

# Hot Off the grill

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## President Dawn... “Licensed to Grill”

Hello ladies!

December is here, but with the snow nowhere to be found, it doesn't seem like the Holidays. I hope everyone enjoys some time with family and friends. This is the most important part of the holidays, in my opinion.

Our 2nd trimester is coming to a close, and the fun we have had this past few months has been bountiful! We were gathering for all sorts of different reasons, and we had a great time doing it. We had socials like the Bonfire at Cat's house, the ever popular Mystery Tour, celebrating Birthdays by enjoying breakfast and company. The socials are what bind us together, and make us such a closely knit chapter. We took a few road trips to other chapters; Brooklyn Park, and Champlin. Visitations are a great way to find new ideas for our chapter, and to connect with other members. Of course we held projects that benefited our community; Party for a Purpose, helping at Timberdash, donating books to the Birthing Center, and the Fall Craft show, just to name a few! We also make sure to keep moving forward bettering ourselves; Certification Night, the Bounce Back Project, and the PEP Course, to name just a few.

Look forward to the 2nd Trimester Awards that will be received at the January meeting! It is hard to choose when we have such an active chapter. :)

I am looking forward to starting 2016 in the next few weeks, and to see what it has in store for us.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours and have a safe and Happy New Year!

Dawn



**“Where There's  
Smoke There's Fire”**

## A flame from our State Delegate

District Board Meeting was attended by Illeana, Dawn, Pam P, Annette & Cathy S on 11/13 at the Caribou in St. Cloud.

District Meeting was attended by Illeana, Sara R, Cathy, Sarah S, Dawn, Pam P, Torrey, Arlis and Annette at the Rice Lions Building on December 4th. We had a great evening winning many awards and did a neat activity with President Terri. Final report will be given at the January meeting.

### Winter State Convention

Winter state convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Minneapolis on Jan 29th – 31st. It is going to be a Gilligan's Island theme with a Friday night party. Rooms need to be reserved by Jan 8th and the cost for the weekend is only \$80. We will be doing a drawing to give two members a \$10 credit toward the convention and remember all 1st timers get a \$10 credit. We have raised enough money that the cost of the rooms should only be \$20 for the weekend. Please see the signup sheet for this event.

Below is an e-mail that we got from the State Parliamentarian. We will vote in

### January how the Monticello chapter votes will be represented at Winter Convention:

**I wanted to inform you that the motion that was announced at the Fall State Business Meeting is invalid. According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised you can only suspend a bylaw if it is a procedural bylaw and only for that one meeting. I worked with Kimberly Rowland of the Eden Prairie Chapter to create new motions to say what she wants.**

**There are now two motions to be brought forward by Kimberly Rowland of the Eden Prairie Chapter at the Winter State Business meeting. These motions will be discussed and voted on at the Winter State Business meeting. They are as follows:**

**I move that Minnesota Women of Today change Bylaw Article III. Section 1. B. and Article IV Section 1 to remove "with a minimum of five (5) of them being under the age of 40." Article III. Section 1. B. will then read: "Application for membership shall consist of an intent to Charter form, the \$20 charter fee, and a minimum of 10 new members in good standing." Article IV Section 1 will then read: "Member chapters shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$50.00, of which \$45.00 is state dues and \$5.00 is national dues, for each chapter member in good standing. These dues shall be due in each member's respective anniversary trimester. Dues must be paid on a minimum of 10 members per chapter for a chapter to retain its membership."**

**I move that Minnesota Women of Today change Bylaw Article III. Section 1. G. to remove the "five (5) under 40" clause wherever it appears and replace the word "automatically" with "be eligible to". It will then read: "Chapters must have a minimum of 10 members. If the chapter remains under 10 members for two (2) consecutive trimesters, the chapter shall be eligible to be removed from the rolls of the Minnesota Women of Today on September 1, January 1, or May 1, whichever is applicable. All records of the chapter shall be turned over to the District Director who shall then forward them to the Chapter Service Center. A chapter wishing to reinstate their membership must do so as a new chapter with a minimum of 10 members in good standing."**

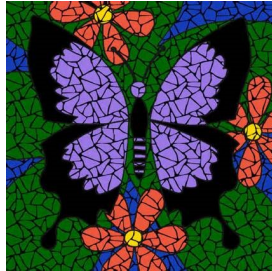
## Visitations

On November 11th we attended the Champlin General Meeting. Those attending were Sarah S, Dawn, Barb & Torrey. When traveling with a fun group of ladies make sure you pay attention to the speed limit and not the visiting. Thank goodness for old acquaintances you never know when one might pull you over!



