Secretary. Minutes are the key for keeping a permanent record of discussions and projects.

Julie Hammel
Treasurer

Have you checked out the "SHOP" icon on the MNWT website's main page? When you click on the "SHOP" you will find access to the online logo apparel, MNWT Ways & Means promotional sales, and the State Store. Everything is in one place! No more searching for links!

This trimester there are SUCCESS bonus points for chapters who purchase at least \$100 from any combination of State State, online logo apparel, or third trimester promotional, Flower Power. What a great way to support MNWT Ways & Means.

The third tri promotional is Flower Power Fundraising. Purchase your bulbs and seeds for this year's garden needs. The link to the MNWT sale page is http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=25678

The MNWT Online Logo Apparel will be open again March 22 through April 20. If you did not get a chance to order in the late fall, now is your chance.

Remember the MNWT when making donations at the end of the year. SUCCESS points are available for donations of \$35 or more.

Jane Hanson
Chairman of the Board

There are so many amazing opportunities coming soon that you are not going want to miss! Fist up is March Planning on the 10th and the committee meetings on March 17th. Plan now to support your district directors and attend your Area Meeting. See my page on the web site for the schedule and registrations.

Plan now to attend the US Women of Today Year End convention held right here in our great state of MN - in Mankato June 8-10th. Plan now to attend and celebrate our year end successes and support our many MN members on national staff including US President Nicky. Let me know if you are going so I can included you on the newsletter.

Do you have your red ONTO shirt - order yours today before your size is gone.

The USWT will make a motion at the June annual convention to raise US dues from \$5 to \$10. We will be taking a straw poll vote at annual convention for members to give direction to the voting delegation. Please discuss this in your chapters and contact me at cob@mnwt.org if you have any questions.

Lisa Hahn
Presidential Assistant

It is tradition to present the State President with a gift at Annual Convention to show our appreciation for her leadership this past year. We ask each chapter and district to please donate \$10 to this gift. Please make the check payable to MNWT and mail to me at Lisa Hahn, 604 4th Ave. NE Sartell, MN 56377. Please put "President Year End Gift" on the memo line. Thank you!

Katie Castro
Executive Director

Cindy Golbuff
Living and Learning

Hello MNWT and Happy Spring! I so enjoyed seeing many of you at Winter State and getting a chance to talk to you about Living and Learning certifications, books and our time of fellowship. You still have time to sign up for the Effective Speaking Contest at Annual Convention. The title is, "Who has influenced me the most?" Registration and \$5.00 due by May 1st. The book we will review at Annual convention will be "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. How are your certifications coming? I would love to see 65 more members certify with Living and Learning. This is a great benefit for you to see and recognize your growth through family, civically, mentally and spiritually. Check out the FB page starting March 1st where suggestions of things you can do to complete the certification will be posted. I'm here for you. USWT, Cindy Sanders is encouraging us to certify in Personal Development or Step. Send these to her by 4/30. USWT has an Effective Writing competition with the topic, "Who has had the most impact on your Life?" This is due May 1st. Then read the USWT essay you wrote at the USWT Year end convention, June 8-10, held at Mankato, in our Home State! All entries and certifications can be emailed to pdstep@uswomenoftoday.org. Now... here is the challenge. Go to the Living and Learning Facebook page and post what day is the First Day of Spring. Keep your Sparkle on!

OPEN
NEWSLET

Would you like to recognize your chapter, District Director, Secret Sis, or someone special in the next issue of the NEWSLET? Personals can be submitted at any time through the link on the Minnesota Women of Today website! Here's how: www.mnwt.org select "members" from the drop down menu on the upper right of the home page, click on state program managers, scroll down the page and select NEWSLET SPM. On the left side of the page, NEWSLET Personal Message Submission is listed second in the second section. Click for online submission, or download the pdf, complete the form, and send your payment to IVP Jessy McShane.

Personals are \$2 each, or you can purchase them in bulk at the low cost of 12 for \$20.

