

# 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.

*The formula for success: Conceive + Believe = Achieve*

Minnesota Women of Today,

As we prepare to **finish** the 2010-2011 year **STRONG**, and are hard at work at completing our goals for the year, I thought this article from Dr. Alan Zimmerman's "The Tuesday Tip," would assist you.

*"When you were created, you were endowed with a magnificent mind...capable of achieving almost anything you set your mind to." Only a few people have truly understood the magnificence of the mind and its amazing power. Thomas Edison was one of them. As the most prolific inventor of all time, he knew, "If you did everything you were capable of doing, you would literally astonish yourself." Olympic gold medalists have also understood the amazing power of the mind. They know that many times their victories are 90% mental and only 10% physical. So you were born to win. No doubt about it. You have all the proper equipment to make it happen - there's a way to wipe out that old negative, failure conditioning. There's a way to re-program yourself for success.*

#### **1. Realize you have the power to change.**

*That's right. You can change WHO you are, WHAT you are, and WHERE you are by changing what goes into your mind. You can change ... if you have the right skills ... and if you apply those skills in the right fashion. You need to be aware of the awesome gift you've been given. Of all the creatures on the Earth, only humans have the ability to change their internal programming and thereby change their future. Don't dismiss or underestimate your awesome gift.*

#### **2. Define your goals.**

*To re-program yourself for greater success, you've got to know what success means to you. What kinds of success do you want? And where do you want to see it? You can start that process by defining your goals. Ask yourself, "What do you want to ADD to or SUBTRACT from your life?" Maybe you want to get better at certain activities, move up in your career, modify your behavior in particular situations, change a personal-ity characteristic, or drop a bad habit. Make a list of all your desired goals.*

#### **3. Write out your goals as affirmation statements.**

*Once you know your goals, once you know what you want, it's critically important that you turn each one of them into an affirmation statement that you can tell yourself over and over again in the upcoming days and weeks. Now I realize, to some of you, talking to yourself might feel a bit silly, but your feelings are basically irrelevant. What counts is what works, and affirmations work. As Dr. Denis Waitley stated in "The Psychology of Winning," every WINNER he has ever met in every profession of life uses affirmations every single day. So write out each goal as a separate affirmation, and write them using the following guidelines.*

**Write out your affirmations using present-tense verbs.** (Not "I will..." but "I am...") **Phrase your affirmations positively.** (No negative words) **Make them personal.** (Start with "I" or "My") **Be specific.**

*Once you've written out your affirmations...*

#### **4. Follow an embedding process.**

*It's critical that you write out your affirmations, and it's critical that you write them appropriately. But it's just as critical that you use them in the right way. Follow this process.*

**Say them often.** (Move them into your subconscious by repeating your affirmations over and over.) **Say them with feeling.** (Say them like you mean it.) **Say them whenever a negative thought comes to mind. Picture your affirmations.** As Norman Vincent Peale noted in one of the best-selling books of all time, "The Power of Positive Thinking," he said, "Formulate and stamp indelibly on your mind a mental picture of yourself as succeeding. Hold this picture tenaciously. Never permit it to fade. Your mind will seek to develop the picture." Every other form of life on this planet is driven by instinct and genetic code. A sunflower has to follow the sun. Certain birds have to fly south in the winter. They simply cannot go any other direction. But as a human being, you can live one way for twenty-five years, and then tear up the script and live another way the next twenty-five years. Now you know the process for re-writing your script.

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Chapter leaders of the Minnesota Women of Today - **finish strong** as you write these final chapters of your book this year! I believe in you – **Anne**

**Terri Dahlberg**  
**Administrative VP**

Spring is definitely in the air, and with it comes March Planning, Area Meetings, and LOTS (Local Officer Training Seminar)! March Planning is your opportunity to bring suggestions to staff members for updates and changes in procedures and processes. All items are discussed and considered, and if further research on a topic is needed, it will be brought to Future Directions. The Area Meeting is your chance to see President Anne, meet candidates for 2011-12, and receive training. LOTS, hosted by the Monticello Women of Today on May 7<sup>th</sup>, is the ultimate preparation for incoming chapter board members. I'll see you there!

**Marie Robinson**  
**Chapter Management VP**

Have you started planning your chapter's year end banquet? There's still plenty of time to put it all together. Take this opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful things you accomplished this last year!

**Nicky Anderson**  
**Membership VP**

Our final Mystery Monday is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Start planning your event now and have a chance to win a picnic basket (filled with lots of goodies) which will be given at Annual convention. Don't forget to call Treasurer Jane Hanson that night and tell her about your event and any new members you sign. Remember the more you sign the better chance you might have. Clue: maybe there will be wine in the basket! Start working now on your 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester renewals, if you need any assistance please let me know. If we work together I know we will end the year with Growth and won't that be a great ending to president Anne's book!

**Sue Schoenborn**  
**External VP**

Vice Presidents of Programming –Have you noticed that member who has it all together? She has her reports at meetings and knows about her programming area? Have you noticed her passion for programming? We are looking for State Pro-

gram Managers. Be sure to let EVP Sue or IVP Dana know of that member, we will be happy to contact them without pressure! Don't forget to promote LOTS within your chapter. (May 7) Getting a jump start on your year in new positions is extremely beneficial to the individual and your chapter! (It's also a lot of fun!) We have done AMAZING works in programming this year. Keep those transmittals and LPM/DPM reports coming! I know there are more AMAZING things happening in communities across Minnesota, but we don't know about them. We need your transmittals and LPM/DPM reports. If you are not sure how to complete those forms, please ask for help! I would love to help you and I know of 35 other Executive Council members that would help you too!

