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## Fun Facts

In Instant coffee was invented in 1901 by a Japanese American chemist known as Satori Kato. Later in 1906 a more known English chemist known as George Constant Washington claimed he invented instant coffee.

## May Birthdays

**5/3 KRISIE**  
**5/9 MICHELLE**  
**5/10 KIMBERLY**  
**5/20 SHARON**

## "PAM'S SPECIAL BLEND"

*Here I sit, a cup of Caribou at my side, going over the past year. Where does one begin? My cup is full to overflowing with all of the good memories spent with friends; working on & attending projects, and going on road runs to district & state events. And I am wordless.*

*To truly express what the year has meant, I would need to ramble. So simply, I will say 'thanks a latte'. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president. I feel very blessed to be a part of a chapter that is full of so many amazing women. You have made a lifelong impact on my life and I am sincerely grateful.*

*In the coming year, we will*

*all have the chance to continue to grow under the leadership of President Ille. I know she will be an inspiring leader and I am looking forward to seeing her in action. I feel confident that you will all show her the same loyal support that you showed me in true Monticello Women of Today style.*

*So, lift your cup to a toast, "May you always take the time to stop and smell the coffee. May you always see the cup as half full. And may your cup and heart always be overflowing."*

*With 'A Cup of Fellowship',  
Thanks and a Hug,  
President Pam*





### *Thanks a Latte to:*

*February's Hostesses:*  
*Annette S, Cat S*

*Meeting Greeter:*  
*Lana G*

*Invocation & Benediction:*  
*Barb B/Pam P*

*Ugly Mug Contest:*  
*Barb B*

### *Congratulations to:*

*Tea Time Drawing: Glorie B*

*March Coffee Bean (Member):*  
*Announced at the Banquet*

*March Barista (Board Member):*  
*Sarah S*

*Presidential Pin: (Area Meeting)*  
*Sarah S*

### *Important Dates, Up-coming Projects & Chair People:*

*(Year Long = YL, Blue = State, Green = District)*

*Caribou Coffee (4/12) - Cat S/Sarah S*

*CC Award Noms due (4/14) - Pam P*

*Apr Crossover Brd Mtg (4/16) - Pam P*

*Year End Evals due (4/18)*

*Beach Blanket Bingo (4/21) - Cat S/Sarah S*

*Certification Night (4/24) - Lana G, Annette S*

*Work Skills Day (4/24) - Michelle KJ*

*Color Week (4/24-30) - Cat S/Sarah S*

*LPM Reports due (4/25)*

*Year End Banquet (4/26)-Pam P/Lauren H/  
Annette S*

*LOTS (5/3) - Barb B/Lauren H*

*May General Meeting (5/7) - Illeana M*

*Annual Convention (16-18) - Barb B*

### **River's of Hope Donations-** Pam P

Thank you to everyone that brought in donations for Rivers of Hope. We are still accepting donations through the board meeting. Please include a dollar amount to make it easy for transmittals to be completed.

### **The View – Pam P**

On Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, we gathered to discuss the book "The Book Thief". Attending were: Nancy, Sarah S, & Pam P. A date to watch the movie has not been set yet as it is such a busy month!!

### **President** – Pam P

- **Trimester/Year-End Voting:** It is that time of the year again when we need to get our voting done! There is both a 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester and a Year End ballot. You can fill them out either on Survey Monkey or get a paper/email ballot from me. Thank you to the twelve votes I have gotten as of date.
- **March's Board Meeting** was attended by Barb, Lauren, Annette, Kay, Sarah S, Arlis, Cat, Ille, & Pam P.
- **April Board Meeting/Cross Over Board Training:** April's Board Meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm and will be hosted by Pam P at her house. The Cross Over Broad Training will take place following the board meeting at 8pm.
- **May's General Meeting** is on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Super 8 with new President Ille.
- **The Year End Banquet** will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW. Social time will start at 6:00. Details to follow



## **MEMBERSHIP** – “Brewing Awesome Friends” – Cat & Sarah S

Monthly Coffee: The last coffee social of the year was held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Membership Color Week – 3rd trimester: Color Week for third trimester will be April 24-30. Sarah and Cat will be hosting a Beach Blanket Bingo blast on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Station Bar and Grill! Join us at 6:30 to order dinner off the menu with activities to follow. We will be holding a beach towel contest, so make sure to bring one. Along with a fancy thong(s) contest, this one needs to be brought in a brown paper bag! We hope to see you there and bring a friend to join in the fun.