OPEN
Public Relations

We are looking for our 2018-2019 SPM for Public Relations! If you, or someone you know has a passion for all things related to PR, please email me at ivp@mnwt.org for a form to bid on the position at Annual Convention!

Shellie Lemmerman
Records and Recognition

As it is March, it's time to start your Year End Entry. It's due April 13. You can add pictures to this report. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jenise Teske
Community Connections

I hope all of you are working hard to end our year strong! Keep doing all those great projects to connect with your communities. What project have you promoted or participated in that "made an impact," that was a success because it was a "joint venture" with another organization, and/or "benefited your community either civically or environmentally?" The deadline for End-of-Year Community Connections awards is April 15. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have a chance to receive extra recognition for your hard work.

Brenda Reeves
Breaking Free

Thank you all for your support of Breaking Free this year. Please plan to submit a donation greater than \$100 by April 20th and receive a puzzle piece to decorate. All of the puzzle pieces will be framed together and placed in Breaking Free's offices to remember our time

supporting them. You will also be placed in a drawing for a prize from me.

Donna Barrett
Women's Wellness

Top of the morning to all!! With Spring just around the corner it means walking / biking time. Form a walking / biking group it's more fun in numbers and you're more likely to do it. Check out my CIP for the T.E.A time program and track your steps / miles. I'm still taking donation for American Liver Foundation and also for March of Dimes. I put a coloring page in my CIP make copies for your chapter members color a send to me by the due date and get in a drawing. Make sure to put your name and chapter on it. Have fun.

OPEN
Youth of Today

Do you have a passion for working with the Youth? This area of programming would be a great fit for you. Please reach out to me, EVP Barb, to help get you started in the process of becoming our Youth of Today SPM for 2018-2019.

Shellie Matthes
Marketing Committee

The 2018-19 Buckets of Sunshine bids will be presented at the next Committee meetings that are scheduled for Saturday, March 17th at Resurrection Church in Monticello with registration starting at 10:00am.

The Web Team is continuing to add new links and updates to the MNWT website - be sure to check the website often! Please note that when you use the Search function on the MNWT website, if the search words entered are generic like "Membership", the responses returned will list the "Ads" for membership first - just scroll down past the ad's to locate the MNWT links for your search.

Thank you to everyone for their support of the current Buckets of Sunshine project Wigs for Women. We have donated over \$1,500 and a wig to this organization! Kudos and a BIG Thank You to Jane and Mary for all of their hard work this year!

Tevyan Sorensen
Future Directions

Plan to join us on Saturday, March 17th for the next Statewide Committee Meetings. This is a great way to learn more about the organization and have an impact of the future of MNWT! The meetings will be held at Resurrection Church in Monticello. Marketing starts at 10:30am, Membership Management at Noon and Future Directions at 1:30pm. Contact any chairperson or email fde@mnwt.org for information to attend remotely. All members are welcome!

Jen Kinzer
MNWT Foundation

The "We Can Do It" Raffle is in full swing! Tickets are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Foundation Board member. 12 fabulous service prizes are up for grabs including; home-cooked dinners, house cleaning, PEP Courses, hand-made items and more. Details can be found online on the MNWT Foundation page or by contacting chair Jen Kinzer foundation@mnwt.org Thank you in advance for support of the MNWT Foundation!

Membership

February Leaderboard

NMA by Chapter

Greenbush	1
Red Lake Falls	1
St. Cloud	1
STMA	1
Longville	2

NMA by District

District 2	2
District 5	1
District 8	1

YTD by Chapter

Hanska	6
Brainerd Lakes Area	6
Fairmont	11
STMA	12

YTD by District

District 3 led by H. Simenstad	17
District 10 led by B. Nommensen	17
District 6 led by K. Hansen	26

Upcoming Area Meetings



Area Meetings are held once each year in the spring. The purpose of these meetings is to meet the candidates for State President and State Treasurer, offer training, and to meet with the current State President.

