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## Fun Facts

The Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA) estimates the specialty coffee revenue in 2006 at over \$12.2 billion in sales. Over 75% of this business occurs in coffee cafes and coffee beverage retailers.

## March Birthdays

**3/13 KARLA**  
**3/17 SUZIE**  
**3/22 LAUREL**  
**3/30 MELANIE**  
**3/30 ILLEANA**

## "Pam's Special Blend"

*At the February Meeting, I did an exercise on how our attitude affects us - and not just ourselves, but those around us, too. In the same way, the outlook of those around us has an impact on us as well. Believe it or not, your attitude and the attitude of those around you, can affect you not just emotionally, but physically as well.*

*Thinking of it as 'the cup is half full', is heart-healthy, can fight depression, improve your immunity to illnesses, increase your self-esteem, and help you cope better with stress. A positive attitude doesn't mean that you are automatically going to think that everything is 'perfect'. It means you will recognize a dilemma and start problem-solving. Beware, though, a positive thinker needs to be*

*realistic and cautious not to take on too much because they think they can do it all - which leads to stress. (Hmm, do any of us fit into that bracket?)*

*There is always going to be someone that continually sees the bright side and someone that is going to be waiting for what will go wrong next. But somehow, when we all work together, everything seems to work out just fine. Look at our chapter! We are 26 years strong and we have aged well - just like a fine wine. ☺ That is the effects of enough positive thinking and a lot of friendships!*

*With 'A Glass of Fellowship',  
President Pam*





**Congratulations to:**  
Tea Time Drawing: Debby M

January Coffee Bean (Member): Rose G  
January Barista (Board Member): Kay S

**Winter State Award Recipients**

**Project of the Trimester**  
~ Parent's Night Out/CC Submitted by  
Michelle KJ  
~ F. S. Fitzgerald Walk/LL Submitted  
by Pam P

**Presidential Pin**  
~ Nancy F  
~ Glorie B

**Presidential Medallion**  
~ Pam P/Pres.

**US Presidential Pin**  
~ Mercedes T



**Thanks a Latte to:**

February's Hostesses:  
Kay S, Lauren H, Glorie B

Meeting Greeter:  
Linda B

Invocation & Benediction:  
Dawn H, Trina H

**New Project Chairs:**  
• Women's Wellness Walk - Glorie B

**Important Dates, Up-coming Projects & Chair People:**  
(Year Long = YL, Blue = State, Green = District)

Family Fun Day (2/23) - Glorie B/Mercy T  
Monday Walk (2/24) - Glorie B  
Dist Mtg (2/25) - Barb B

Women's Day (3/1)-Sarah S/Trina H/Sara W  
Webinar (3/4) - Cat S

March General Meeting (3/6) - Pam P  
Newslet Articles due (3/7)

Spring Craft Show (3/8)-Cat S/Pam B/Linda B  
Spring Concessions (3/8)-Linda B/Lana G/ Debby M

M-Event (3/13) - Cat S, Sarah S  
Out and About (3/13)

Game Night (3/14) - Barb B

Newsletter Deadline (3/14) - Sarah S

Caribou Coffee (3/15) - Cat S, Sarah S

Early Bird Renewals (3/15) - Cat S/Sarah S  
State Mtgs (3/15)

Mar Brd Mtg (3/19) - Pam P

View (3/20) - Pam P

Area 2 Mtg in Rice (3/28) - Barb B

Pals event (3/29) - Sarah S

Kids' Spring Party (3/29) - Rose G/Ille M

April General Meeting (4/3) - Pam P  
Webinar (4/8) - Cat S

Game Night (4/11) - Barb B

Newsletter Deadline (4/11) - Sarah S

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

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

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

View (4/17) - Pam P

Year End Evals due (4/18)

Work Skills Day (4/24) - Michelle KJ

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

LPM Reports due (4/25)