**Dana Hoenigschmidt**  
**Internal VP**

There are a lot of activities happening in the internal programming areas for third trimester. Have you completed your Living and Learning certification yet? It's not too late to get those into LL SPM Michelle Gag. *Hot Flashes* are a great way to send a message to a fellow WT member anywhere in the state. There's still time to submit for the upcoming issue of the NEWSLET. Support MNWT and your local chapter by participating in the Ways & Means third trimester promotional, McSteven's Giftable Drink Mixes. Order forms are also available online. There are 2 order deadlines. March 1<sup>st</sup> for delivery at Area Meetings and April 20<sup>th</sup> for delivery at Annual Convention. STEP I, II, & III certifications are a great way to measure your individual successes for the year. Please complete yours online at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org) in the book of forms. For more information on any of these happenings please see the Winter State CIPs. Tippin' My Hat to You in 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester.

**Cindy Sanders**  
**Extensions Director**

Welcome to the Hibbing Women of Today. Thank you to Tari Seiler from the extension team for heading up that extension. We now have 3 completed extensions for this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped accomplish this. Now we need to finish strong and complete the remaining extensions in pro-

gress. I know that with everyone's help, we can do it. We currently have extensions happening in the following communities: Breckenridge, Hermantown, Lakefield, Milaca, Owatonna, St. Peter, Stillwater and Woodbury. Please pass any names on to myself or the extensions chair.

**Pam Przybilla**  
**Parliamentarian**

I hope everyone is getting off to a great 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester. Election Committee meetings should be in full force by the time you are reading this. I have a lot of election information in my Winter State CIP to help you. I would love to reach my goal of at least 30 chapters submitting their bylaws for review and 10 districts. I have a few more to receive to achieve that so if you haven't already sent them you may see an email or a note from me asking you to submit them. Don't forget about my Parli Chapter Challenge for an incentive at Annual. Enjoy the rest of the trimester and I will see you at Annual in May.

**Kelly Porter**  
**Secretary**

It is not too early to get your PALS application in for the 2011-2012 year! Please see my Winter State CIP for the application or you can email me at [secretary@mnwt.org](mailto:secretary@mnwt.org) and I will send you the application.

**Jen Kinzer**  
**Chairman of the Board**

Area meetings are coming, beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and concluding on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Area meetings are a time for you to hear a final message from President Anne, meet the Treasurer and President candidates for the 2011-12 year, and have an opportunity to experience some WT training. Check out information on one of these Area meetings online, from your district director or contact me for more information.

**Christine Harkess**  
**Presidential Assistant**

Don't forget to send in your chapter donation of \$10 for Anne's year end gift. I hope we're able to buy her a

lovely gift from all of us but I need your donations to do that. Also, keep working on those 12 x 12 scrapbook pages highlighting your chapter. These scrapbook pages replace the chapter quilt squares that were done in the past. I'd like to start working on her scrapbook so please get them in soon.

**Jane Hanson**  
**Treasurer**

Our annual raffle is under way! We are selling only 750 tickets at \$5 each. Cash prizes are \$200, \$150, \$75, \$50, \$25. Consider purchasing a book of tickets as a chapter or district - you can make a donation to ways and means and have a chance to get some money back. Contact Vicki Rockwell, chair or Treasurer Jane Hanson for tickets. Drawing will be at annual convention, need not be present to win. Now is the time to "catch up" on any transmittal forms from first or second trimester and get a start on your third trimester transmittal forms. Help us capture all of the monies that your chapter donations by submitting on-line - fast and easy!

**MaryAnn Johnson**  
**Community Connections**

Congratulations to Emily Bellah and Brett Persson on their winning nomination for Persons with Developmental Challenges Award. They received an award to attend a Friendship Venture Camp. You have 3 months to work on the Year End Award Nominations in the categories of Joint Ventures, Community Impact and Civic/Environmental Project Awards. You may have projects that will be coming up that you'll want to nominate and then you have some that you've already done take a look at some of them. Remember to save your used purses, wallets, clutches, backpacks for Clutch for Cause. I want to encourage each chapter/member to keep up the wonderful work at being so involved in your communities. I want to thank the Melrose area for the donation of 180 purses, wallets, and clutches for the organization. Another member brought in around 15. Thank You to all.

**Heidi Westerlund**  
**Can Do Canines**

We are in our final trimester of this year's priority area and our promo-

tion is "Name A Puppy"! We are raising \$2,500 to donate to the "Name a Puppy" promotion. In return, we will be having our President Anne name a puppy for the Minnesota Women of Today. So please, make a chapter donation, district donation, run a specific project, or give me a call and say, "I will help. What can I do?" With the help of the entire state, I know we can meet this goal. It is my vision to have at least one puppy named after the Minnesota Women of Today to remind us of all our good works during the three years that we had Can Do Canines as a priority area.

**Michelle Gag**  
**Living and Learning**

Do you know all of the great things you have accomplished in the last 9 months? Get out the L&L certifications and start checking off. Nicki Anderson of the Madelia chapter did. So did Kimberly Rowland of the Eden Prairie chapter. Did you hear? This year is the last chance to certify in Chaplain and Focus on Women! I missed my wine challenge opportunity! Check out the NEWSLET for the names of the qualifying people. How can you join them too? Certify in L&L, Chaplain, Effective Writing, Effective Speaking and Focus on Women. All L&L Certifications are due to me April 25th. Service GROWTH and Fellowship!

**Julie Hammel**  
**NEWSLET**

Did you know that community businesses can advertise in the NEWSLET? Attached to the NEWSLET Winter State CIP was a brochure with advertising ad size and cost information. What a great way to reach over 1,600 women across Minnesota!