The schedule for the meetings are:

Area 2: Friday, March 23—6PM—Rice Lions Building, Rice, MN

Area 1: Saturday, March 24—10:30AM—First Baptist Church, Bemidji, MN

Area 3: Friday, April 6th—6PM—Valley of Peace Church, Golden Valley, MN

Area 4: Saturday, April 7th—9:30 AM—Christ the King, New Ulm, MN

Check with your District Director or see the Chairman of the Board staff page on the MNWT website.

We have MNWT logo clothing for sale online!



Check out the MNWT online store and order your favorite clothing with the MNWT logo! You pay online and orders are directly shipped (small fee for shipping is charged at checkout). You don't want to miss this chance to find great apparel at a reasonable cost with a variety of styles, colors, and sizes to fit everyone.

The store will be open March 22 through April 20 for orders to be picked up at Annual (unless member pays for shipping to home).

Contact State Treasurer at treasurer@mnwt.org for more information.

The finance committee is recommending that we make the following changes to the bylaws to eliminate the treasurer position and replace it with an Accountant and a Financial Vice President (FVP). The Accountant would be an ongoing position, approved by and answering to the Finance Committee. The Financial Vice President would be an appointed staff position.

Per Article XXI Section 1, written notice of 60 days specifying the changes proposed must be given to each member chapter. Emails have also been sent to all chapter emails. We will be voting on the following bylaw changes at the Annual Business Meeting.

Change State Treasurer to Accountant

Article V Meetings

Section 6. The state treasurer **Accountant** will mail or email to the chapters owing over \$3, monthly statements of the monies owed to the state organization. Chapters will have until close of Financial Credentials at the next state meeting to pay amounts owing. Any chapter who has not paid its amount due shall lose its voting privileges effective with that meeting. Chapters owing amounts after the Financial Credentials listing has been mailed or emailed will not be notified, but any additional amounts due must be paid at the next convention before voting privileges are granted.

Article VIII Officers and Duties

Section 5. All Minnesota Women of Today funds received by any officer must be reported immediately to the State Treasurer **Accountant**. The officer will provide a complete accounting of where the funds have come from and the date of receipt. The State Treasurer **Accountant** will instruct the officer as to proper disposition of the funds

Article XII Annual Budget

Section 3. All disbursements shall be made by check, signed by the State Treasurer **Accountant** and countersigned by the State President or, in the absence of the State President, the Administrative Vice President. No check shall be signed by the State President or the Administrative Vice President unless it is completely filled out. The Executive Director shall have the authority to co-sign checks as necessary.

Change State Treasurer to Financial Vice President

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council of this corporation shall be composed of the State President, Administrative Vice President, Membership Vice President, Chapter Management Vice President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, State Secretary, State Treasurer **Financial Vice President**, State Parliamentarian, Extensions Director, Chairman of the Board, District Directors, State Program Managers, Executive Director and the Presidential Assistant. Voting members of this Council shall be the State President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and District Directors. State Program Managers shall vote on bids for programming areas only.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall be the President, Administrative Vice President, Membership Vice President, Chapter Management Vice President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Extensions Director, State Secretary, State Treasurer **Financial Vice President**, State Parliamentarian, Chairman of the Board, District Directors and State Program Managers.

Delete Article VIII Section 2 I. and replace with:

I. Financial Vice President shall be responsible for overseeing the fund raising activities, supervise the state store manager and chair the finance committee. He/she shall give an annual report of the year's financial transactions at the Fall State Executive Council Meeting of the new administration.

Delete the following bylaws:

Delete Treasurer as a voting member of Executive Council:

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ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Section 2. The Treasurer of this corporation shall be elected or appointed for a term of one (1) year, which begins immediately following the election meeting at Annual Convention. The Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election to this office for one (1) additional term.

Section 6.

Members seeking the office of State Treasurer must meet the following qualifications to be eligible for election to office. A. Be a member in good standing in his/her local chapter and a member of the Minnesota Women of Today for at least three (3) years on assuming position. B. Have served as a local officer for one (1) year. C. Have served on the State Executive Council or Finance Committee for one (1) year. D. Have attended two (2) meetings of the State Finance Committee prior June 1st to his/her announcement for candidacy. E. Have personal backing of his/her local chapter, as indicated by a letter of support.