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

**Monthly Coffee:** We held a Caribou coffee social on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Caribou by Target. Attendees were: Cat, Pam P, Sarah, Jennifer, Lauren, Arlis, Annette, Nancy, Ille and Kay. The next date for coffee was February 8<sup>th</sup> and was attended by quite a crew: Nancy, Lana, Arlis, Ille, Cat, Annette, Mercedes, and Sarah S. The March coffee will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Caribou by Target.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Socials:** Join chapter members at Rancho Grande on March 8<sup>th</sup> about 5 pm following the craft show, where you can enjoy a cocktail or pop with your meal.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester M-event:** Chicken Soup for the Woman’s Soul will be the featured M-event which will be held Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm at the Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites in their meeting room. This is also “Out and About with Women of Today” so wear your chapter shirt and nametag. We’ll be serving a couple of chicken soups with crackers, chips, and rolls and brownies for dessert. There will be fun activities and great door prizes including 2 “31” bags. How can you win these awesome door prizes? Easy...bring yourself and bring a guest or more to earn multiple chances to be a winner! Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information – and share it with a friend or neighbor. Thank you to Debby, Ille, Tammy, and Nancy who volunteered to serve on the planning committee.

**Membership Color Week – 3rd trimester:** Color Week for third trimester will be April 24-30. We are hoping to end the year with a Beach Blanket Bingo blast sometime that week!

**Renewals:** Thanks to Jennifer, Debby, Pam P, Rylee, Dawn, Rose, and Cat for renewing for 3rd trimester so far. Please try to turn in your renewal dues by the March meeting so that we can qualify for Early Bird. We can earn \$20 from MNWT Foundation for signing at least 1 new member and having 80% retention or \$45 for signing 4 new members and 100% retention. Let’s go ladies! The final deadline for renewals is April 15th. We can also earn more fun money for the final membership auction at Annual convention.

**The View:** This month we went to the play “To Kill a Mockingbird” in St. Cloud on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Details to come!! The next book we will be reading is “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. I have only just begun the book, but I am already intrigued by the narrator. The New York times describes it as ‘the kind of book that can be LIFE CHANGING....’ I hope you will consider reading it.

**Kody’S Closet:** A donation of \$50.00 was donated by the Chapter at Winter State Convention and Pam Peterson and Cathy Shuman donated products for a total of \$15.00.

**Family Fun Day:** Monticello Women of Today is going bowling on Sunday February 23rd at River City Extreme from 2 to 4pm. This event is open to all Women of Today members and their families.





**SUGGESTED DONATION 2014****AMOUNT**

Friends of the Library	\$100.00	
Path - Kindred Family Services	\$100.00	
Rivers of Hope	\$200.00	
Toys for Tots	\$100.00	
Centra Care Center	\$100.00	
Monticello Senior Center	\$200.00	Towards New Carpet
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	
Special Olympics	\$100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,400.00

**DONATED IN 2013 - 2014**

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	\$386.72	
Monticello School/Backpack Program	\$500.00	
MHS Giving Tree	\$100.00	
Parents Night Out	\$250.00	
Monticello Food Shelf	\$69.95	For Birthday Bags
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,736.67

**TO BE DONATED IN 2014**

Monticello Food Shelves from Christmas Bingo	\$300.00	Profit from Christmas Bingo Was \$589.69
Isaac's Journey/Card Sales	\$15.26	\$28.00 - \$12.74 for incentives
Bully Bracelets	\$47.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$362.26
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$3,498.93

**MWT Raffle:**

We received donations from Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Loch Jewelers, Von Hanson's Meats, Cornerstone Café, Rancho Grande and Rose Goetti. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Spring Craft Show and the drawing for the winners will be held at Caribou Coffee by Target on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**Toys for Tots (FR):** Our chapter provided the event insurance for Community Toys for Tots for the 2013 distribution. Our chapter will donate \$100 to the Toys for Tots fund.

Checking account balance as of 1/31/2014 is \$338.14.

Savings account balance as of 1/31/2014 is \$2,522.98.

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

## Women's day

We will be celebrating Women's Day on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00. The day will start with a walk through the woods at Bertrum Chain of Lakes. At 10:00 we will start our journey over to Buffalo to do some shopping at their downtown stores. We will take a break at 12:00 to get a bite to eat at BJ's Café downtown then if you are interested you can continue your shopping or head home. Everyone that attends will be getting a gift at lunch so be sure to come and check it out!