Renewals: Thanks to Jennifer, Debby, Pam P, Rylee, Dawn, Rose, Krisie, Ille, Mercedes, Annette, Brenda, Cat, Karla, Suzie and Beth for renewing for 3rd trimester. We had 100% retention and early bird credit!

<u>2013 - 2014 DONATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Friends of the Library	\$100.00	
Path-Kindred Family Services	\$100.00	
Rivers of Hop	\$200.00	
Toys for Tots	\$100.00	
Centra Care Center	\$100.00	
Monticello Senior Center - Towards New Carpets	\$200.00	
Operation Uplink	\$100.00	
Monticello VFW Scholarship Fund	\$100.00	
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	\$100.00	
Monticello Interact Club	\$100.00	
Children's Cancer Research	\$100.00	
ERMN = Stroll for Epilepsy	\$50.00	
MS Society	\$100.00	
Cancer Center Healing Garden	\$100.00	
Great River Family Promise	\$180.00	
Issac's Journey	\$717.98	
Monticello School/Backpack Program	\$500.00	
MHS Giving Tree	\$100.00	
Parents Night Out	\$250.00	
Monticello Food Shelf - Birthday Bags	\$98.55	
Bully Bracelets	\$47.00	
Monticello Food Shelf - Christmas Bingo	\$300.00	
Monticello Diversity Community Book Read	\$100.00	
LLs - Big Climb	\$50.00	
Global Brigades	\$100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,993.53</b>



## leave No trace Workshop

A Leave No Trace Workshop was held on March 11<sup>th</sup> and was presented by Rylee who is a LNT Trainer. Those attending included: Lana, Lauren & Anne, Debby, Annette, Rylee and Pam P. We learned the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace and how to enjoy the wilderness but still preserve it for generations to come. The evening included a PowerPoint presentation and interactive games to help teach the principles.

## Spring Craft Show

The 2014 Spring Craft Show was held on Saturday, March 8 from 9am to 3pm at the Monticello Community Center. We had 69 booths registered with 3 no-shows the day of. Thanks to the following people for helping with taping the floors the night before the show and those that helped out the day of: Cathy S, Linda B, Arlis T, Annette S, Pam P, Rylee P, Melanie A, Sara W and Pam B. We raised \$2825, had \$1385.24 in expenses and ended with a profit of \$1439.76!

## Dining Etiquette Personal Enrichment Program

Lana, Brenda and Pam held a Dining Etiquette Personal Enrichment Program on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection Lutheran Church. We had a great night and I think everyone was surprised by all of the rules that go with fine dining! Those certifying include: Barb, Pam B, Lana, Lauren, Debby, Annette, Brenda, Sarah S, Arlis, and Pam P. Also attending was Anne Henderson; and Cat arrived at the end for a little bit. We started the evening with a PowerPoint presentation, did some hands on napkin folding and ended with practicing what we had learned by eating a light meal of: Tortilla Wrap Appetizers, Wild Rice Soup, Mixed Greens Salad, Dollar Buns, Chicken in Alfredo Sauce with Fresh Green Beans, Brownies, Coffee, Tea, and Punch.



Both the American Revolution and the French Revolution were plotted in coffee houses.



## COFFEE LINGO

After what is "Starbucks" named?

SUBMIT THE ANSWER BY THE MAY MEETING TO  
BE IN THE TRIMESTER DRAWING!



# Freeway to Fellowship

- How can you earn your very own FFF Traveling Luggage Tag?
- How can you be in a drawing for a luxurious robe?
- How can you win an IPOD Shuffle?  
come to a mtg and find out.....

## LOOKING AHEAD AT OPTIONS TO TRAVEL & STATE CALENDAR

### **APRIL**

14 Community Connections Award nominations due To CC SPM  
 15 All renewals due postmarked to Chapter Service Center  
 18 Year-end individual evaluations due to R&R SPM  
 24-30 Membership Color Week  
 25 LPM reports due to DPM  
 Presidential Pins & Medallion nominations due to State President  
 30 3rd Trimester SUCCESS due to R&R SPM  
 All Certifications due to L&L, SPM  
 DPM Reports due from DPMs to DD, SPM and IVP/EVP  
 Project of the Trimester nominations due to SPM  
 NEWSLET personals due  
 Fired Up DPM and Outstanding LPM nominations due to SPM  
 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD

NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center  
 Trimester and Year-end Closeout

### **MAY**

1 PALS activity sheets due to State Secretary  
 All US certifications due to USWT  
 National Project Recognition Reports due USWT  
 2 NEWSLET articles due to SPM (Post convention issue)  
 3 Transmittals Due  
[LOTS, Rasmussen College in Blaine](#)  
[16 - 18 Annual Convention in Mahanoma](#)  
[21 District Wrap Up location TBD](#)  
[23 Finance Meeting and Budget Review in Albertville](#)  
 31 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD  
 NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

### **JUNE**

6-8 MNJOTS at Craguns  
[12-15 USWT National Convention Shawano, WI.](#)

### **Area Meeting**

We heard the candidates for State President for 2014-2015. Also President Vicky spoke. An interactive M-event training activity was held. CONGRATULATIONS to SARAH SUNDINE for receiving a Presidential Pin at the meeting.

### **LOTS**

LOTS stands for Local Officer Training Sessions, offers individual training for chapter presidents, state delegates, membership vice presidents, programming vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. LOTS will be held Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rasmussen College in Blaine. The chapter pays for you to go. It will run 8:30am-3:15. Board members are strongly encouraged to go. The handouts and training are extremely helpful!

### **Annual Convention**

It looks like we plan to end the year with a bang!!!! Annual Convention will be held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Those sign up are: Annette, Barb, Lauren Cathy, Glorie, Illeana, Pam P. Sarah S and Rylee is a maybe. WOW girls!!!!!! I am so excited!!!!!! We will be staying Friday and Saturday night. Cost is \$77.00 with the room costing \$5-10 a night. Can't beat it☺

## Articles not from State Delegate

### **Black Sheep Sweatshirts:** Barb Berndtson

A huge thank you to those ordering-Rose and I knew we needed 10 for an order to go in but we had no idea we would have so many(20), you guys are awesome. Thank you to Rose for all the work she has put in😊

### **Ugly cup contest**

Thank you to those that brought in their butt ugly cups, & the winner was.....a tie for Glorie and Lana😊

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Monticello Women of Today Raffle

The profit from the raffle was \$292.00. All prizes have been distributed and thank you letters and thank you notes have been mailed to all of the businesses and members that donated prizes.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Out and About was March 13, 2014. Pam Peterson and Kay Schroden wore their Monticello Women of Today shirts to work and members that attended the M-Event that evening also wore their Monticello Women of Today shirts and name tags

**Women's Wellness Walks** held Mondays at 6:30pm. Starting at the Monticello Middle School office door. We plan to walk outside when able. Look for reminder emails late Monday afternoons. Nancy F, Dawn H, Lana G, Glorie B, have come most consistently with Barb B and Rose G joining us too. We would love to see everyone. One Monday night no one could meet at the Middle School but Lana, Dawn and Glorie walk at more convenient times for each of them during the evening. We counted that. Getting in a routine for exercise helps you keep at it. Join us to a healthier you!

#### **"A LATTE MOOLA"**

Checking account balance as of 3/31/2014 is \$1,159.82

Savings account balance as of 3/31/2014 is \$2,347.98

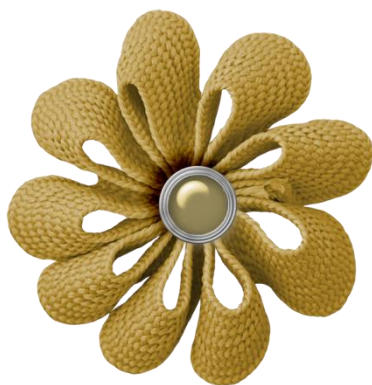
I have check requisition forms and receipt forms

All year end donations have been distributed and I will be putting a list of all the donations the chapter has made this year in the April Newsletter

**Any receipts / vouchers for the 2013 – 2014 year are due to me by May 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **DUES INSTALLMENTS**

Dues may be paid in monthly installments with the full payment being due by the member's anniversary trimester due date



## **The Hangout**

Several members of Women of Today gathered at Mercedes' house on the evening of April 4 to hear a presentation from Kristen Brown, motivational speaker and author of several books. We had some healthy and yummy treats and walked through stress management techniques and creating a Life Map with Kirsten and the group. It was a positive and uplifting night. We also had some guests from Mercedes' book club and new neighbor who are interested in joining Women of Today. Those in attendance were: Mercedes, Ille, Sara S, Pam P, Riley P, Barb B, Kay S, Rose, Kimberly A, Nancy, Lana.