# MOSAIC FUNDRAISER-WAYS AND MEANS

*Dawn's beautiful stepping stone is finished and Linda is almost done with a mosaic pot made from pieces of a broken china plate that belonged to her mother. She also made a stepping stone from the broken plate which is ready to come out of the mold. To date, \$40 has been raised toward our chapter's Ways & Means. My schedule has been busy and I hope to schedule more sessions in the near future.*



## High School Giving Tree

We did not have a formal donation this year, but thanks to all who played secret santa in donating socks for students in need. We collected 28 pairs!



## Wellness Walk

**8.5 hours for 6 participants in November.**



## Caribou Membership Coffee

On Saturday, November 14th at 10 a.m. we had a membership coffee at Caribou Coffee in Monticello by Target. In attendance were:

Trina

Illeana and her daughter Lj

Cat S.

Glorie

Nancy

Arlis

Lauren and her daughter Anne

Melanie and her daughters Mykailah and

McKenzie



## The View

Cat S, Torrey B, Nancy F, Pam P and Lauren H met at Lauren's house on 11/19 at 7pm to discuss the book Housekeeping. It was a rather strange book which actually made for an interesting conversation. The book kit was returned to the public library before the due date of 12/3.

Typically there isn't a View gathering in December. Any member can plan something for The View. Please suggest any ideas you may have for the next View to the chapter by email, at a board meeting, or at a general meeting. We have done a variety of things besides reading and discussing books. There is a play production of The Diary of Anne Frank in January or February at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud. If that sounds interesting to anyone please feel free to check into that as an option for The View.

## MNWT First Tuesday Webinar

**Cat S. attended the Webinar on December 8th.**

**The focus was on Membership.**



## RUFF START RESCUE BUCKETS OF SUNSHINE

At Winter Convention in January we will be collecting supplies for RSR that are needed to support the foster families of pets until they find their forever homes. Please bring items you would like to donate to the January meeting. A transmittal should be filled out for any donations and given to our Treasurer, Glorie.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Wet and dry food (especially puppy food), Greenies Pill Pockets, Durable chew toys & bones, Food/Water bowls\*, Cat litter (clumping, if possible), Brushes/Grooming Tools, Treats, Exercise Pens (or play pens)\*, Cat/Dog toys, Gettle Leader Harness\*, Crates of all sizes\*, Large trash bags, Frontline, Cat litter boxes\*, Collars/Harnesses\*, Thunder-shirts\*, Leashes\*, Cat scratching posts\*, Puppy Pads, Dog/Cat beds\*, Dog shampoo.

\*Marked items can be gently used. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition!



## Membership Table

During the Fall Craft Show, on November 7th, we had a membership table set up near the entrance to the gym. A basket filled with goodies donated from members was raffled off. There was a total of 391 entries for the basket drawing. 7 of those would like information on becoming a member! That is awesome. Members who volunteered at the table were; Rosemary G., Michelle K.J., Dawn H., and Mercedes T.



## Nursing Home Tree

*On November 28th the Monticello Women of Today decorated a tree at the Monticello Nursing home. Those attended were: Sara R., Trina H., Uleana M., Dawn H., and Meghan G. It was a fun morning filled with laughs, lights, glitter, and Christmas Cheer. We were even able to chat with some of the residents when they came by. After we were finished decorating we all went out to lunch where the laughing continued and fun stories were shared. It truly was a great day!*



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion Slips, Report Forms, Sign-Up Sheets, other forms and supplies are available in the white notebook at meetings. If you need anything from the notebook please help yourself. Please remember to provide motion slips to President Dawn before the meeting, and the second copy to the secretary after the motion is made. It is in our Policies that nametags should be worn at all meetings. If you are not wearing yours at a meeting please drop a quarter in the BBQ sauce jar when it is passed around.