Section 9.

The State President and State Treasurer shall be elected as follows:

D. Presidential candidates not previously announced by the Elections Committee may run for office. To be eligible for nomination from the floor, credentials must be checked by Friday noon at Annual State Meeting by the chairman of the Elections Committee. Announcement for State Treasurer candidates shall not be made until receiving Finance Committee approval.

E. State President and State Treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority vote of member chapters present and voting at the Elections Meeting of Annual State Meeting.

F. The elections for State President and State Treasurer will be conducted by a roll call vote. However, in the event of a non-contested election, a voice vote shall be conducted.

Article 9 Section 16. In the event that the State Treasurer is unable to complete his/her term of office, the State President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval of the Executive Council.

Add Financial Vice President to:

Article IX Section 12. The Administrative Vice President, Membership Vice President, Chapter Management Vice President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, **Financial Vice President**, State Parliamentarian, Extensions Director and State Secretary shall be appointed by the State President, subject to the approval of the membership.

Add Accountant and delete as Executive Director :

Article IX Section 8. The Minnesota Women of Today Executive Director **and Accountant** may not serve in an office on the Executive Council unless he/she resigns from his/her position as Executive Director previous to election or appointment. The Minnesota Women of Today Executive Director **and Accountant** may not campaign for any candidate for any elected or appointed state position.

Add the following as section 1 to ARTICLE XII. ANNUAL BUDGET and renumber accordingly:

The Finance Committee and Accountant shall be responsible for all financial transactions of the corporation.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2018 Double Tree Park Place

President Shelli Struzyk called the meeting to order at 1:23 PM.

Invocation was given by Cindy Golbuff, LL SPM. Jenise Teske, CC SPM, led the Pledge and DD 5 Sarah Sundine led the USWT Creed.

President Shelli introduced the chair persons of the convention.

Parliamentarian Illeana Miller reviewed the Orders of the Day.

Minutes from the Mid Year Executive Council meeting were approved as presented in the December/January Chapter Mailing.

Secretary, Brenda Sather

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the CIP stuffing.
- Reminder to submit your completed staff reports including the blanks immediately following the business meeting for the minutes.

Administrative Vice President, Christine Sibilleau

- The recent survey that was sent out concerning District Directors was reviewed highlighting areas of needed training improvements as well as positive impacts and changes. The information will continue to be reviewed and assessed by the staff to help build on the DD positions.
- Drawing was held for those DDs submitting Mid Year Evaluations with Cathy Hanson DD6 receiving the incentive basket.
- DDs for the 2018-19 year are being sought. Districts 1,2, and 5 have potential candidates.
- District Directors each gave a short report reviewing exciting things happening in their districts.

Membership Vice President, Cindy Umland

- An update on the EC Membership Challenge was given. SPMs have signed 4 members, DDs 2, and Staff has signed 7.
- Council was reminded to attend the forum "Learn the Language of Recruitment" presented by USWT President Nicky and COB Jane.
- Membership team is looking for help. Please contact Cindy if interested in participating in upcoming events.

Chapter Management Vice President, Heidi Westerlund

- LOTS will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Rice on May 5th.
- TLC Chapters were reviewed.
- Orientation of new members is key so looking for help.
- Important to speak up if EC members are seeing chapters struggling.

Extensions Direction, Brenda Kennelly

- St. Charles and Karlstad are ready to charter. See CIP for cash incentives for chapters chartering in January or February.

Internal Vice President, Jessy McShane

- We are accepting bids for 2018-19 SPMs. Please contact Jessy if interested.
- Winner of the SPM recommendation drawing challenge is Jane Hanson.

Living and Learning SPM, Cindy Goldbuff

- Seeking help to meet goal is 125 LL certifications, 12 PEP course certifications, and 100 each of Personal Development and USWT Health and Wellness.
- Hoping to have 15 members at the Book and Beverage Club discussing "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein.
- Effective Speaking competition will be held at Annual Convention. Registration is \$5 and due by May 10th.