## PALS Activity

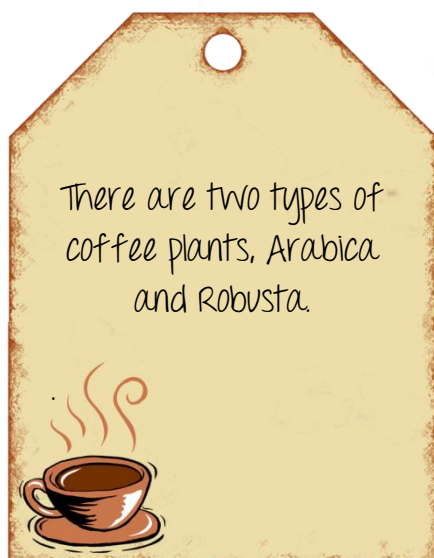
We will be joining our PALS chapter on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 – 11:30 at Second Harvest Heartland to help sort and re-pack food from food drives and donations, re-package bulk food such as pasta or cereal into consumer size packages, sort and salvage damaged products or food items, or label cans. Please dress in comfortable clothes and you must wear closed toe shoes (that shouldn't be a problem in March!). They ask that you please do not plan on volunteering if you are feeling ill and to not wear jewelry, except wedding bands. Carpool will be leaving Eastview at 8:00. They do require us to register ahead of time so I will need to know by the March meeting if you are interested in attending.

## Webinar Series

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> to attend the next MNWT webinar, titled "Using Social Media to its Best Advantage." You will need to be at Pam P's house by 5:45 pm as the webinar starts promptly at 6 pm. We will be serving some treats and viewing the webinar on the big screen TV.

So far our chapter has participated in all the webinars hosted by the MNWT website team.

- Dec 3, Pam & Cat attended Web Jargon 101
- Jan 7, Pam & Cat attended Google Apps
- Feb 4, Cat attended Website 101: Deciding on an app to use for a chapter website
- Mar 4 – Using Social Media to its Best Advantage
- Apr 3 – Website 102: Create a chapter website using Google



## COFFEE LINGO

Which company introduced instant coffee in 1938?

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

United States Women of Today Awards  
Mid-Year Convention in October

US Pin Recipient: Mercedes☺

Personal Development: Barb, Lana, Pam P, & Cathy S

Health & Wellness Certification: Cathy S

Fast Start: Debby & Arlis

Membership: Growth +2 for 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

Outstanding Accomplishments in the area of Founders Day



Minnesota Women of Today  
Trimester 2 Awards (September - December)

SUCCESS: 1<sup>st</sup> place!!! AGAIN! AND Pop Division 4!!

Congratulations and a huge thank you to our chapter members for contributions in 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, and to Pam P. for submitting Success.

Project of the Trimester: Living & Learning – F.S. Fitzgerald Walking Tour  
and Community Connections – Parents Night Out

Completing Treasurer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Challenge: Arlis

Membership Award for Chapter Growth: Chapter Growth 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester & 100% retention 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

Membership Rebate: \$15.00 Membership Auction: Our earned bucks bought – 2 baskets: Learn How to Run a Latte about WT Event & Soup M-Night

Presidential Pins: \*Congratulations Nancy & Glorie!

90 handed out throughout the year within the state. Receiving this is a high honor!

Presidential Medallion: Congratulations Pam P! This award is given to outstanding State Delegates, Chapter Presidents, District Directors, State Program Managers, and State staff. 75 Medallions are awarded each year!

Fast Start Award: Dawn for Youth of Today

No label but incentive: Dawn

Thank you for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester LPM Report: Sarah S, & Arlis

Thank you Monticello for attending Future Directions

# A Roadmap to Year-end (State Delegate)



## **Road Run**

A Road Run is when our chapter goes to visit another chapter whether it is to their monthly meeting or one of their projects/events. We will be doing a Road Run to Maple Groves meeting Mon Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Carpool Eastview 6:15

## **District Meeting**

District meetings are held 3 times a year, our district includes: Foley, Monticello, Rice, Sauk Rapids, Staples/Motley Area, & St. Cloud. Everyone is invited and encouraged to go.....**Last one for the year is Tues February 25<sup>th</sup> in Rice Cost is \$5.00 Registration and meal at 6:15 Meeting at 7 Carpool at Eastview at 5:30**