Thank you for getting reports to me before meetings! It is challenging to try to accurately document all the necessary information for each agenda item during our busy and lengthy meetings. Having the written reports keeps our Minutes accurate. It is important that each item on the agenda be recorded in the Minutes. Reports can be sent to the secretary in a variety of forms: an email; a word document attached to an email; a handwritten report; or a project report form. Project report forms identify what information is needed in reports. Please keep reports short and concise at the meeting, including the essential information, and submit an interesting and detailed report to the newsletter. Members who provide their written reports before the meeting receive an incentive.

A Thank you note was received in November from Therese Olson on behalf of the Monticello Diversity Committee thanking us for our donation which helped fund the 4th Annual Monticello Community Book Read.

The minutes of the October 1st meeting were approved at the December 3rd meeting. The minutes of the November 5th meeting were approved as amended at the December 3rd meeting.







# Flaming Treasurer Report

12/01/2015 Monticello Women of Today Meeting Treasurer Report

**Checking Account Balance** as of December 2, 2015 \$650.78.

**Savings Account Balance** as of December 2, 2015 \$3480.08.

Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website also. On website go to mem-

ber info, then to forms for members.

Dues may be paid in installment with the full payment due by the member's anniversary date.

The treasurer is unable to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2015-2016 budget.

Anyone turning in a check requisition forms please turn

it into the chairman of the project before turning it into the treasurer. Please have all forms filled out completely.

Transmittals were submitted to MNWT. We donated over \$900 to various causes this trimester. That amount includes \$35 to the MNWT Foundation and \$50 to State Ways and Means. Congratulations!

## Coins For Cause



**\$84.61 was collected from the well for November.**

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSERS-

**Schlenner Wenner & Co.**  
**State Farm Insurance - Dan Olson**  
**A + Taxi**  
**Linda Buchmann - Coldwell Banker**  
**Burnet**  
**U-Save Auto Rental**  
**Live Laugh & Bloom Floral**  
**AmericInn Motel**  
**Alive Lutheran Church**  
**Steven T. Exsted, OD**

## Food Shelf Bags-Kayla



There were 270 items collected at the November and December meetings valued at \$300. Numerous travel and regular size items such as shampoo, lotion, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, powder, makeup, etc. were collected. Thanks ladies!

**MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Michelle KJ's**

**Members present:** Glorie B, Barb B, Karla B, Torrey B, Linda B, Maribel CL, Danielle E, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Rose G, Trina H, Dawn H, Kayla K, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Debby M, Illeana M, Pam P, Sharon S, Cathy S, Sandy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T

**Call to Order:** 7:04 p.m. by President Dawn Hendricks

**Invocation:** Trista K      **Pledge:** Kayla K      **MNWT Creed:** Torrey B

**Guest(s):** None

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:** Ille M – 19 out of 45 members/Quorum established

**Icebreaker:** None

**On Time Drawing:** Sharon S      **Pass Service Hours Book**

**\*Denotes agenda items reported in the December Newsletter**

**SECRETARY: Lauren Henderson “Saucy Grill Friends”**

**\*Reminders and Thank You's**      **Minutes Approval:** October minutes were approved. November minutes were approved as amended.

**TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz “Spicy Hot”**

**Checking balance:** \$650.78      **Savings balance:** \$3,480.08      **\*Reminders and Transmittals**

**PAST PRESIDENT: Ille Miller “Follow the Smoke”**

**\*Nominating Committee**

**PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks “Where There's Smoke There's Fire”**

**Member of the Month (November):** Danielle E      **Member of the Month (December):** Sharon S

**Board Member of the Month:** Michelle KJ      **Trimester Ballots:** There was a mistake on the online ballot; if you voted online before the December meeting you will need to vote again.

