



Minnesota Women of Today Foundation

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MNJOTS 2011 CIP

Chapter Presidents:

Hello from the Foundation! Enclosed in your CIP is the 2011 MNWT Foundation Annual Report. Is your name listed? If so, thank you for your contribution to our goal of supporting the programs of the MNWT. If not, I hope that this is the year that you decide to learn more about the Foundation and how you can help make an impact, either as a chapter, as an individual or both!

When making donations to the Foundation, please make your check payable to MNWT Foundation and mail it to the Foundation treasurer:

Bonnie Waller
10730 Direct River Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

I look forward to serving you as Foundation Chair for another Women of Today year, and working with you to support the Minnesota Women of Today.

~ Christine

Join Us At The Old Log Theater

The Foundation is hosting a fundraiser at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior, MN on Sunday, August 14th where we will enjoy lunch and see the play "On Golden Pond". Tickets are \$50 and include lunch and the performance. A portion of the ticket is tax deductible.

Contact Lisa Lisenheimer at L2Leisen@hotmail.com to purchase your tickets.

We look forward to you joining us for an entertaining afternoon.

Seeking Foundation Board Members

Have an interest in supporting the MNWT through the work of the Foundation? Well, we have an opportunity for you! Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board. Term is for 2 years and we meet approximately 5 times a year.

Become a Sustaining Member

For an annual \$25 donation you, your chapter or both can become sustaining members of the Foundation. Funds are uncommitted and used at the board's discretion to support the programs of the MNWT. Funds have been used for the membership rebate program, for PE courses, to pay for speakers at convention, to support the President/State Delegate retreat and many more programs. Won't you send your donation today?

Foundation Calendar

- July 1: Cheryl L. Anderson Memorial Scholarship applications due to Chapter Service Center
- August 4: Foundation Meeting, 6:15 pm, Billy's, Anoka
- August 14: Old Log Theater Foundation Fundraiser – "On Golden Pond"
- September 23: Foundation Annual Meeting at Fall State
- September 23: Cheryl L. Anderson Silent Art Auction will be held at Fall State
- October 8: Foundation Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Billy's, Anoka
- December 1: Chapter Grant applications are due to the Chapter Service Center

Scholarships Available

Are you currently enrolled in a post secondary school or are you thinking of going back to school? The Foundation has two scholarships available to assist women who are continuing their education.

A \$500 Cheryl L. Anderson scholarship is available to women who have been members for two (2) years or more and are continuing their education. This scholarship is payable to the school the recipient is enrolled in. Deadline for applying is July 1st and scholarships are awarded at Fall State.

A \$400 Straight River Scholarship is available to women who have been members for two (2) years, are furthering their education or enhancing their skills with physically or mentally handicapped individuals. The scholarship can be used for tuition, books, or transportation to the school or workshop. This scholarship can be applied for any time and is awarded throughout the year.

Complete details and the applications are available on the MNWT website and can be found on the Foundation page at <http://www.mnwt.org/exec-council/committees/mnwt-foundation.html>.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHERYL L. ANDERSON SILENT ART AUCTION

The Minnesota Women of Today Foundation Scholarship committee is seeking art items to benefit the Cheryl L. Anderson Scholarship Fund. Art items are needed for the Silent Art Auction to be held at Fall State in September.

Cheryl Anderson, a long-time active member of the Anoka Women of Today, was an art teacher. She used her abilities to teach and generously donated her talents to our membership. She died of cancer in March of 1989. Our organization honors her memory by awarding scholarships to members. The Silent Art Auction has become an annual benefit for this scholarship fund.

If you have an art item you would like to donate, please contact Nancy Dvoracek, Scholarship Chair as soon as possible. Nancy can be reached at ngdvora78@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Chapter Grants Available

Do you have a community project that your chapter would like to fund, but lack money? Consider applying for a Chapter Grant. Grant applications can be found on the Foundation page of the website (see above) and are due postmarked December 1 to the Chapter Service Center. For more information please contact Chapter Grants Committee Chair, Jodie Meyer, Jodie.meyer@usfamily.net.

Endowment Fund

- We invite you to become a Diamond Club Endowment Fund member by contributing to the Foundation. Two levels are available, a \$500 level with two spots remaining or a \$100 level with 33 spots remaining.
- Donations may be paid over a three-year period. Funds are permanently restricted and only the interest from the
- fund is used to support the programs of the MNWT.

Fall State Project Fair

Visit the Foundation booth at the project fair to learn more about the Foundation. If you decide to become a sustaining member, renew your sustaining membership, join the Diamond Club or make a payment on your Diamond Club membership your name will be entered into a drawing for a wonderful Margarita basket. Olé !