**There may or may not be a year-end celebration Aprilish.....it was tried last year.....**

## **Area Meeting**

The area meeting is a time to hear the candidates for State Treasurer and State President. This year's President will get the chance to address your area for the last time. Mini training sessions will be held, **this year it is on programming. Area 2 mtg will be Fri March 28 in Rice. Registration 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm**

## **LOTS (Local Officer Training Sessions)**

LOTS offers individual training sessions for chapter presidents, state delegates, membership vice presidents, programming vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. **LOTS will be held Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:TBD The chapter pays for you to go. It usually runs about 8am-3ish toughly....Board members are strongly encouraged to go. The handouts and training are extremely helpful!**

## **State Convention**

State covention is held 3 times a year – Sept, Jan, & May. **Although our new year starts May 1 The convention in May (16-18th) is called Annual Convention and that is our year end convention (2013-2014). \*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\* Our chapter pays the registration for outgoing AND incoming Chapter President & State Delegate. (because of the training at convention). My goal is to have 8 members attend☺ It is May 16-18, at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. That is a 3hr and 20 minute drive ladies☹. But we can do it☺**

## **National Mid-year Convention**

National Women of Today includes 12 states and holds conventions twice a year, typically June and October. **June 12-15 2014 Shawano. WI**



# Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul M-event



**Date:** Thursday, March 13th

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites, Meeting Room

\*Start out savoring several kinds of chicken soup served with crackers, chips and rolls. Brownies for dessert and selection of beverages.

\*Enjoy some fun activities (and prizes too): icebreaker, cracker relay, and make your own Joy Jar.

\*Stay for the door prize drawings including two "31" bags and membership discounts.

Celebrate "Out & About with Women of Today" when you attend...

- Wear your chapter shirt and your nametag
- Wear a shirt from a volunteer opportunity

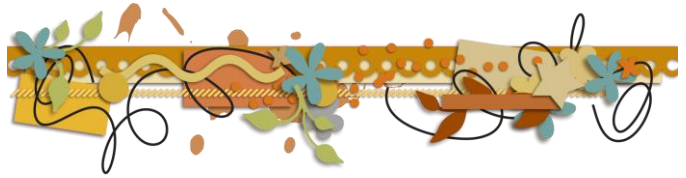
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*Member Partner Appreciation  
Progressive Dinner*





**MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

**Members Present:** Kimberly A, Glorie B, Barb B, Karla B, Pam B, Linda B, Nancy F, Krisie G, Rose G, Trina H, Dawn H, Lauren H, Michelle KJ, Debby M, Illeana M, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T, Mercedes T, Sara W

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05 pm by President Pam Peterson

**Invocation:** Tammy T **Pledge:** Debby M **MNWT Creed:** Kay S

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:** Sarah S. ~ Quorum established; 21/36 members present

**Tea Time Drawing:** Debby **Icebreaker:** Lana (Linda) ~ What mistake do you repeatedly make? (Or...what's your favorite color)

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

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Minutes for December 5, 2013 and January 2, 2014 meeting are approved as printed. We received a thank you card from the Rotary and the Monticello School District for the backpack food program.

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

Checking \$ balance; - \$338.14 Savings \$ balance; \$ 2,522.98

\*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. ☺

M/S/P: (Arlis/Kay) I move the Monticello Chapter donate to 12 charitable organizations or causes with the budget of \$1,400.00. The recipients are: Friends of the Library, PATH~Kindred Family Services, Rivers of Hope, Toys for Tots, Centra Care Center (nursing home), Monticello Senior Center, Operation Uplink, Monticello VFW Scholarship Fund, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Monticello Interact Club, Children's Cancer Research, Minnesota Special Olympics.

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

**Nominating Committee:** Sarah S/Kay S/Pam P –

2014-2015 Prospect Board Members ~ **President:** Illeana M **Internal Vice President:** Sarah S **External Vice President:** Debby M **Membership Vice President:** Linda B & Michelle KJ **State Delegate:** Lauren H **Secretary:** Mercedes T **Treasurer:** Glorie B **Past President / Parliamentarian:** Pam P. Nominations are still open until the March meeting.

