

Thank you for attending the Fall State 2009 Project Fair and visiting with the Future Directions table!

Future Directions (FD) is a committee that helps shape the future of our organization. We discuss ideas. We encourage discussion. We brainstorm solutions. Often other committees such as Membership Management, Marketing, etc. will bring ideas to the FD committee for discussion. FD will help decide the next course of action for an idea or suggestion. (For example; send to Executive Council for approval, form a sub-committee, etc.) FD meets 3 times per year, in the new trimester calendar. Sub-committees set their own schedules and usually meet between meetings. Anyone is invited to attend meetings or to get involved with one of the many subcommittees.

1. How many years have you been a Women of Today member?

___12___ 1-3 years ___12___ 4-7 ___24___ 8+

2. Please give 4 specific examples of what you value as a member about our organization. (local or state events/projects/training/core values, etc.)

- *leadership training / opportunities 24
- *training provided for each position 2
- *personal enrichment 3
- *personal growth 8
- *confidence / self-esteem builder 5
- *opportunity to “step out of my comfort zone”
- *learning new things through Priority Projects and other chapter’s projects 2
- *knowing I make a difference
- *educational sessions/forums 4
- *organized, trusted structure
- *values 3
- *stability
- *WT Creeds
- *community service 19
- *doing good for others 4
- *service through projects 14
- *fundraising for worthy causes
- *I loved the STMA Craft show and Relay for Life. I would not have participated had it not been for WT.
- *friendships 27
- *the social part/fellowship 11
- *meeting new people 9
- *teamwork
- *meeting new people from across the state
- *conventions 12
- *events 3
- *meetings 2
- *project fair 4
- *Fri. night party 2
- *projects to help the state /like HSD 2
- *building networking relationships 3
- *getting out of the house / “no hubby or kids” 2
- *travel opportunities
- *satisfaction
- *traveling m-nights
- *membership
- *enjoyment
- *available resources
- *food
- *DD and State Delegate positions
- *District unity and excitement
- *support from Exec Council members
- *the fact that you can fail at something and still be loved!
- *opportunity to fail in a Safe Environment
- *opportunity to offer our own projects and have our chapter support us
- *local chapter’s Santa’s workshop
- *recognition 2

3. Please give 2 specific examples of what you would like to see changed in our organization.

- *more advertised formal training for members – also good PR and great service opportunity to communities
- *website
- *update website 6
- *make website more user-friendly 2
- *simpler website
- *website (“which I know is being worked on”)
- *online NEWSLET

- *need more online internet programs
- *have only 2 conventions
- *lower prices *membership price
- *less paperwork “Go Green” 6 *more opportunities for paperwork online
- *easier ways to delegate that decreases paperwork
- *simplify chapter level reporting
- *age requirements (4-7)
- *how many members under 40
- *”AGE”
- *7 under 40 rule – I think it could be dropped to at least 5
- *change the 7 under 40 rule so we don’t have to have 7 under 40 (8+)
- *the 7 under 40 rule
- *how to get younger women involved
- *no longer 7 under 40, but something
- *no longer need the 7 under 40
- *the 40/7 rule - some how make a percentage
- *like to learn more about committees
- *info more visible
- *more new ideas
- *Image – we need a hip and happenin’ image
- *combined IVP and EVP positions
- *make the “fluff” more professional
- *more utilization of technology for communication and training
- *get rid of file cabinets (staff and spms) and go paperless with back up discs
- *”nothing else” – “I love MNWT”
- *meetings are too long
- *faster reactions
- *someway to simplify the amount of reporting
- *I know there are things, but I can’t think of any now
- *state store should visit more up north
- *to have state wide meetings more centered
- *less programming
- *fewer disease related programs
- *keep the personal touch – feels like the “internet” is taking that away
- *money is a factor, but we need a “consultant” or professional of some sort to show us how we need to change all aspects to attract the 20 somethings
- *more PR to help recruit new members
- *more status in the community, like Rotary or Lions in the metro
- *more media coverage, especially with 60th Anniversary coming up – build on it
- *more emphasis on our own state’s membership, not so much national or international growth
- *convention is too busy / full; need to relax a little on Saturday
- *negative attitudes – how do we change this?
- *so much prep is needed for conventions – for staff – that can’t be done ahead of time...how can we eliminate something?
- *more personal enrichment opportunities outside of convention
- *I think we would make a greater impact if we did a few less small projects and focused on a few larger projects
- *more detailed training on programs
- *the start of the State board year be before the chapter start of the year
- *I just love WT the way it is!

Thank you for your input! Your opinions are important to us, and we will be reviewing the survey results at our January meeting.