NEWSLET, OPEN

- Amy Pumper will be taking photos this weekend for the edition.

Public Relations, OPEN

- Looking for SPM for 2018-19 year.

Records and Recognition, Shellie Lemmerman

- Received 20 entries for SUCCESS. Goal is 25.

External Vice President, Barb Zeroth

- SPMs are working hard preparing their forums. Please review the schedule and attend these.

Community Connection, Jenise Teske

- There were 3 submissions for Domestic Violence Awareness. President Shelli selected a winner to be announced at the Business Meeting.
- Unfortunately there was not enough submissions to hold the People with Developmental Challenges Award. Start considering for next year.

Breaking Free, Brenda Reeves

- MNWT sponsored four events for Breaking Free this trimester.
- There was enough help for the Super Bowl weekend.
- Next Breaking Free event is Graduation on Feb. 13th.

Women's Wellness, Donna Barrett

- See CIP for upcoming trimester challenges.

Youth of Today, OPEN

- Be sure to attend and support the Jail and Bail at the Friday night party to support the Youth of Today area. See Barb for "warrants."

Treasurer, Julie Hammel

- Expense reimbursement checks were handed out. Deadline for DD and SPM for 3rd trimester to supervisors is April 28th. All expense vouchers are due no later than Friday, May 5th.
- Unsold raffle tickets or stubs and money need to be turned in by the luncheon. Massages will be available and must be pre-arranged and prepaid.
- Remember to purchase incentives at the State Store for Annual Convention.
- Next Finance Meeting is Saturday, March 3rd, at the United Methodist Church in Anoka.
- M/S/W (Treasurer/MVP) I move that we change policy M.1.a to reflect \$0.10 per mile from \$0.19 per mile effective the 2018-19 year.
- M/S/P (Treasurer/MVP) I move that we amend policy M.1.a to read "at the executive council rate of \$0.10."
- M/S/P (Treasurer/MVP) I move that we change policy M.1.b to reflect the executive council rate instead of \$0.19 per mile effective the 2018-19 year.
- M/S/P (Treasurer/PA) I move that we change policy M.1.c to replace \$0.22 per mile with \$0.15 per mile effective the 2018-19 year.
- M/S/P (Treasurer/MVP) I move that we change policy M.1.e to replace \$0.19 per mile with Executive Council Rate effective in the 2018-19 year.

Parliamentarian, Illeana Miller

- President Shelli drew for incentive winners for the 2nd trimester Parli challenge winner and the Policy/By Law submission winner that will be presented at the Business Meeting.

Chairman of the Board, Jane Hanson

- March Planning is being hosted by the White Bear Lake Chapter and will be held in Shoreview on March 10th.
- Area meetings dates and locations were reviewed and will be in the CIP.
- USWT Year End convention is in Mankato on June 8-10.
- Committee chairs for 2018-19 for Future Directions, Marketing and Membership Management are being sought.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased ONTO flowers. There still are some available for sale.
- M/S/P (COB/MVP) I move that we allow Wigs for Women to sell tickets to their annual event scheduled for Feb 17, 2018 at Winter State Convention for \$20.

Executive Director, Katie Castro

- No priority bid for Annual 2019 was received so bids are now open to the state and are due by April 20, 18. Bids will be heard at the Business Meeting at Annual in Alexandria on Saturday, May 19th. The next priority bid will be for Fall State 2019 and is open to Section 1 NW (Districts 1,2,3&4). These are due May 4th, 2018.

- Annual Convention “Aloha in Alexandria” will be at Arrowwood Resort May 18-20. MNJOTS will be June 1-3 at Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter, MN. Fall State is September 28-30 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. Winter State 2019 will be January 25-27.
- Reminder to be posting to your Facebook pages at least weekly. Be sure to use the #mnwt and tag ED MNWT.
- Remember to upload your files from the 2017-18 to your Google folder so your successor has easy access to files. Please contact Katie if questions.
- Reminder to be checking your official email and cleaning up your inbox. You need to be doing this prior to Annual 2018 before the web team erases the passwords for the next year.