## **Kids Party**

The Kids party was held March 29th at the VFW from 2:00-4:00 pm

Rose and Illeana chaired the Mardi Gras themed kids party.

Those who volunteered to help were Kay, Lana and Annette.

We had a good turnout and everyone had a good time, the kids really enjoyed playing with each other and are planning on returning next year.

We had the Mardi Gras inspired photo booth with all sorts of props ranging from hats and wigs , feather boas and face wear.

Bead, Masks, hat and paper flower making were all part of the crafts.

Snacks and beverages were provided along with gift bags to take home.

Mardi Gras beads were given out to all the guests and volunteers.

Rose did Mardi Gras style face painting on anyone that wanted to get decorated.

Some of the members also donated to kids party which was greatly appreciated.

Guests in attendance were Maribel, daughter, Gabby and her friend

Debbie and Joel and their grandchildren, Charlie, Brianna and Devin

Kay and Leo

Barb and her grandchildren Skylar and Ayden

Rose's sister and brother, Nancy and Allen and nieces and nephews, Arabella, Max, Olivia and Hooper

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed to make this party a success.



## **Isaac's Journey**

What a great two years learning about "HOPE" in finding a CURE for our children with cancer. Volunteering at the HOPE run was a great experience in honoring children with cancer. It also was a experience for me! Hope to do it again next year as well as the Chili Feed they have where all the proceeds benefit the U of M, strictly funding Childhood Cancer Research! Doing the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser and Meat Raffle were two ways the Monticello Women of Today raised money for Isaac's Journey. Along with key chain and cards sells we had the past two years. Thanks to all my volunteers! Couldn't of done without all of you. To learn more about Isaac's Journey"where HOPE begins" Foundation and the HOPE children please visit [www.IsaacsFoundation.org](http://www.IsaacsFoundation.org). Don't forget next year is our last year to raise money for Isaac's Journey so help Arli's in doing that by volunteering when you can. Hope you all have a great summer.



## MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday, April 2, 2014

**Members Present:** Glorie B, Barb B, Karla B, Pam B, Linda B, Maribel CL, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Trina H, Dawn H, Illeana M, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Mercedes T, Sara W

**Meeting called to order:** 7:04 pm by President Pam Peterson

**Invocation:** Barb B. **Pledge:** Linda B. **MNWT Creed:** Annette S.

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:** Sarah S. ~ Quorum established; 17/37 members present

**Tea Time Drawing:** Glorie B. **Icebreaker:** Lana ~ What do you look forward to doing once we have *warm weather*?

**SECRETARY:** Kay S. "Brewing with Excitement"

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Minutes from March 6, 2014 meeting are approved as corrected, noting Lana/Mark attended the Progressive Dinner and Lana attended Game Night & Rancho Grande. Pam P (typo with her last name) and Operation Beautiful typo with the word "discussed". We received a Thank you note from Andrea Broekemeier for supporting her in the Polar Plunge.

**TREASURER:** Arlis T. "A Latte Moola"

Checking \$ balance; \$1,159.82 Savings \$ balance; \$2,347.98

**\*\*\*All receipts/vouchers for reimbursement for 2013/14 are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> so we can close the books.\*\*\*** M/S/P: (Arlis Thielke/Cathy Shuman.) I move the Monticello chapter increase budget #107 Chapter Supplies by \$8.69, #152 Liability Insurance by \$19.00, #175 Meeting Room rent by \$42.00, #186 WT Foundation donation by \$5.00, #250 Riverfest Parade Ambassadors by \$6.40, #304 Foundation Day by \$8.00 and #320 Flyers Concession by \$77.25 to equal total paid. *\*Dues Installments can be made monthly to help anyone that has difficulty paying all \$45 Membership dues at one time, with final payment by the members' anniversary date.* ☺

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Sarah S. "Good to the Last Drop"

**PRESIDENT:** Pam P. "A Cup of Fellowship"

**Coffee bean of the Month:** March ~ absent **Barista of the Month:** March ~ Sarah S. 3/19/14 Board Mtg. was attended by Barb, Pam P, Lauren, Annette, Kay, Sarah, Arlis, Cat, Illeana. The April 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting is at Pam P's home, @ 6:30 pm with the Cross Over Board Training immediately following at 8 pm. The General Meeting is 5/1/14 at 7pm at Super 8 with our New President Illeana! Our Year End Banquet will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW. Social at 6pm. We are working out some of the details and will let you know soon!