**Sue Renz**  
**Public Relations**

Thanks to all the chapters who submitted an entry in the Chapter Brochure & Display Contest at Winter State. Volunteer Week is coming: April 10-16, 2011. Look in my CIP or on the website for ideas and press releases. There will be more coming out in my DPM letter. Has your chapter made a page for President Anne's scrapbook yet? Year-end is coming soon! Don't be left out of her "book"!

**Janice Schwartz**  
**Records and Recognition**

Are you getting the present recorded in your year-end evaluation? Keeping your evaluation updated as you go along will make your yearend a piece of cake. Take a moment at your chapter meeting and discuss the importance of SUCCESS and how your chapter can benefit from using this all important chapter management tool. This is your last opportunity to submit US Project Recognition for the 2010-2011 year, don't delay do it today! Contact me for additional information.

**Ways and Means**

Check the Ways and Means Winter State CIP for the 3rd trimester promotional of yummy drink mixes. This promotional is great for your chapter and the state. Your chapter can claim 20% of the sales.

**Dawn Scouton**  
**Women's Wellness**

Hi everyone! This trimester my focus is on Hormones and your health. See my CIP for more information and for links on more specific hormone information and tests you can take if you think you are having an imbalance. Do you have your teams started yet for March for Babies? There are several walks throughout the state. Check out their website to find the one nearest to you. Don't forget that it is never too late to raise money for the Cancerables Foundation. We are way below my goal for funds raised for them. Remember that the funds raised are for ovarian cancer research. Lastly, I would be more than willing to come to your chapter or district meetings to talk about a women's wellness topic. Let me know if I can come and join you! Thanks!

**Wendy Lindberg**  
**Youth of Today**

Thanks to the 23 people who attended the Women's Gopher Game. My fundraising goal for this event was met! Don't forget the Chili Feed for Isaac's Journey coming up March 26th at Gerard's in Sauk Centre! There will be great food and great fun! see my CIP for more info and help me get AT LEAST 30 Women of Today members to come!

## Why SUCCESS?

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### SUCCESS is all about recognition

No, SUCCESS is not for recognition only. Recognition is nice and we all love it, but SUCCESS is much more. The recognition comes as an acknowledgement to chapters for utilizing the SUCCESS program.

### SUCCESS is a chapter management tool

What, a chapter management tool! Yes, the next time your chapter is planning the calendar for the year have the SUCCESS form and instructions there. Utilize the SUCCESS form to plan your activities for the year. This is the time to plan activities and events for each section of the SUCCESS form.

- Membership is where the chapter completes the growth plan for the year and plans m-events. All members work this area whenever they are talking about Women of Today.
- Meetings reference meetings outside of your chapter; that is District, Area, State, National, Committees, LOTS and President/State Delegate Retreat. Plan to have chapter members attend these meetings, possibly offer them a little incentive so they can learn more about all of the things that go on with Women of Today outside of their local chapter.
- Chapter Management is a well-run chapter. Monthly board meetings with agendas and minutes, quorums at general meetings with agendas and minutes, participating in State Ways and Means, etc.
- Programming is another area that may frighten some chapters; don't let it. Collect non-perishables for the local food bank and ask the boy scouts or girl scouts to help. Voila, you've participated in Community Connections and Youth of Today.
  - Programming B is where we get in to certifications. Have you had your certification party yet? Most of us qualify for certifications by the many things we do in our everyday life. Have that certification party and help all of your members to see how they qualify.

Don't forget to submit those USWT project recognitions. Information can be found on our state website. If you have submitted a project of the trimester; you can certainly submit the US project recognition. Points can be claimed on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester SUCCESS submissions only for another 50 points.

Take part in all or many of the areas on the SUCCESS form and your chapter will be SUCCESSful and receiving recognition during the SUCCESS march at convention.

# LOTS 2011



May flowers bring new powers ~ Flower Power



**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Hosted by: Monticello Women of Today**

Place:

Resurrection Church  
9300 Jason Ave NE  
Monticello, Mn

8:30 – 3:15 PM

Schedule:

8:30~8:45 Registration  
8:45~9:30 Welcome  
9:30~11:30 Training Session  
11:30~12:30 Lunch  
12:30~3:00 Training Session  
3:00~3:15 Evaluation

Registration Cost:

Advance: \$12.00  
Late: \$15.00

Advance registration  
postmarked by April 22,  
2011

Make checks payable to:  
**Minnesota Women of  
Today**  
Designated "LOTS"

Questions/Information

Contact: Marie Robinson  
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Send registration form  
along with payment for  
each person to:  
Marie Robinson  
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## LOTS 2011 Registration Form

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ District#: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Chapter Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address, Email and Telephone number of person responsible for registration of your chapter:

Name and positions of those attending:

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Advance Registration is \$12.00 per person (postmarked by April 22, 2011)

Late Registration is \$15.00 per person (postmarked after April 22, 2011)

Make checks payable to: Minnesota Women of Today  
Send Registration form and payment for each person to:  
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29 15th Avenue North  
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## Executive Council Meeting Minutes January 28, 2011

### Winter State , Double Tree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park, MN

President, Anne Johnson, called the Fall State Executive Council meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Michelle Gag, Living and Learning SPM, read an invocation. Mary Ann Johnson, Community Connections, SPM, led the Pledge of Allegiance. NEWSLET State Program Manager, Julie Hammel, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Parliamentarian, Pam Przybilla, gave Orders of the Day. Minutes of the Mid Year Executive Council Meeting on November 13, 2010 stand approved as printed.