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

**Coffee bean of the Month:** Jan. ~ Rose **Barista of the Month:** Jan. ~ Kay

1/15/14 Board Mtg. attended by Pam P, Lauren, Annette, Kay, Sarah, Arlis, Mercedes, Illeana, & Linda. February 19

Board Mtg: 7PM hostess; Sarah S March 6 General Mtg 7 pm @ Super 8.

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

Barb distributed "A Roadmap to Year-end" to everyone.

**Local:** Road Run ~ to visit Maple Grove mtg. 2/17 carpool - 6:15 @ Eastview

**Anoka:** Death by Chocolate 2/20 @ 7pm \*Let Barb know if you want to join her!

**District 5:** (Foley, Monticello, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Rice, Staples/Motley)

**District Board mtg.** 2/10/14 @ Rollie's in Sauk Rapids eat @ 6:30 mtg @ 7

**District meeting** is Tues. Feb. 25th in Rice. Cost is \$5.00 Reg/meal @ 6:15.

**State:** Winter convention 1/24-25 in St Louis Park. Annette, Cathy, Pam P, Kay & Sarah S. attended. My incentive winner is Kay. Notable Awards were: Presidential Medallion to Pam P. Presidential Pins to Nancy F, Glorie B, and National Presidential Pin to Mercedes T ! Project of the Trimester was the Living & Learning; F Scott Fitzgerald walking tour, and Community Connections: Parent's Night Out. Living & Learning cert. challenge was won by Lauren H.

Annual Convention: May 16 – 18 in Mahnomen @ the Shooting Star Casino.

March Planning: 3/8 in Sauk Rapids Registration: 8:30 Mtg. 9am – 3pm Early Registration \$10 by 2/21 includes bkfst/lunch/snack. \$15 after 2/21.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cathy S. & Sarah S "Brewing Awesome Friends"

Monthly Membership Coffee: Caribou by Target 2/8 and 3/8 @ 10am. January 11<sup>th</sup> was attended by Cat, Pam P, Sarah, Jennifer, Lauren, Arlis, Annette, Nancy, Ille, and Kay.

3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester M-event: 3/16 6:30 pm Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tri Renewals: Karla B, Krisie G, Rose G, Dawn H, Illeana M, Suzie O, Beth O, Annette S, Brenda S, Mercedes T \* Early Bird renewals is due at the March mtg.

Paid: Jennifer, Debby, Pam P, Rylee, Cat . MNWT Foundation is offering \$ rewards for signing new members and 80% retention this trimester. Deadline 4/15/14.

Membership/Partner Appreciation: Kay/Mercedes/Illeana/Sarah/Sara – Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 5 pm We start at Illeana's home, then Sarah's, then Mercedes for a Progressive Dinner.

Membership Color Week - 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester: April 24-30 Beach Blanket BINGO!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **MOTIONS:**

M/S/P: ( Barb/Arlis) I move the Monticello chapter purchase items needed for the Craft Show concessions stand with a budget of \$50. M/S/P: (Glorie/Cat) I move the Monticello chapter add Women's Wellness Walking (WWW) on Mondays at 6:30pm the Monticello Middle School. Meet at the office doors ~ we may walk outside when the weather is nice.

M/S/P: (Dawn/Barb B) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$50 to PACER.

**February Emphasis Month: (MN) Newslet, Extensions (US) DVA, STEP, Extensions**

### **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 – February winner is Delores Stribling (\$75 for movie/dinner/child care provider for special needs child)

Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis T. – Tickets have been purchased and is contacting business' and members for donations. Tickets available to sell.

Camp Courage donations: Michelle KJ – A donation of \$50 and items were sent to Winter State. A transmittal form for \$36 value was submitted for the items.

Spring Craft Show: 3/8/14 Cat S/Pam B/Linda B – Registration is full!

**USWT EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Domestic Violence Prevention: Jennifer LK

Event – Committee: Jennifer/Kay/Pam P./Trina/Linda/Rose Kay reported that Karen Smith the Middle School FACS teacher was contacted and was very receptive to Jennifer speaking at all of her classes about Teen Violence/Domestic Violence and was sharing the information with the high school FACS teacher.