**STATE DELEGATE:** Barb B. "Freeway to Fellowship"

Barb emailed everyone the Presidential Candidates' information that will be voted on in May. Dawn & Sara read the candidates' speeches from the Area 2 Meeting. Barb presented the State Bylaw Age motion that will be voted on at Annual convention. We will discuss and vote on these at our May 1 meeting.

**Local:** Road Run ~ to Maple Grove mtg. 3/17 attended by Barb, Cathy, Pam P, Tammy, Debby. Flyers Concessions for the Grassfield RC Club: Pam B. – The dates given to us to sell concessions and watch them fly their mini planes is 5/224, 6/21, 7/12, 8/30. Funds from this help keep our convention expenses down ☺

**District 5:** (Foley, Monticello, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Rice, Staples/Motley) 2013/14 District Wrap-up Social: 5/21/14 location TBD District Orientation: Kay – will be between 6/15 and 7/15 (after District Director Julie receives new state guidelines.) Area 2 Mtg. @ Rice, Mn 3/28/14 (Districts 4, 5, 6) Attended by Barb, Cathy, Pam P, Arlis, Sarah S. State President candidates for 2014/15 spoke. Sarah S. did an excellent job as member of the State Elections Committee. President Vicky spoke. An interactive M-event training activity was held. **\*\*\*Sarah Sundine was presented with a Presidential Pin!!! \*\*\*** LOTS: (Local Officer Training Sessions), offers individual training for all



chapter board members. LOTS is Saturday, May 3rd at Rasmussen College in Blaine. Plan to attend! **State:** Annual Convention: May 16–18 in Mahanomen @ the Shooting Star Casino. March Planning: 3/8 in Sauk Rapids, and committee meetings on 3/15 attended by Cathy. **National (Includes 12 states):** Convention-“Celebrating Country Style” 6/12-15 Shawano WI **MEMBERSHIP**: Cathy S. & Sarah S “Brewing Awesome Friends” Monthly Membership Coffee: Caribou by Target April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. March 15<sup>th</sup> attendance was in the March newsletter. Rancho Grande Social: 3/8 5pm (after the craft show!) report was in the March newsletter. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester M-event: *Chicken Soup for the Woman’s Soul* report is in the March newsletter. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri Renewals: Thank you Jennifer, Debby, Pam P, Rylee, Cat Krisie G, Rose G, Dawn H, Illeana M, Annette S, Brenda S, Mercedes T for renewing. Hoping for Karla B, Suzie O, Beth O. The deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup> for 100% retention. Membership Color Week - 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester: April 24-30 Beach Blanket BINGO at the Station in Monticello starting at 6:30 pm with dinner (on your own). Fun activities with prizes. Membership Table: 3/8 Thank you Sara, Ille, Kay, Pam P. for hosting the membership table @ the craft show. Ann Henderson won the door prize! Blacksheep Sweatshirts: Barb – orders are due today.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTIONS:** M/S/P: ( Maribel CL/Sarah Sundine) I move the Monticello chapter make a monetary donation to the Monticello Diversity Community for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Monticello Community Book Read in the amount of \$100.  
M/S/P: (Annette Shaufler/Sarah Sundine) I move the Monticello chapter put \$5 towards the year-end banquet meal for each member attending.  
M/S/P: (Annette Shaufler/Arlis Thilke) I move the Monticello chapter donate to Big Climb Mpls. for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with Annette participating with a budget of \$50.00 from Budget line #900.  
M/S/P: (Annette Shaufler/Kay Schroden) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$100 to Global Brigades to support Jacob Peterson’s mission trip to Honduras to do medical volunteering.  
**April Emphasis Month: (US) Volunteer Recognition/Public Relations; Outstanding Achievement in Programming**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Lauren H “Fill It to the Brim”

**Community Connections:** Michelle Kocak Jones "Caffeine Will Always Connect Us" Parents’ Night Out: Michelle KJ – No report

Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis T. – The raffle profit is \$292. All prizes are distributed and Thank you notes sent to the donors.