#### Secretary-Kelly Porter

- State Plan of Action donations are still being accepted.
- 2011-2012 PALS applications are being accepted.
- Book of Forms is scheduled to be printed this Fall. Need recommendations. Deadline for recommendations is February 28, 2011.
- March Chapter Mailing Highlights are due February 10, 2011.
- April/May Chapter Mailing Highlights are March 10, 2011.
- Area Meeting Staff Reports are due March 18, 2011.

#### Administrative Vice President-Terri Dahlberg

- 8 DDs completed their Mid Year Evaluations
- District Director Open House on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

#### Membership Vice President-Nicky Anderson

- 28 chapters and 4 districts with growth 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.
- Inching our way to Growth-Anne will be having 15 inches cut off tonight at the party.
- Mystery Monday M-Night, November 30<sup>th</sup>-13 chapters called Nicky and had 11 new members sign.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Challenge-hold a M-Night on January 31 and March 28<sup>th</sup> and will be entered into drawings.

#### Chapter Management Vice President-Marie Robinson

- 22 chapters on TLC. Please call Marie to help.
- LOTS will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Monticello.
- Forum on Saturday-“How to Talk the Women of Today Talk”

#### Extensions Director-Cindy Sanders

- Nine extensions in progress: Breckenridge/Wahpeton, Hermantown, Owatonna, Stillwater, Hibbing, St. Peter, Lakefield, Woodbury, and Milaca.
- Five chapters on the 2 and under list: Andover, Eagan, Crookston, Savage Area and St. Joseph
- Savage Area and Andover will be chartering and Crookston is graduating this weekend.
- Challenge to District Directors to have three new intents and three completed extensions this trimester
- Looking for strong recruiters or trainers.

#### Internal Vice President-Dana Hoenigschmidt

- Looking for 2011-2012 SPMS-please send names to either Dana or Sue.
- STEP certifications-last year and will be having a drawing at Annual for those who completed their STEP certification.

#### Living and Learning SPM-Michelle Gag

- MWNT Planned Speech Competition at Annual Convention
- Only 31% of plastic water bottles are recycled in one year-buy reusable water bottles.

#### NEWSLET SPM-Julie Hammel

- Articles needed for upcoming Newsletter. Deadline is February 1, 2011
- “Hot Flashes” personals for the newsletter

#### Public Relations SPM-Sue Renz

- Brochure and Display being held this weekend
- “Get the News Out” Forum this weekend with NEWSLET SPM, Julie Hammel
- Need more articles and pictures for Pres. Anne’s scrapbook
- Volunteer Week: April 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>
- Day at the Diamond is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2011.

#### Records & Recognition SPM-Janice Schwartz

- Thank you to all that submitted their Mid Year Evaluations
- 16 Chapters submitted SUCCESS for 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- Need projects for the USWT Project Recognition

#### Ways and Means

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Promotional is a drink mix items-check it out this weekend
- New State Store Items: Flags, highlighters/pen sets and pens. Salsa is still available

#### External Vice President- Sue Schoenborn

- M/S/P (S.Schoenborn/J.Kinzer) Moved to allow the sale of cookbooks for Isaac’s Journey at Winter State.
- M/S/P (S.Schoenborn/S.Renz) Moved to allow Clutch for Cause, Amy Wollmuth, to see purses this weekend for her foundation.

- New Three Year Priority Area submissions and presentations were heard today: Girl Power 2 Cure, Children’s Grief Connections, Isaac’s Journey, and Shriner’s.
- Girl Power 2 Cure, Children’s Grief Connections, Isaac’s Journey will present at Annual Convention and will be voted on at Fall State for the new 3 year priority area.

#### Community Connections SPM-Mary Ann Johnson

- There will be two honorees for the OPDC Award on Saturday night
- Clutch for Cause will be selling purses this weekend
- Looking for nominations for the Community Connection Award to be presented at Annual Convention in Morton.

#### Women’s Wellness SPM-Dawn Scouton

- Get Healthy Challenge-thank you to over 100 members that participated.
- Start forming your March of Dimes walk team!
- Cancrurables Foundation needs our help! Please consider a fundraiser for this great organization.
- Over \$8000 has been raised in Women’s Wellness in 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester focus will be Hormones and Your Health

#### Can Do Canines- Heidi Westerlund

- Name a Puppy promotion is in full swing. Please make a direct donation, run a project with the proceeds going to Can Do Canines “Name a Puppy”
- The best way to learn about Can Do Canines is by having myself or the staff of Can Do Canines come for a visitation at your chapter or district meeting. You can also schedule a tour of the actual facility in New Hope for your members. Please contact me, and we will make it happen!
- Candy bars was a wonderful success. The total number will be announced at convention. If you still owe for candy bars, please get your money in asap. Left over candy bars, no problem! We have many chapters who are looking for more to sell. Just let me know.
- Transmittals – Shout it from the Mountain Top! You have done the work, raised the money, and put in the service hours. Now, let everyone know! Shout it from the Mountain Top! OR, as we say, turn in your transmittal!

#### Youth of Today- Wendy Lindberg

- Gopher Women’s Basketball Game –February 15, 2011.
- Six nominations for the OYA.
- Chili Feed Fundraiser for Isaac’s Journey on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Gerard’s in Sauk Center
- Cookbooks for sale only \$20.

#### Treasurer-Jane Hanson

- Raffle Fundraiser for the 2 registrations and 1 free hotel stay for Annual Convention will be extended through Sunday. Drawing will take place on Sunday.
- Finance Raffle will be kicking off this weekend. Prizes are \$200, \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25. See any Finance Committee member to purchase tickets.
- Massages are available this weekend. Please sign up! Only \$10 dollars.