Presidential Assistant, Lisa Hahn

- 12X12 scrapbook page for Shelli is due and should be completed front and back.

Committee Reports were reserved for the Business Meeting.

President Shelli gave a brief presentation on impacting others.

Ongoing Business

None

New Business

- Jeny Ohr presented a bid for Records and Recognition SPM.
- M/S/P (EVP/MVP) I move that we approve Jeny Ohr as the 2018-19 Records and Recognition SPM.

Announcements

- None

LL SPM Cindy Goldbuff read a benediction. DD 6 Kathy Hanson led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM.

Winter State Business Meeting Minutes **January 27, 2018 Double Tree Park Place**

President Shelli Struzyk called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Invocation was given by Cindy Golbuff, LL SPM. Jenise Teske CC SPM, led the Pledge and DD 7 Barb Mitchell led the USWT creed. President Shelli welcomed the guests in the room as well as introduced the chair persons of the convention, Shirley Halgrimson and Vicki Rockwell, for an official welcome. Parliamentarian Illeana Miller reviewed the Orders of the Day. The minutes from the Business Meeting from Annual convention were approved as presented in the October Chapter Mailing.

Secretary, Brenda Sather

- Thank you to the chapters and districts who submitted their minutes for review. The winner of the incentive gift card from Amazon was the St. Michael-Albertville Chapter.
- Please make sure to check out the CIP for roles of the secretary in your upcoming chapter and district elections. Your position involves a lot more than just taking minutes.

Administrative Vice President, Christine Sibilleau

- Judges are looking for the district with the most excitement not only at business meeting but at roundtables training sessions, forum, etc.
- There were 5 state delegates that submitted mid-year evaluations. The winner of the basket is Becky Stock of the Brainerd Lakes Area chapter.
- Open house will be held in Upper Atrium for those interested in being a DD for next year. Stop and find out what this involves. Open to everyone.
- Set a goal of 2 members or more from your chapter to attend your Area and District meetings coming up.

Membership Vice President, Cindy Umland

- Welcomed 47 new stars this trimester. They join the 242 members who renewed their membership. Retention this trimester was at 76%. We had 17 chapters with growth and 2 districts with growth. 11 chapters had 75% retention or higher and 23 chapters had 100% retention.
- The winner of the “Thanks for Renewing” gift was Miikki Broadhead of Aitkin.
- This trimester there were 7 chapters who qualified for the Silver Starburst award, 5 chapters with the Gold Starburst, and 14 with the Ruby Red Star.

- We had 4 chapters and 1 DD enter the Galaxy challenges. Brainerd Lakes, Marshall, Fairmont and St. Michael-Albertville along with DD Kathy Hanson were recognized.
- See MVP CIP for Recruitment Challenge.
- Membership Shine Weeks were held September 24-30 and November 12-18. Shine Weeks coming up are February 11-17 and March 18-24.
- Thank you to COB Jane and USWT President Nicky for the membership forum presented last night.
- MNWT Foundation is offering a membership incentive. Each chapter that signs 5 new members will receive a \$50 incentive at Annual.

Chapter Management Vice President, Heidi Westerlund

- LOTS will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Rice on May 5th. See CIP for more information.
- Orientation and activation is key for the new members signed.
- There will be DOTS at Area 1 & 4.

Extensions Direction, Brenda Kennelly

- MNWT is offering financial incentives to any chapter that charter in January or February.

Internal Vice President, Jessy McShane

- Looking for enthusiastic members to be leaders in the programming areas for 2018-19.
- Living and Learning, Public Relations and NEWSLET are still open. Congratulations to Jeny Ohr, Coon Rapids, who was approved by Executive Council yesterday for the Records and Recognition SPM for 2018-19.

Living and Learning SPM, Cindy Goldbuff

- There were 3 entries for the Effective Writing competition. Winner will be announced at the luncheon.
- Winner of the 2nd Trimester challenge was Lisa Hahn.
- MNWT Year End Competition is Effective Speaking with the topic of “Who has Influenced You the Most.” Information is in CIP.
- Had 18 LL certifications this trimester and 42 year to date. Received 3 PEP courses and 10 year to date.