True Friends (Camp Courage): Michelle KJ – No report

Spring Craft Show: 3/8/14 Cat S/Pam B/Linda B – Report is in the April Newsletter.

Adopt A Highway: Pam B – No report

**USWT EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Domestic Violence Prevention: Jennifer LK Event – Committee: Jennifer/Kay/Pam P./Trina/Linda/Rose – No report

Rivers of Hope Donations: Pam P – Thank you everyone for your donations! Deadline 4/16.

**Women’s Wellness:** Glorie Balfanz “High Octane”

Food Shelf Bags: Michelle KJ – No report

Dues Scholarship Committee – Illeana – No report

Game Night: The next night is 4/11 @ Barb’s. March attendance: Barb, Nancy, Lana, Rose, Pam, Rylee, Annette. March winner was Pam P.

Ugly Cup Contest: Barb – Thank you participants! Winners are Glorie and Lana ☺ Women’s Wellness Walk: Glorie - is every Monday @ M. Middle School 6:30 pm unless the school is closed. Wear your WT-shirt! The school was closed one day, so we walked at the Community Center. Our group is growing ~ come join us!

Hang Out: Mercedes – 4/4 *Happy Hour Effect with Kristen Brown* @ Mercedes. 6:30 Social 7pm Program.

**Youth of Today:** Dawn Hendricks "Make it Decaf, Please!"

**Anti-Bullying Bracelets:** Dawn – we sold all of our bracelets!

**Spring Kid's Party:** 3/29 Rose/Illeana – Report is in the April newsletter.

**Work Skills Day:** Michelle KJ - 4/24, 9am – 1 pm, Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo

**Isaac's Journey:** Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Hope"

Dawn's store collected \$7 in a "collections tin" for Isaac's Journey. Thank you!

**INTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Eternal Friendship"

**Living & Learning:** Lana G. "Coffee Break with Friends"

**The View:** Pam P. On 3/20, Nancy, Sarah S and Pam P. discussed The Book Thief. April's date has not been picked yet...busy schedules.

**Webinar:** Cathy – Our chapter has participated in all of the webinars hosted by the MNWT website team. Cathy attended April 3: Website 102: Create a chapter website using Google. We are registered for May 6<sup>th</sup> Webinar: Collaborating 102: Using other free online tools. Leave No Trace Workshop: Rylee/Pam P – 3/11 Rylee is a LNT Trainer and presented this workshop on the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace and how to enjoy the wilderness & preserve it for generations to come. Attended by Lana, Lauren & Anne, Debby, Annette, Rylee and Pam P. Etiquette PEP: Pam P, Brenda S, Lana G. 3/27 @ Resurrection Church. Members certifying in the finer points of dining etiquette and table setting include: Barb, Pam B, Lana, Glorie, Lauren, Debby, Annette, Brenda, Sarah S, Arlis, and Pam P. Also attending was Anne Henderson; and Cat arrived a for a little bit.

**Certification Night:** Lana/Annette – 4/24 at Kjellberg's Business Center 7pm bring your computer if possible or we'll do hard copies.

**Funshine:** Sarah Sundine "So Many Blends, So Little Time"

**April Birthdays:** Cat S – 7, Maribel CL - 12, Sara W - 26

**PALS:** STMA is invited to join us for "Beach Blanket BINGO" at The Station Bar & Grill **Newsletter:** Sarah Sundine "Espress O'self" - Articles due by 4/11/14 Answer the Trivia!

**Records & Recognition:** Sarah Sundine "Stayin Grounded"

This years records are on line. Dawn & Arlis turned in reports tonight.

**Public Relations:** Arlis Thielke "Espresso Release"

**Website:** Cat – updated

**Out & About:** 3/13 Arlis – Pam & Kay wore their WT shirts @ work. Members that attended the M-event wore their WT shirts & name tags. Thank you for promoting our organization!

**Ways & Means:** Debby Manthei "Our Cup Runneth Over"

**Monthly Fundraiser:** April Lucky Buck: Cat- (raised \$ 33 ) Winner- Barb B.

**Coins for a Cause:** Mercedes – gave Annette the collection of money to deposit.

**Craft Show Concessions:** 3/8/14 Linda/Lana/Debby – Profit \$326.26 **Volunteers:** Trina, Sara W., Krisie, Maribel, Glorie, Nancy, Rose, Rylee, Anne, Lauren, Debby, Linda & Lana.