#### Parliamentarian- Pam Przybilla

- Elections will be starting soon in your chapters. Please see my CIP for information.
- Looking for more Bylaw and Policies submissions to review.

#### Chairman of the Board-Jen Kinzer

- March Planning is on March 12, 2011 in Aitkin, MN. Registration is in your CIP packets. Anyone can attend.
- USWT Annual convention- Pittsburgh, PA, June 10-12, 2011.
- Area Meetings are set as follows: Area 1 on April 1<sup>st</sup> - Bemidji, MN; Area 2 on April 2<sup>nd</sup> - St. Joseph, MN; Area 3 on April 8<sup>th</sup>-Golden Valley; Area 4 on April 9<sup>th</sup>-North Mankato, MN.
- ONTO Flowers are still available to purchase for \$2.00 a piece.
- Redistricting will be voted on tomorrow at the business meeting.
- M/S/P (J.Kinzer/D. Hoenigschmidt) moved to approve Lucy Gonzales as Area 4 rep for the Elections Committee.
- M/S/P (J. Kinzer/J. Hanson) moved to allow the National Store to sell items this weekend at Winter State.

#### Executive Director-Nancy Dvoracek

- Dues – 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester dues billings will be out this week. Submit corrections immediately.
- Insurance – Payments past due on credentials. Policy coverage sent to paid chapters. Put form in 2011 permanent VIP papers file.
- Convention Bids – A priority bid has been received for Annual 2012 so this bid is now closed.
- MNJOTS 2011- Training session for next year’s Executive Council scheduled for June 3-5, 2011 at Cragun’s Resort near Brainerd.
- Officer Sheets - Soon as 2011-2012 chapter officers elected, send in Officer Sheet found in Book of Forms or on the website. Prefer submission form on-line off the website www.mnwt.org.

- Federal form 990 – Have received approval for group exemption from the IRS. We are still waiting for all of the local chapter records to be updated on the IRS computer. Once we are certain of that the chapters that have not been able to previously submit their 990 postcard will receive instructions from the Chapter Service Center. Thank you for your patience with this difficulty and lengthy process.
- Annual Convention 2011 - Hosted by St James Women of Today, weekend of May 20-22 at Jackpot Junction in Morton near Redwood Falls. Registration forms in CIPs and on website.
- Chapter Service Center – Move will be effective Feb. 1. New phone and fax number is 952-406-8578 and new address is PO Box 44242 Eden Prairie, MN 55344. Use email address csc@mnwt.org.
- M/S/P (N. Dvoracek/N. Anderson) moved to approve Andy Cohen, our banquet entertainment, be allowed to sell his CDs at the banquet Saturday night.

**Presidential Assistant – Christine Harkess**

- Pictures and Scrapbook page are still being collected. Please send in as soon as possible
- Donations for President Anne’s year end gift are still being collected.

**MNWT Foundation Chair-Candi Frick (given by Janice Schwartz)**

- Fall State Challenge was won by JoAnn Miller
- Four lucky buck baskets will be auctioned off tomorrow at the luncheon. Proceeds go to the Chapter Grants Fund.
- Give to the Max Day-November 16, 2010.

**Future Directions Chair-Kayla Hermann (No report)**

**Membership Committee-Sue Ellen Toppings**

- New way to recruit is by YouTube. Send your videos to be reviewed prior to launching them.
- Cyprus Women of Today Online Forum-they are also looking at doing an extension to a new by city.
- Next Ladies’ Night Out is on April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Next meeting is on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud at Mccan’s.

**Marketing Committee-Amy Schoch (given by Terri Dahlberg)**

- M/S/P (T. Dahlberg/M.Gag) moved to approve the following members to the Marketing Committee: Lucy Gonzales, Becky Lysen, Mary Kaminski, Mary Jensen, Lisabet Thomas, and Beth Wojahn.
- Camp Get-a-Wella turn in is tonight from 8:30-9:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 2011-2012 Buckets of Sunshine bids are due by March 5, 2011.
- HandsOn Twin Cities Volunteer Expo is Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed at the MNWT booth. Contact Amy for more information.
- Next meeting is Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at McCans at 10:00 a.m. in St. Cloud.

**President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Anne Johnson**

**Ongoing Business-none**

**New Business-**

- Two State Program Manager bids were heard and accepted for 2011-2012 year. They are Kandy Dorlack for Can Do Canines and Sue Ellen Toppings for Public Relations. Congratulations!!

**Announcements-None**

Learning and Living SPM, Michelle Gag, read a benediction. District 6 Director, Kelly Neu, led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by Kelly Porter, Secretary



**MARCH**

Emphasis: STEP (MN & US); Membership (MN &US); USWT Foundation (US)

- 4 NEWSLET articles due to SPM
- 5 Finance Committee meeting
- 12 March Planning-Aitkin
- 15 Early bird renewals due to Chapter Service Center
- 26 Marketing, Membership Management and Future Directions Committee Meeting location –St. Cloud
- 28 Mystery Monday (Membership)
- 31 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD  
NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

**APRIL**

Emphasis: Volunteer Recognition, External US Programming Area, Listening Course (US)