**Women's Wellness:** Glorie Balfanz "High Octane"

Food Shelf Bags: Michelle KJ –10 birthday bags delivered and women's bags were donated by Glorie and Kim.

Dues Scholarship Committee – Illiana – we have an application with certificate and other sheets to go into a packet to have ready for May.

Game Night: Debby Manthei - Couple's Game Night was held on Friday, 1/10/14, with five couples playing—Kay/Leo, Kim/Chris, Rose/Denny, Pam P/Mark and Debby/Joel at Manthei's home. We played a rousing game of Bunco. Prizes were given to Debby for most wins and Pam P for most Buncos. Couples brought appetizers and beverages and dessert was served. Fun was had by all. The next date is 2/21 at Barb B's @ 6:54 pm girls only.

Women's Day: Sarah S/Trina H/Sara W - We will be celebrating Women's Day on Sat., March 1 at 9:00. We will start with a walk @ Bertrum Chain of Lakes. At 10:00 we will go to Buffalo to shop at the downtown stores. At 12:00 we will eat at BJ's Café downtown then, continue shopping or head home. Everyone that attends will get a gift at lunch so be sure to come and check it out!

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

Anti-Bullying Bracelets: Dawn – 3 left.

Toys for Tots: Our chapter provides insurance for this project and a \$100 donation.

Spring Kid's Party: 3/29 Rose/Illeana – kids will have "make & take" activities 2 - 4pm

Work Skills Day: 4/24 Michelle KJ 9am – 1 pm @ Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo. Linda, Debby, Mercedes, Michelle are judging for students with disabilities.

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

Card/Key Ring sales: are still open. \$16 raised from Photo Cards. Luminary Bags: Rosemary/Dawn/Debby/Annette bought bags for \$5 each.

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

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

Photography Program: Rosemary – On 1/16/14 from 6 – 8:30, 9 people met at Chatters Sports Bar to learn about photography from Rosemary. Present were: Debby/Joel M, Dawn/Mike H, Pam/Mark P, Rose/Denny G., and Annette.

The View: Pam P. – 1/30/14, we will discuss To Kill a Mockingbird. 2/7/14, we will watch the 7 pm play @ St. Cloud Paramount. Cost \$18.

Webinar: Feb. 4: "Website 101" attended by Cat. March 4: 5:45 pm "Using Social Media to it's Best Advantage" will be at Peterson's home(?). April 3: Website 102: Create a chapter website using Google

Family Day: Glorie G./Mercedes T. – 2/23 at the River City Extreme bowling alley from 2-4pm. This is for everyone! (Pay your own way) Please sign up so we know if we need a party room.

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

February Birthday: Bonita K – 7, Glorie B – 19<sup>th</sup>, Rylee P – 23<sup>rd</sup>

**PALS:** We will join St. Michael; our PALS chapter on March 29th from 9:00 – 11:30 at Second Harvest Heartland to help sort and re-pack food from food drives and donations. This position requires that you are able to stand for several hours. Carpool will be leaving Eastview at 8:00. They require us to register ahead of time so I need to know by the March mtg.

**Newsletter:** Sarah Sundine "Espress O'self" - Articles due by 2/14/14. This month's winner is Pam B for answering Sarah's question.

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

Has been busy scanning documents so they are more accessible to everyone.

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

Website: Cat – updated.

**Kody's Closet:** Arlis - \$50 for Buckets of Sunshine and donations from Pam P. & Cat were delivered at Winter State. Thank you!

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

*Monthly Fundraiser: February Lucky Buck:* Kimberly - (raised \$ 41 ) Winner- Pam P.

March L.B. hostess – Lana G.

Coins for a Cause: Mercedes – \$145.92 was deposited.

Craft Show Concessions: 3/8/14 Linda/Lana/Debby – committee met to plan menu & jobs. Please sign up to work and donate desserts.