NEWSLET, OPEN

- All NEWSLET submissions are due February 19th.
- NEWSLET Personals are available for purchase. Email ivp@mnwt.org.

Public Relations, OPEN

- Winner of the chapter brochure contest is the Coon Rapids Chapter.
- This position is open for the 2018-19 year. Contact ivp@mnwt.org for more information.

Records and Recognition, Shellie Lemmerman

- SUCCESS for 3rd trimester is due May 5th.
- Year End entries are due EMAILED to rr@mnwt.org by Friday, April 13th

External Vice President, Barb Zeroth

- Thank you to all who attended the CONNECT session.
- Be sure to attend the forums after business meeting.
- **Community Connection, Jenise Teske**
- Winner of the Domestic Violence Awareness challenge was the Sauk Rapids Chapter.
- Due to lack of submissions, no Outstanding People with Developmental Challenges will be awarded. Consider a submission for next year.

- Total volunteer hours reported this trimester was 1,642. Donations totaled \$3,981.09 and \$5,782.09 in kind.

Breaking Free, Brenda Reeves

- Four events were held for Breaking Free this last trimester. Thank you to all that helped.
- Wishes and More is the next Priority Area and looking for a SPM for this area.
- There will be a Luminary Walk for Breaking Free tonight. Luminary bags are available for purchase yet. Total service hours reported this trimester was 256 with \$3,686.55 raised.

Women's Wellness, Donna Barrett

- Thanks to all the chapters who reported this last trimester.
- The winner of the 2nd trimester challenge was Brenda Kennelly from Coon Rapids.
- Total service hours reported for 2nd trimester was 167 with total \$4,144 raised.

Youth of Today, OPEN

- Thank you to those submitting a domination for the Outstanding Young Adult award. These will be presented this evening at the banquet.
- A total of \$115 was raised last night at the Jail and Bail for Youth of Today.
- Total service hours reported for 2nd trimester was 626 with a total \$4,449.54 raised.

Treasurer, Julie Hammel

- Thank you to those chapters and districts who made donations to State Ways and Means this trimester.
- State Store is available until 5 PM and will be available at upcoming area meetings and LOTS.
- Thank you to the 7 members who purchased Chubby Chico Charms items providing \$170.49 in profit.
- Third Trimester fundraiser will be Flower Power.
- Online clothing store will open March 22 to April 20.
- Tastefully Simple will be at Annual Convention.
- All chapter must file MN sales tax returns on or before February 5, 2018.
- Watch for proposed bylaw changes for the treasurer position in the March Chapter Mailing.
- Next Finance Meeting will be March 3, 2018 at United Methodist Church of Anoka.
- M/S/P (Treasurer/New Hope) I move to approve the 2017-18 mid year budget.

Parliamentarian, Illeana Miller

- There are 33 of 58 chapters present so a quorum was established.
- Winner of the 2nd trimester Parli Crown Challenge is Jeny Ohr of Coon Rapids.
- Winner for the 2nd trimester Policy/Bylaw Submission challenge is the Rice Chapter.
- A total of 10 chapters and 3 districts have submitted their policies and bylaws for review to date. You can still submit before year end.

Chairman of the Board, Jane Hanson

- March Planning is in Shoreview on March 10th. See CIP for registration form.
- Area Meetings are scheduled and are included in CIP. Registrations are available online as well.
- USWT year end convention is held in MN this year and chaired by Amy Pumper and Cindy Sanders. Donations are being sought for the hospitality room.
- Looking for committee chairs for next year. If interested, contact COB.
- M/S/P (COB/Byron) I move that we move into a committee of the whole.
- M/S/P (COB/MVP) I move that we go out of the committee of the whole.
- Policies state that no district can have less than 4 chapters. D1 has dropped below this. Staff will be working on this.