- 1 Key Woman nominations for Annual Convention due to Key Women President  
Area 1 Meeting, Peppercorn Restaurant, Bemidji
- 2 Area 2 Meeting, St. Joseph’s Fire Hall, St. Joseph
- 8 Area 3 meeting, Peace of Valley Lutheran Church, Golden Valley
- 9 Area 4 meeting, North Mankato Community Room, North Mankato
- 15 All renewals due to Chapter Service Center  
Community Connections Award nominations due To CC SPM
- 16 MNWT Foundation meeting location to be announced  
Ladies’ Night Out
- 17-23 National Volunteer Week
- 22 Year-end individual evaluations due to R&R SPM
- 23 LPM reports due to DPM
- 25 All certifications due to SPM
- 29 3rd Trimester Success due postmarked to R&R SPM
- 30 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD  
DPM reports due from DPMS to DD, SPM, and IVP/  
EVP  
NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center  
PALS activity sheets due to State Secretary  
Trimester and Year-end Closeout

**MAY**

Emphasis: Website (US)

- 2 All US certifications due to US WT  
National Effective Writing & Focus on Women essays due to US WT  
National Project Recognition reports due to US WT  
US WT Fellowship Builder award due to US WT
- 3 NEWSLET personals due to SPM
- 6 NEWSLET articles due to SPM (Post convention issue)  
Project of the Trimester nominations due to SPM  
Presidential pin and medallion nominations due to State President  
Fired-up DPM & Outstanding LPM nominations due to SPM
- 7 LOTS- Monticello
- 13 Transmittals Due
- 20-22 Annual Convention in Morton, MN
- 27 Finance Meeting and Budget Review
- 28-29 Staff Training
- 31 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD  
NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

**MNWT Business Meeting Minutes January 29, 2011**

**Winter State, Double Tree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park, MN**

President, Anne Johnson, called the Fall State Executive Council meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Michelle Gag, Living and Learning SPM, read an invocation. Mary Ann Johnson, Community Connections, SPM, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Can Do Canines State Program Manager, Heidi Westerlund, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Parliamentarian, Pam Przybilla, gave Orders of the Day. Minutes of the Fall Business Meeting on September 25, 2010 stand approved as printed. 41 out of 81 chapters present. Quorum was established.

• M/S/P (C.Sanders/District 4-L.Goeble) moved to accept Hibbing Women of Today into District 4.

**Secretary-Kelly Porter**

• The Book of Forms is being reviewed and will be published this Fall. If you have any suggestions please send them to me by February 28, 2011 so that I can bring them to March Planning.

• Donations still being accepted for the printing cost of the State Plan of Action. Looking for 8 more chapters and/or districts to donate \$50 to the State Plan of Action. All donors will be put into a drawing for a Wine/Pamper Me Basket to be awarded at Annual Convention.

• Accepting 2011-2012 PALS applications.

**Administrative Vice President-Terri Dahlberg**

• M/S/P (T. Dahlberg/District 4-L.Goeble) moved to increase District 4 Director's budget by \$36.43.

• Thank you to the State Delegates who completed it and now have a great start for their year-end entries due in just a few months.

• The District Director Open House this afternoon at 5:00. There will be information about the DD position and answer any questions you might have.

**Membership Vice President-Nicky Anderson**

• Welcome to the 129 new members 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. 331 members renewed during 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.

• 28 chapters and 4 districts with growth 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.

• 22 chapters with 75% retention or higher and 19 chapters had 100% retention.

• 8 chapters had in chapter extensions and 2 chapters are still in the One a Month Club.

• 13 chapters called MVP Nicky on Mystery Monday during 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. Winner of the chapter president makeover was St. Cloud.

• Inching our way to Growth was a great success. President Anne had 15 inches cut off and donated her hair to Locks of Love.

• Mystery Monday M-Night, November 30<sup>th</sup>-13 chapters called Nicky and had 11 new members sign.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Challenge-Breakfast with President Anne at Annual Convention. Sign at least 3 new members to be put into the drawing.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Rebate is 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Growth plus 5 equals \$40 or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester Retention of 100% and sign 3 new members equals \$25.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Mystery Monday Event is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Email Nicky at [mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org) and tell her about the event and how many members and perspectives attended and your chapter is entered into a drawing.

• Second Mystery Monday is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Call Treasurer, Jane Hanson and your chapter will be entered into a drawing.

• USWT Membership Rebate-Growth plus 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester and your chapter will be entered into a drawing for \$50.

• Murder Mystery Winners for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester are St. Cloud, Cambridge, Brooklyn Park, Winnebago, and Brainerd Lakes Area.

**Chapter Management Vice President-Marie Robinson**

• Thank you to the 17 chapter presidents and 14 state delegates who attended the retreat in October.

• We began 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester with 22 chapters on TLC. Looking for Gold Team members to assist.

• LOTS (Local Officer Training Session) will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the CMVP CIP for the registration form.

• Plan to join myself and the membership team this afternoon at the Talk the Women of Today Talk forum.

• Donations needed for luck buck baskets at Annual Convention.

**Extensions Director-Cindy Sanders**

• Welcome to the Hibbing Women of Today!

• We continue with 9 extensions in progress- Breckenridge/Wahpeton, Hermantown, Hibbing, Lakefield, Milaca, Owatonna, Stillwater, St. Peter and Woodbury

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

• File an intent to extend and hold 3 m-events and receive a Mystery Night event in a bag and \$10 Walmart card from the US WT.

• Donations for the Extension Fund Lucky Buck Auction are needed. Theme baskets are: Up North Basket, Chocolate Basket and Pamper Yourself Basket.

**Internal Vice President-Dana Hoenigschmidt**

• Thank you to the Past Presidents that participated in the Programming event "Are you smarter than a Past President?".

• Looking for 2011-2012 SPMS-please send names to either Dana or Sue.

• Congratulations to Sue Ellen Toppings in her successful bid for the 2011-2012 State Program Manager position for Public Relations.