**Next meeting:** 1/7, 6:30pm at CUMC      **Board meeting:** 12/16, 6:30 pm; hostess – Dawn H

**STATE DELEGATE: Sarah Sundine “Savor the Flavor”**

**\*Winter State Convention**      **\*District Board Meeting (FR)**      **Champlin Visitation (FR)** – Sarah S, Dawn H, Barb B and Torrey R visited the Champlin chapter general meeting on 11/11      **District Meeting/Social** is on 12/4 at Rice Lions Building; carpool from MCC at 5:15; \$5 cost for dinner; members planning to attend: Torrey B, Dawn H, Pam P, Annette S, Arlis T, Sara R, Sarah S, Cathy S      **New Hope Visitation** rescheduling for January      **MNWT Raffle Tickets** \$5 each

**MEMBERSHIP: Mercedes Turner, Trina Hedquist “There's Always Time for S'more Fun”**

**\*Membership Wellness Walk (FR)**, **\*Membership Table (FR)**, **\*Caribou 11/14 (FR)**, **\*Big Sis/Little Sis**

**\*Caribou** – 12/12 10am, **\*Cookie Exchange/Melanie** – no report, **\*James J. Hill/Linda B** – 6 going, no more tickets available

**2nd TRIMESTER RENEWALS:** Glorie B, Nancy F, Shelly G, Lana G, Trina H, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Karma M, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T

**Invitation to Join:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member/Partner Appreciation – Linda B and Dawn H; Operation Valentine – Ille M and Cat S

**MOTIONS:**

**M/S/P** (Trina H/Arlis T) I move that Monticello Women of Today create a separate budget for Toy Bingo Concessions with a budget of \$250.

**M/S/P** (Trina H/Barb B) I move that Monticello Women of Today help gift wrap for Rivers of Hope on Dec 15. Gift Wrapping at 207 Walnut by State Farm.

**M/S/P** (Danielle E/Trina H) I move that Monticello Women of Today change the hat donation site to the University of MN Masonic Children's Hospital instead of Gillette.

**M/S/P** (Torrey B/Ille M) I move that Monticello Women of Today create a Restaurant Night where we go out and try new restaurants. We can call it the Hot Plate Restaurant of the Month.

**December Emphasis Month:** Membership (US); Community Connections (US)

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Michelle Kocak-Jones “Smokin' Hot and Sassy”



LPM Reports due January 4th

**Community Connections: Trista Kleinsteuber “Chillin’ & Grillin’”**

\*Domestic Violence Awareness/Trina H \*Fall Craft Show Booths (FR) Sharon/Annette \*Floor Taping (FR)/Annette \*Food Shelf Bags/Kayla K \*Job Skills Day (FR)/Michelle KJ \*Spring Craft Show Booths/Cat S, Lana G \*Spring Craft Show Concessions/Sharon S, Dawn H \*Food Shelf Raffle/Arlis T \*Nursing Home Tree (FR)/Trina H, Sara R \*Parents Night Out/Michelle KJ – The second drawing winner is Steve and Molly Exsted. They receive \$50 gift certificates for movie and dinner and \$25 for caregiver.

**Women’s Wellness: Sara Rocksted “Feel the Burn”**

\*Wellness Walk/Nancy \*Women’s Day/Sarah S \*Stress Reliever

**Youth of Today: Melanie Aucapina “The Lemonade Stand”**

\*FYCC Bowling/Glorie \*Toys For Tots/Cat S \*Family Day/Trina H \*Hat Drive (FR)/Danielle E Christmas Toy Bingo/Trina – 12/19, 11-2 at Monticello Middle School; Toy Bingo meeting 12/7, 6:30pm at Caribou

**Breaking Free: Arlis Thielke “Putting out the Fire”**

\*Card Sales/Debby M

**INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Linda Buchmann “On Top of Old Smokey”**

LPM Reports due January 4<sup>th</sup>

**Living & Learning: Pam Peterson “It Only Takes a Spark”**

\*The View (FR)/Lauren H Webinar/Cat S – The webinar will be held 12/8, 6:30pm, at Cat’s house; arrive by 6:15pm; the topic is “Investing in Membership.”