Executive Director, Katie Castro

- No priority bid was received for Annual 2019 so open to the state. Due April 20, 2018. Next priority bid will be for Fall State 2019 is is pent to Section 1 NW and is due May 4th.
- Annual Convention will be at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria on May 18-20. Theme is "Aloha in Alexandria."
- A bid presentation was made for Fall State 2018 from District 4.
- Thank you for the quick turnaround on insurance payments. Certificates will be mailed with the third trimester dues billing.
- Third trimester dues billing will be out the first part of February.
- Submit your chapter and district officer sheet for the next year online.
- Reminder to attend forums after meeting.
- Federal Form 990 can be filed after June 1 and must be filed by September 1. Annual renewal with the MN Secretary of State's office can be filed anytime but must be filed by September 1.

Presidential Assistant, Lisa Hahn

- Please continue to send in photos of President Shelli's travels. The Rice Chapter is compiling these into photo books for a year end presentation.
- It is tradition to present the State President with a gift at year end. Asking chapters and districts to donate \$10 towards this gift.

MNWT Foundation, Jen Kinzer (foundation@mnwt.org)

- The Empower the Future Campaign has ended. A total of \$4,976 was raised. Drawing will be announced at the Luncheon.
- A new "We Can Do It" raffle is being promoted. Tickets are \$5 for a chance at 12 different services. Drawing will be at Annual.
- Sustaining Memberships are only \$25. Chapters are welcome in addition to general members. Trimester donation of \$35 can be used to become a sustaining member.
- Lucky Buck will take place at Luncheon today with proceeds to benefit the Chapter Grants program. There were no applicants this year. Plan now for next year. Lucky Buck at Annual will benefit the Extensions Fund.
- Jane Hanson is the new Foundation Treasurer.
- Next meeting will be April 14th.

Future Directions Committee Tevyan Sorensen

(fdc@mnwt.org)

- Next training webinars are February 28th. See CIP and website for topics and times.
- The District Membership VP and District Programming Managers have been eliminated for the 2018-19 year. DDs have the information and will share with their district.
- Area 4 will pilot a combined area meeting and district meeting. Based upon feedback, FD will revisit adopting this policy statewide in the future.
- Manual Review sub committee chaired by Amy Pumper is in need of help with PEP course review. Programming Review Task Force also needs members. Contact Tevyan if interested in helping.
- Next Statewide Committee meetings are Saturday, March 17th in Monticello.

Marketing Committee Chair, Shellie Matthes (marketing@mnwt.org)

- There was \$1,532 and one wig donated this weekend for Wigs for Women.
- Third Trimester Statewide Committees are Saturday, March 17th.

Membership Management Committee Chair, Sherry Boike (mme@mnwt.org)

- Thank you to the 5 first timers who attending last night's meeting. Award presentations will be at the luncheon.
- Thank you to the Monticello chapter for participation in the Out & About Night in November. Next night is March 7th.

Ongoing Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements

- 47 blankets were tied for the service project
- LL SPM Cindy Goldbuff read a benediction. EVP Barb Zerth led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Things for your calendar:

Meetings:

March 10th:

March Planning

March 17th:

Committee Meetings
Resurrection Church, Monticello MN

10am Registration & Refreshments
10:30am Marketing
12 Noon Membership Management
1:30pm Future Directions

Your chapter can earn Success points each trimester for attending a State Committee meeting.

March 23:

Area 2 Meeting—Rice

March 24:

Area 1 Meeting—Bemidji

April 6:

Area 3 Meeting—Golden Valley

April 7:

Area 4 meeting—New Ulm

Key Dates and Deadlines:

March 7th:

Out & About Night

March 13th:

Presidential Pins & Medallion nominations for area meetings

March 15th:

Early Bird Renewals Postmarked to CSC

LOTS

(Local Officer Training Session)

Saturday, May 5th

**Immaculate Conception Church
Rice, MN**

**See Chapter Management CIP
for registration form or email
cmvp@mnowt.org**

**Need to call Katie, the
Executive Director?**



Chapter Service Hours

**Mon-Wed-Thurs
noon-5PM**

**Tuesday
3-8 PM**

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