• Congratulations to Kandy Dorlack for her successful bid for 2011-2012 State Program Manager position for Can Do Canines.

• Outstanding Achievement in Programming is due to USWT Programing VP by May 1<sup>st</sup>. See IVP CIP for more details.

• STEP certifications needed-last year for current STEP program.

• Project of the Trimester, Fired UP DPM and Outstanding LPM submissions are due by May 6<sup>th</sup> to the State Program Managers for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester.

**Living and Learning SPM-Michelle Gag**

• Outstanding LPM is Candee Mills, Bryon

**NEWSLET SPM-Julie Hammel**

• Outstanding LPM is Beck Stock, Brainerd Lakes

• Most "Hot Flashes" submissions-chapter: St. Francis and district: District 8.

**Public Relations SPM-Sue Renz**

• Outstanding LPM is Jane Brown, Melrose Area.

**Records & Recognition SPM-Janice Schwartz**

• Outstanding LPM is Laura Erickson, White Bear Lake

**Ways and Means**

• Outstanding LPM is Colleen Nightengale, New Hope

**External Vice President- Sue Schoenborn**

• Yesterday the Exec. Council voted on their top three (3) choices from five (5) foundations. The three foundations chosen are: Children's Grief Connections, Girl Power 2 Cure, and Isaac's Journey. The MNWT membership will vote for their top choice at Fall State Convention. The foundation receiving the most votes will be our new 3 year priority area starting in May 2012.

• External Programming Reports are printed in your staff reports. Please look them over for upcoming events and activities.

**Community Connections SPM-Mary Ann Johnson**

• See her report printed in the Staff Reports.

**Women's Wellness SPM-Dawn Scouton**

• Outstanding LPM is Laura Sens, White Bear Lake.

**Can Do Canines- Heidi Westerlund**

• Outstanding LPM is Barb Berndtson, Monticello

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester challenge winner is Brooklyn Park.

**Youth of Today- Wendy Lindberg**

• Outstanding LPM is Erin Carlin, Burnsville.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester winner for submitting transmittals is St. Michael/Albertville.

**Treasurer-Jane Hanson**

• Winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester treasurer challenge is Nancy Buerman from Albany

• 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester challenge in CIP

• Finance Committee sponsoring annual raffle; selling 750 tickets at \$5; prizes are \$200, \$150, \$75, \$50, \$25. Contact Vicki Rockwell for tickets. There are 50 Success points.

• Sales and Use Tax returns are due Feb. 7, 2011; information available from treasurer to help with filing

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr transmittals are: \$66,306.51 Year to Date: \$82,269.68

• Next Finance meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at Billy's in Anoka at 10:00 a.m.

• M/S/P (J.Hanson/Madelia) moved to approve the audit report as published in the December Chapter Mailing.

• M/S/P (J. Hanson/T. Dahlberg) moved to approve the revised budget as printed in the Winter State CIP.

**Parliamentarian- Pam Przybilla**

• Thank you to the Chapters and Districts who submitted their Bylaws and Policies for review.

• Deadline for next submission of bylaws and policies is May 20, 2011.

**Chairman of the Board-Jen Kinzer**

• March Planning, March 12<sup>th</sup> in Aitkin beginning at 9:00, Recommendations are due to me February 28<sup>th</sup> – Registration in COB CIP

• Area Meetings are as follows: Area 1 – April 1 in Bemidji, MN, Area 2 – April 2 in St. Joseph, Area 3 – April 8 in Golden Valley, Area 4 – April 9 in North Mankato.

• National Convention, June 12-14 in Pittsburgh, PA – Registration information can be found in my CIP and online.

• ONTO shirts are available this weekend. Please see me if interested. Only \$12.00 each.

• ONTO flowers will be delivered at the luncheon today. Thank you to those who purchased.

• Reception for Nancy is planned for tonight in the Orchard Suite beginning at 11:00.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/District 2) moved to approve Melissa Bueckers as Elections Representative for Area 2.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/Aitkin) moved that we move into a committee as a whole.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/Aitkin) moved that we move the committee out of a whole.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/Big Lake) move d that the following chapters be redistricted to join District 8; Andover and Brooklyn Park effective May 1, 2011.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/Aitkin) moved that the following chapters be redistricted to join District 9: Golden Valley, Maple Grove and New Hope effective May 1, 2011.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/AVP T. Dahlberg) moved that the following chapters be redistricted to join District 10: Eden Prairie and Waconia effective May 1, 2011.

M/S/P (J. Kinzer/IVP D. Hoenigschmidt) moved to redistrict Big Lake to join District 12 effective May 1, 2011.

**Executive Director-Nancy Dvoracek**

• Dues – 3rd trimester dues billings will be out next week. Submit corrections immediately.

•Insurance – Payments past due on credentials. Policy coverage will be included with the dues billing to paid chapters. Put form in 2011 permanent VIP papers file.

•Convention Bids – A priority bid has been received for Annual 2012 so bid is closed. Priority bid forms for Fall State 2012 from Section 3 South (Districts 13, 14, 15 and 16) due May 6. If priority bid not received open to entire state and due Aug 26, 2011.

•MN JOTS 2011- Training session for next year's Executive Council scheduled for June 3-5, 2011 at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd.

•Officer Sheets - Soon as 2011-2012 chapter officers elected, send in Officer Sheet found in Book of Forms or on the website. Prefer submission form on-line off the website www.mnwt.org.

•Federal form 990 – Have received approval for group exemption from the IRS. We are still waiting for all of the local chapter records to be updated on the IRS computer. Once we are certain of that the chapters that have not been able to previously submit their 990 postcard will receive instructions from the Chapter Service Center. Thank you for your patience with this difficulty and lengthy process.