Certification Night (FR)/Pam P – 11/17, attended by Dawn H, Trina H, and Pam P; 5 certifications completed; certifications due to SPM by 1/4 Personal Enrichment Program/Pam P, Pam B – “Using Essential Oils” 12/14, 6:45-9pm at Resurrection Church

**Funshine: Debby Manthei “Come on Lady, Light Your Fire”**

\*Birthdays: Trina H - 9<sup>th</sup>; Barb M – 27<sup>th</sup>; Lana G – 27<sup>th</sup>; Annette S – 28<sup>th</sup>; Pam B – 28<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tri Birthday Breakfast – 12/5

**Newsletter: Sara Rocksted “Hot Off The Grill”**

Deadline: submit to Sara R by 12/11

**Records & Recognition: Cat Shuman “Heat It Up”**

\*Project Folders

**Public Relations: Ille Miller “Burnt Offerings”**

\*Website/Cat S and Pam B

**Ways & Means: Annette Schaufler “Up In Smoke”**

\*Coins for a Cause/Nancy F \*State Fundraiser Yankee Candle/Cherrydale/Annette

\*Mosaic Fundraiser/Lauren H \*Car Flag Fundraiser/Pam P \*Lucky Buck – January, Sarah S

**Helping Hands: Cat Shuman, Glorie Balfanz, Pam Peterson**

**Good & Welfare**

**Thank you Hosts:** Everyone!!! **Thank you Greeter:** Annette S

**January Hosts:** Arlis T, Annette S, Lana G

**Benediction:** Trina H

**USWT Creed:** Glorie B

**Adjourn** at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Henderson, Secretary



# Smoke Signals

Sara R — It has been fun running with you lately, good job on your PR for the Reindeer Run. -Sarah

Dawn, Barb & Torrey — Thank you for coming with to the Champlin meeting. -Sarah

Michelle — Great job at the Christmas party / meeting, you basement is the perfect place for hanging out! -Sarah

Michelle-Thank you for hosting the Christmas meeting/social. -Dawn

Trista and Kayla-It has been great to have you at the meetings! -Dawn

Sharon-I have enjoyed planning the Christmas Bingo concessions with you. -Dawn

Pam B. and Pam P.-I was so bummed that I have to miss the PEP Course. I hope to make the next one! -Dawn

Melanie-Thank you for hosting the Cookie Exchange. -Dawn

Torrey, Melanie, Krisie, Karla, Barb, Arlis, Nancy & Lana-The cookies were amazing, and my family inhaled them. Guess I better start baking again... - Dawn

Lauren-I have missed our outings, we should schedule one soon! -Dawn

Tammy-I hope you heal quickly, but in the meantime if you need help lifting, give me a call. -Dawn

Krisie-Your family is in my thoughts. -Dawn

Torrey-I have really enjoyed getting to know you better. -Dawn

Merry Christmas Everyone! -Dawn

Thanks Dawn for the ornament ! I have it hanging on my tree - Rose

Torey: Excited to take the Hot Plate Travels with you. great idea !- Rose

Sarah S- The races have been a blast! I'm glad I finally get to run with you! I look forward to the many more to come. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you heal from the loss of your friend Chris. Many hugs!-Sara R.

Illeana- Thank you for being there for me so much recently! - Sara R.

Dawn- Thank you for the ice cream and movie nights! They have been fun and much needed!- Sara R.

To everyone: Thank you so much to everyone who has been there for me during the past few months. The smiles hugs and support have been amazing! I am truly grateful to have found this wonderful group of women! I honestly don't know where I would be right now without you guys. Thank you!!!! -Sara R.

To all: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope your holidays are merry and bright and best wishes as we enter 2016. (Cat S)

Trina, Dawn & Sharon: Great job chairing the Kids Christmas Bingo and concessions! It was a really fun event and I enjoyed helping out. (Cat S)

To All - Wishing you a happy new year and a wonderful 2016! I feel blessed to call you awesome women my friends. Nancy