**Desserts donated by** Sara W, Tammy, Lauren, Rose Illeana, Kay, Maribel, Arlis, Cat, Glorie, Krisie & Karla.

**State Coffee Sales:** Debby – No report

## **CLOSING**

**Helping Hands:** Kay S, Arlis T, Michelle KJ ~ no news

**Good & Welfare:** Shared by many members.

**Thank you to our Hostesses:** Annette/Cat **Greeter:** Lana

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**May Hostesses:** Linda/Mercedes/Sara   **Greeter:** Nancy

**Benediction:** Pam P.

**US Women of Today Creed:** Linda

**Adjourn** at 9:21

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Schroden

The **Monticello Chapter of Women of Today** is a **non-profit organization** dedicated to *community service*, promoting *personal growth*, and offering *leadership training* opportunities for women 18 years and older. We strive to improve the lives of ourselves and others within the community through our various projects. Check out our group – it's a great way to meet people in the community while also making some awesome friends!



~ **To my chapter:** Thank you so much for all of the support in the past year. With everyone's help, I think we had a pretty good year. ☺ We should be proud of all that we have accomplished as a chapter. President Pam

~ **Annette, Lauren, Cat, Sarah, Barb, Kay & Arlis:** You are such an amazing board! Can't thank you enough for all you have done in the past 12 months!! Pam P

~ Thank you to everyone that brought an ugly mug to the April meeting. It was fun to see what everyone had. Pam P

~ Thank you to everyone that braved the weather to attend the April Meeting!! I was pleasantly surprised how many members still showed up. What a testament to our dedicated members. (I know it was more difficult for some members to attend than others and I do not doubt your dedication either. ☺ ) Pam P

~ **Sharon:** Welcome to the Monticello Women of Today! I am so glad that you decided to join us. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better. Pam P

~ **Rylee:** Congratulations on your scholarship! Good luck with finals!! Summer is coming soon ☺! Mom

~ **Ille, Sarah, Debby, Linda, Michelle, Lauren, Mercy & Glorie:** What an exciting new board! Looking forward to being a part of the board with all of you!! Pam P

~ **Jennifer:** Sam is so cute – thanks for letting me hold him at Caribou. He's such a little snuggler. ☺ Pam P



~ **Bonita**: I'm glad you are back in Minnesota; I'm looking forward to seeing you again soon. Pam P

~ **Beth**: I'm so glad that you are planning on renewing and that we will get to see you again this summer. Pam P

~ **Trista**: Break time is almost here! Good luck with your finals! I'm sure your mom will be happy to have you close to home this fall! Pam P

~ **Ille**: You are going to have such a fun year!! Love your theme and enthusiasm!! I am looking forward to working with you. Pam P

~ **Mercy**: Great job on the Happy Hour Effect project. It was really interesting!! Pam P

~ **Trina**: So glad to hear that your mom is doing better. What a relief, huh? Pam P

~ Thank you to all of those that attended the Hang Out with Kristen Brown. She reached out and shared she was refreshed by such a positive group of women: Ille, Sara S, Pam P, Riley P, Barb B, Kay S, Rose, Kimberly A, Nancy, Lana Mercedes

~ **Ille and Sarah S**: Thank you for helping with the Hang Out event Mercedes

~ **President Pam**: Thank you for such a great year. Mercedes

~ **Pam P**: What a year! As president and as a chapter. Way to go! May you look back and feel good about your year. Thanks for all you done as president and a friend. Have a great summer! Annette

~ **Lana, Sarah S, Arlis, and Debby**: Thanks for being LPMS this year and all you done in your areas. Couldn't of done it without you. Hope you all have a great summer. Annette

~ **Monticello Women of Today**: Here we are another year behind us. It was a good one thanks to Pam P and all of you. We should be proud of ourselves and all we do for the community and otherwise. Hope you all have a great summer. That's if it every gets here. Annette

~ **Debby, Dawn, Pam B and girls, Rose, and all you other volunteers**: Thanks for all your help in raising money for Isaac's Journey. It was a great two years! Annette

~ **Pam**: I can't believe your year is already over. You did an awesome job! Sarah

~ **Mercedes**: Good job on the Hang Out, Kristin was very interesting to listen to and I can't wait to read her book. Sarah

~ **Cathy**: Thanks for doing Co-Membership VP with me. I had a great time and you were so much fun to work with. Sarah