•Annual Convention 2011 - Hosted by St James Women of Today, weekend of May 20-22 at Jackpot Junction in Morton near Redwood Falls. Registration forms in CIPs and on website.

•Chapter Service Center – Move will be effective Feb. 1. New phone number is 952-406-8578 and new address is PO Box 44242, Eden Prairie MN 55344. Use email address csc@mnwt.org . Use Minnesota Women of Today when addressing mail.

**Presidential Assistant –Christine Harkess**

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

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

**MNWT Foundation Chair-Candi Frick**

•The MNWT Foundation will be holding our annual lucky buck auction at the luncheon today.

•The Foundation will be awarding chapter grants this afternoon.

•The Foundation Board of Directors voted to donate \$1500 to the OYA Scholarship that will be awarded this evening.

•Diamond Club still has openings

•GiveMN.org is a great way to be able to donate to the Foundation using credit cards.

•MNWT provides funding for the Membership Rebate program

•Foundation Fundraiser

•Next Foundation meeting is Saturday, April 16, 2011, 11:30 a.m. place to be determined.

•Foundation address will remain MN Women of Today, PO Box 232, Anoka MN 55303.

**Future Directions Chair-Kayla Hermann**

•Chapter Structure Sub-committee meeting set March 1, 2011, 7-9pm Waite Park Girl Scout Office.

•The next Future Directions meeting will be held on Saturday March 26, 2010, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at McCann's in St.Cloud.

**Membership Committee-Sue Ellen Toppings**

•The Savage Area chapter put together a YouTube video to use to recruit new members and show their community the variety of events they hold. Please email me at mmc@mnwt.org to find out how! These videos need to be reviewed by Membership Management Committee and Manual Review prior to publicizing - email your link to mmc@mnwt.org, or manual review@mnwt.org for approval. All videos need to be reviewed prior to publicizing.

•Cyprus Women of Today – our only International Chapter – located on an island in the Mediterranean Sea – will be celebrating 2 Years of being a

chapter!! Be a part of our MNWT Sponsorship to Cyprus by becoming a part of their Forum, a semi-private online venue. Visit www.cypruswot.org and click on "forum" to register. If you have any problems with or questions about registering, contact Trish Powell at [info@cypruswot.org](mailto:info@cypruswot.org).

•Next MMC meeting will be Saturday, March 26, 2011 at McCann's Brewpub & Restaurant, 3308 3rd St N, St Cloud, and 2)

•The 3rd Trimester's Ladies Night Out – the theme is "Dinner & \_\_\_\_\_." Plan and Publicize this night out with your WT friends and perspectives, get to know each other and have some fun!! Remember your chapter brochures and business cards to pass out to on looking potential members who will also benefit from the Gift of Women of Today!

**Marketing Committee-Amy Schoch**

• Volunteers are needed for the Mall of America Volunteer Expo to be held on February 19, 2011. Contact [marketing@mnwt.org](mailto:marketing@mnwt.org) to schedule a shift.

•On January 22, Women of Today exhibited at the "Ultimate Pajama Party." Nearly 40 women inquired about information.

•Bids for the 2011-2012 Buckets of Sunshine project are now being accepted. The deadline is March 5, 2011 to submit. Forms in CIP.

•Applications for chapter and district expo grants are now being accepted. The deadline is March 5, 2011 to submit. Applications can be found in my CIP.

•The next Marketing Committee meeting is on March 26 at McCann's in St Cloud at 10:00 a.m.

•Presentation to Camp Get-A-Wella was made.

**President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Anne Johnson**

**Ongoing Business-none**

**New Business-none**

**Announcements-None**

Learning and Living SPM, Michelle Gag, read a benediction. District 7 Director, Ginny Winkelman, led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m..

Submitted by Kelly Porter, Secretary



<b>Leaderboard Stats-January 2011</b>	
<b>January NMA's by Chapter:</b>	
Brainerd Lakes Area-1 R. Stock	St. Michael/Albertville-1 P. Kaufman
Hibbing-8 T. Seiler	Monticello-1
Marshall-1 K. Bailey	
<b>YTD by Chapter:</b>	
Crookston-11 M. Lessard	District 1-23 led by T. Hockett
Brainerd Lakes Area-11 R. Stock	District 7-25 led by G. Winkelma
White Bear Lake-10 L. Keys	District 4-30 led by L. Goble
Eden Prairie 10- B. Wojahn	District 10-34 led by M. Pramann
	District 12-24 led by S. Robinson
	District 16-23 led by L. Gaylord



## Minnesota Women of Today

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## Upcoming State Events

### **Finance Committee**

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Anoka, MN

### **Following Meetings in St Cloud at McCann's**

### **Marketing Committee**

Saturday, March 26, 2011

### **Membership Management Committee**

Saturday, March 26, 2011

### **Future Directions Committee**

Saturday, March 26, 2011

### **Area Meetings**

#### **Area 1:**

**April 1, 2011-Bemidji, Peppercorn  
Restaurant**

#### **Area 2:**

**April 2, 2011- St. Joseph, St. Joseph's  
Fire Hall**

#### **Area 3:**

**April 8, 2011- Golden Valley, Valley of  
Peace Lutheran Church**

#### **Area 4:**

**April 9, 2011-North Mankato, North  
Mankato Community Room**

### **LOTS Coming Soon!**

**(Local Officer Training Session)**

Saturday May 7, 2011 in

Monticello, Minnesota



The day begins at 8:30 am and  
ends at 3:15 pm.

Lunch is provided in the cost.

Questions/Information Contact:

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