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### Living & Learning Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Living &amp; Learning</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Book Club</b>	<b>Chapter: Brooklyn Park</b>
This project brought members together to read. They drank coffee, discussed it, who knew where this would lead. They picked a new book, and will meet again at a hub.	

<b>Programming Area: Living &amp; Learning</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Literary Safari</b>	<b>Chapter: Monticello</b>
With at least 12 members reading the selection for the summer months this chapter has unlocked a new project that will have the members reading up to five novels this year! Each of the members who read "Garden Spells" by Sarah Addison Allen said they enjoyed the book and were glad they had read it, even though it was not something they would have selected on their own. Members volunteer to host the sessions at their homes with 2 other members helping to provide refreshments.	

<b>Programming Area: Living &amp; Learning</b>	<b>Submitted November 2008</b>
<b>Project: Go Green Membership Event</b>	<b>Chapter: Elk River</b>
5 members and 4 guests enjoyed refreshments such as organic chocolate and Ice Mountain waters (did you know they use 30% less plastic in their bottles than other brands?) during this membership event/social. Refreshments were served using a donated "Go Green" bag, which included biodegradable cups, bowls, napkins and plastic utensils. Together these ladies learned ways to save money and energy as well as other ways to be "more green" in their lives.	

### NEWSLET Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: NEWSLET</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Chapter Newsletter</b>	<b>Chapter: Monticello</b>
<p>This chapter does an awesome job with their chapter newsletter. In addition to the LPM sending out email reminders to ensure the articles are submitted by the due date, she adds her own touch by putting in pictures and clipart to dress it up. The newsletter is emailed to members and paper copies are provided at chapter meetings for those who want one. Because of the well done newsletter, members stay well informed of what needs to be done and what activities are approaching.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: NEWSLET</b>	<b>Submitted November 2008</b>
<b>Project: Chapter Newsletter</b>	<b>Chapter: Eden Prairie</b>
<p>This chapter puts their newsletter on their website. Their newsletter shows Service, Growth, and Fellowship through pictures and articles. You can find programming information, treasurer's report, recipes, zoot notes and a "about our organization" article.</p>	

## Public Relations Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Public Relations</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Christmas Sharing Tree</b>	<b>Chapter: St. James</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">During the season of giving and budgets so tight,  this project gave blessings to 60 families on this Christmas night. Trees adorned with wishes, and hopes  of good cheer,  this chapter had a great project this year.  Congratulations to the St. James chapter on the  "Christmas Sharing Tree."</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Public Relations</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Founder's Day Picnic</b>	<b>Chapter: Rochester</b>
<p>This chapter had a phenomenal Founder's Day event! They put together a family picnic at which they highlighted their chapter history and had food and games. Information was published in a local women's magazine and the local newspaper, and over 60 invitations were sent out to prospectives.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Public Relations</b>	<b>Submitted November 2008</b>
<b>Project: Women of Today Week Media Blitz</b>	<b>Chapter: St Michael / Albertville</b>
<p>This chapter really knows how to celebrate! A press release invited the public to attend any of the 7 events scheduled to celebrate Women of Today Week. In all, 29 chapter members plus their families participated in the various events, for a total of 60 hours of celebration.</p>	

## Records and Recognition Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Records and Recognition</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: SUCCESS Orientation</b>	<b>Chapter: Byron</b>
<p>This chapter had an orientation by the Local Programming Manager about SUCCESS. The purpose of the orientation was to inform members about SUCCESS, why they participate, and how members are involved. The four categories of SUCCESS were explained, including examples of activities in each area and an overview was given for ways to complete verifications for the entry and the importance of SUCCESS for well-rounded chapters.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Records and Recognition</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Organization Social</b>	<b>Chapter: Brooklyn Park</b>
<p>Chapter files and project supplies were a mess. There was no central place where items were kept. So they held an Organizing Social where everyone who had files or supplies brought them to one central place and 4 members spent the evening reviewing, reminiscing, and organizing past records and organizing project supplies. The result was a fun time and organized records.</p>	

## Ways and Means Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Ways and Means</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Glam Slam</b>	<b>Chapter: Otsego</b>
<p>This chapter organized a night that brought together 40 vendors that were geared towards women and over 50 attendees, providing a night of shopping and fun. In exchange the chapter raised over \$1800 for its chapters ways and means.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Ways and Means</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: National Night Out Kick Off Rally Food Sale</b>	<b>Chapter: New Ulm</b>
<p>This Ways &amp; Means project of the quarter served multiple purposes. In addition to raising funds for the chapter by selling food, they were able to be involved with a community event which promoted taking back the night to fight against crime and were also able to promote Women of Today.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Ways and Means</b>	<b>Submitted November 2008</b>
<b>Project: Charming Child/Precious Pet Contest</b>	<b>Chapter: Windom</b>
<p>This project of the quarter was very "charming and precious". The chapter receives picture entries from their community for Charming Child and Precious Pet contest. At the county fair people are able to vote by putting money in numbered jars. The top vote getters receive prizes of gift certificates, savings bonds and toys.</p>	

## Community Connections Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Community Connections</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Community Benefit</b>	<b>Chapter: Arlington / Green Isle</b>
This project raised over \$22,000 and included a dinner, silent auction, raffle ticket sales, nacho sales at the schools, a bake sale, games, face paint, popcorn and took the work of many, many women and their families to pull this one off- over 800 service hours!	