Meat Raffle: Annette – No Report

## **CLOSING**

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

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

**Thank you to our Hostesses:** Kay/Lauren/Glorie **Greeter:** Linda

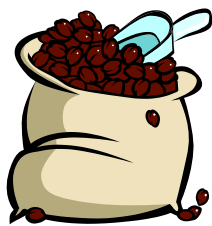
**March Hostesses:** Mercedes/Illeana/Sarah **Greeter:** Lana

**Benediction:** Trina

**US Women of Today Creed:** Illeana

**Adjourn** at 9:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Schroden



~ Illeana, Debby, Linda, Michelle, Lauren, Mercedes, Glorie & Pam P: Thank you so much for volunteering to be on the board next year. You made the nominating chair position so easy! Sarah S

~ Glorie: Thanks for putting together the WW walk. I have really enjoyed it when I have been able to join you. Good idea! Pam P

~ Rylee: Congratulations on being on VCC's Highest Honors list for 1st semester!! Mom

~ Annette: I hope you are feeling better soon! Pam P

~ Ille and Rose: I'm so glad that you both came with to Riverwood! It was a fun evening. And I think we got some fun ideas, too!!!! Pam P



- ~ Barb: So glad you had such a fantastic vacation. It's nice to have you back, though!! Pam P
- ~ Melanie: How are the pageants going? Hope to see you soon. Pam P
- ~ Linda: I enjoyed chatting with you on the way back from the play. It was nice getting to know you better. Pam P
- ~ Nancy: Going to the 'Mockingbird' play was an excellent idea! So glad you mentioned it!! Pam P
- ~ Lana: I hope you had a nice evening with your son. Missed you at the meeting. Pam P
- ~ Dawn: It works out great that you have Mondays off so that you can walk with us!!! Pam P
- ~ Jennifer: Ooooooh, the due date is approaching fast!!! So excited for you! Pam P
- ~ Debby: Love the earrings you made for the Lucky Buck!! So glad I won them! Pam P
- ~ McGowan: C...a...r...l...b...o...v. Car-i-bou. CARIBOU!! What do ya say? Pam P
- ~ Sara W: You can have the number I want anytime as long as you pick the winning #! ;) Pam P
- ~ Rosemary: Thank you for the donation of cards for the Raffle. Arlis
- ~ Kimberly: It was fun seeing you at the Feb. meeting. Arlis
- ~ Barb B: Thank you for driving to the District Board meeting on Feb 10. Arlis
- ~ Pam P: Great job on taking First place in Success for Two Trimester. Arlis
- ~ Kim: Thanks for bringing the Valentine Lucky Buck. It was s big hit with the ladies. Debby
- ~ Pam: Thanks for arranging the trip to the Paramount. Enjoyed the play and being with some wonderful women. Debby
- ~ Linda B. & Nancy: Many thanks for filling in for me @ Feb. general meeting. Lana
- ~ Looking forward to tonight's Progressive Dinner-thank you Illeana, Sarah S, Mercedes, Kay & Sara W! Lana
- ~ Sarah S: You continue to put out a beautiful newsletter. :) Lana
- ~ President Pam: You are an awesome president! Lana



~ Thank you to all that attended the Progressive Dinner. It was a lot of fun and a great way to spend a winter night. Mercedes

~ Tammy, Ille, Nancy, & Debby: Thanks so much for volunteering to help Sarah and I with planning our Chicken Soup for the Soul M-event. It will be a blast! Cat

~ Sarah S: Thanks again for sharing Membership VP duties with me this year. It's been a lot of fun coming up with new ideas. Cat

~ Barb: So glad you were able to take time to go visit with your sister and her family in Connecticut. Memories you will always cherish. Cat

~ Nancy and Glorie: Congratulations on receiving a Presidential pin award. You both are such fabulous members and we are so glad to have you in our chapter. Cat

~ Pam P: Congratulations on your award of a Presidential Medallion! You are doing a fantastic job as president! Keep up the good job. Cat

~ Ille, Mercedes, Kay, Sara W and Sarah: Thanks for hosting the Partner Appreciation dinner stops. What a great turnout and a lot of fun! Sorry we couldn't stay for the whole thing. Cat

~ Mercedes: Congratulations on your US Presidential Pin, what an accomplishment! Sarah S

~ Illeana: I am so excited that you have decided to run for President, I love you theme and all of the stuff you have already started, it will be a fun year. Sarah S

~ Lana: Thank you for sending me all of the pictures from the progressive dinner, we are working on a place to put them so everyone can see them! Sarah S

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