## Women's Wellness Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Women's Wellness</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Spa Ahh Event</b>	<b>Chapter: Burnsville</b>
This project was an event where the women who came, could come and receive three spa services to be pampered, enjoy a delicious brunch, enjoy drop in Yoga sessions and participate in a silent auction for a low price. Over 100 women attended and the chapter had 80% participation in the event.	

<b>Programming Area: Women's Wellness</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Relay for Life</b>	<b>Chapter: Anoka</b>
This chapter raised \$3,485 for the Relay For Life by team fundraising and organizing a very successful silent auction. Twelve chapter members and one guest put in 213 hours to make their Relay effort work. The team put the Women of Today in the spotlight right away, winning a Relay challenge by signing the most team members in a specific timeframe. For the silent auction, they contacted 200 businesses and received 56 items. They grouped and wrapped items for baskets, printed display cards, and made bidding sheets and auction packets for participants. Most of the money was collected on the night of the auction. Out on the track, the team followed through with the Relay, having two members walking until 7 a.m.	

<b>Programming Area: Women's Wellness</b>	<b>Submitted November 2008</b>
<b>Project: Yoga Project</b>	<b>Chapter: Champlin</b>
This project was geared to help women learn to relax, stretch and participate in learning yoga. They promoted the project through their newsletter and they even opened it up to perspective members. They even took advantage of having the class outside. This group really knows what women wellness is doing.	

## Youth of Today Programming Area

<b>Programming Area: Youth of Today</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Christmas Giving Tree</b>	<b>Chapter: Mahnommen</b>
<p>This chapter embraces the holiday spirit of giving for this project. They collect, organize, wrap, and distribute over 850 gifts for children this holiday season with their Community Giving Tree project. They work with their local schools and other organizations to gather a list of children who could use a little extra during the holidays. Then a tag is made for each child and then members of the community donate gifts. The chapter then provides additional gifts, wraps all the gifts and distributes them to the children. Many of the children who receive gifts would not receive any if it were not for the Giving Tree project.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Youth of Today</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Babysitting Clinic</b>	<b>Chapter: Greenbush</b>
<p>The Greenbush Women of Today held what was titled a babysitting clinic but was much more. They invited speakers from the community to educating the 42 children on Stranger Danger, Internet safety, first aid and nutrition. They provided babysitting tips, as well as tips for staying home alone (or with a sibling). The children were given homework after the first day, to create a babysitting bag. It made for a busy two-day clinic. The Greenbush WT impacted the youth in your community in such a positive way!</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Youth of Today</b>	<b>Submitted September 2009</b>
<b>Project: Safety Town</b>	<b>Chapter: Aitkin</b>
<p>This annual event is focused on keeping the youth in the community safe. This chapter partners with their community education, police, and sheriff to make this project a huge success. Community youth are taught everything from being safe on the playground to being a safe driver. This year 88 kids age 4 to 7 went through Safety Town and the chapter is looking to expand the event next year to handle more kids. The Youth of Today Project of first Trimester is Safety Town by the Aitkin Women of Today.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Youth of Today</b>	<b>Submitted September 2009</b>
<b>Project: Little Red Bookshelf</b>	<b>Chapter: Madelia</b>
<p>This chapter is partnering with several other local organizations for this ongoing project. Bookshelves were made by the local Boy Scouts and painted by the 4-H Groups. Women of Today collected and sorted book donations from the public for children's books. A senior citizen group taped the books and added labels to the books. The children's books (In both English and Spanish) have been put in grocery stores throughout the county. Anyone from the public can take books from the shelves, keep them as long as they like, and return them to any red bookshelf. The local 4H groups will stock the shelves and the Women of Today chapter will continue to accept donations, sort and prepare the books for use.</p>	

## Priority Area

<b>Programming Area: Hearing and Service Dogs</b>	<b>Submitted January 2010</b>
<b>Project: Bagging for Tips</b>	<b>Chapter: Rochester</b>
<p>Working as a pack and with “Labors of Love” over Labor Day weekend, this chapter with assistance from a fellow chapter raised over \$300 with 50% of the proceeds going to Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. At Cub Foods costs are lower because customers bag their own groceries however as a community service focused company, a fundraising program is offered to groups called “Bagging for Tips”. This program allows groups to spend the day bagging groceries on holiday weekends (or the weekend before a holiday) and customers tip the group for their service. This is also a great Public Relations event as members are asked about the organization we are with and why we chose the particular group to raise funds for.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Jacob Wetterling</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: ID Fair</b>	<b>Chapter: St Cloud</b>
<p>This Women of Today chapter worked collaboratively with Boy and Girl Scouts, Big Brothers &amp; Sisters, 4-H and local schools to provide a Summer Kids Fair to a local Mobile home park. Programming and events are brought to this mobile home park every week in efforts to decrease the amount of violence and crime in the park. This event is an annual celebration hosted by the park owners and management. Education along with Safety ID kits, were provided to 30 children at this event. Eight service hours were generated by this chapter while investing in the lives of children.</p>	

<b>Programming Area: Jacob Wetterling</b>	<b>Submitted August 2008</b>
<b>Project: Family Safety Night</b>	<b>Chapter: New Ulm</b>
<p>The New Ulm Women of Today held a Family Safety Night at their Founder’s Day Celebration on Thursday, July 10th. Members and their families discussed Home Safety, and made a list of the five trusted adults outside their immediate family.</p>	