

A Note From the Master Chef!

Well, here we are the last month of our year! I cannot believe we all survived it. I am so proud of our chapter this year and all the growth we have had. We have added 6 new members to our chapter and have seen current members take on new projects. I am so excited to see what the new year has in store for the incoming board. I know that Dawn will be an amazing President and we will continue to have great success.

I would like to take a quick moment to thank my board. Thank you for all you have done to support me during this year. I honestly don't know where I would have been without you guys. You have taught me so much and I know that we continue to cultivate the relationships we have planted this year.

To the general membership: THANK YOU! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community and for all the support this year. Without the passion and dedication of each and every

one of you we would not have been able to have such an amazing year.

My hope is that as we start this next chapter in our cookbook we begin to look at what new recipes we can begin to create. Take that leap into a new project or even a new position in the chapter. Think of fun and innovative ways to co-chair a project. Don't be afraid to speak up and volunteer

a new project idea. What I have learned the most this year is to not be afraid. Don't be afraid to try something you have never done and especially don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. There are enough members in our chapter that are willing and able to be there to help put out the flames if they get too big.

A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to each and everyone.

Live. Laugh. Bake.

Pres. Illeana

"What I have learned the most this year is to not be afraid."



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Food Shelf Raffle

By Arlis T

Sold 265 Raffle Tickets for a total of \$265.00 and received \$5.00 in donations. Requested a check for the Monticello Food Shelves for a total of \$270.00. On 4/21/15 we gathered at Caribou Coffee by Target to draw for the prizes. Those in attendance were Arlis, Dawn & Family, Michelle and Trista, Sarah S, Annette, Trina, Sara W, Kay Lauren and Mercedes. All prizes have been distributed and a letter of thank you and thank you notes have been sent to all who donated. Thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets.



With State Delegate Lauren

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/12-18 Volunteer Week
- 4/17 Registration postmark deadline for LOTS
- 4/19 RSVP due for District 5 Year End Picnic & Mtg
- 4/23 Advance Registration for Annual Convention must be postmarked
- 4/23 District 5 Year End Picnic & Meeting
- 4/25 Extension Encouragement Day
- 4/29 Silly Chili Supper for Isaac's Journey, location TBD, possibly Rice
- 5/1 Passion Excitement Month
- 5/2 LOTS and Train the Trainer in Rice
- 5/5 MNWT 1st Tuesday Webinar Series
- 5/15-17 Annual Convention at Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria
- 6/12-14 National Convention in Fargo, ND

AREA 2 MEETING

The Area 2 Meeting was held Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rice Lion's Building in Rice, MN. Ille, Dawn, Annette, Sarah, Sara and Lauren carpooled and enjoyed a catered ham and potato meal before the meeting started. The State Store was open. State Presidential candidates for 2015-2016, Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg, spoke and answered questions. District Directors gave reports, President Laura highlighted the State Staff reports for March and April, and information on 2020 members by the year 2020 was presented.

DISTRICT 5 YEAR END PICNIC & MEETING **Calling all Happy Campers!!!**

The last District Meeting of the year is taking place on April 23rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a picnic dinner. This outing will be held at the Boy Scouts Office in Sartell. There is a cost of \$5.00 for the meal. Members will be carpooling from the rear parking lot of Monticello Community Center at 5:45. If you have not yet signed up and would like to attend, please contact Lauren Henderson. RSVPs are due 4/19.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention for the 2014-2015 year will be hosted by New Hope Women of Today May 15-17 at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. This beautiful resort is on a lake and has a water park in addition to an indoor pool and whirlpool, indoor tennis courts, fitness center, spa, lounge, restaurant and golf club. Advanced registration of \$80 must be postmarked by 4/23 and includes the Friday Night Party, Business Meeting on Saturday, Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, and a Continental Breakfast on Sunday. There will be many other things to do and see while you are there, and opportunities to get to know fabulous women from around the state. We will be electing the 2015-2016 State President at the Business Meeting. There will also be a "Cash for Gold Event" by Karrow Jewelers of Alexandria. Our chapter pays \$10 of the registration fee for "First-Timers" and there will be a drawing for two \$10 discounts for members attending convention. The cost of staying at the Arrowwood Resort will be determined when we know how many members will be attending Annual Convention. Please consider attending and sharing in the fun and excitement! Contact Lauren Henderson for more information on registration or download the registration form from mnwt.org.

2015-16 Presidential Candidates

Presidential Candidates for 2015-2016 are Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg. Their campaign flyers were previously emailed to all members. Newer campaign brochures are available for review at the general meetings. Please take some time to consider what these amazing women who are committed to our organization have to offer for leadership of Minnesota Women of Today. We will be voting at our May 7th general meeting and the new State President will be elected and sworn in at Annual Convention on May 16th. Voting for our State President is an important way we are involved in the success of our organization on the State, Area, District and Chapter levels.



- ◇ Ille - Congratulations on completing a job well done as President of WT! It has been fun working with you and I'm grateful for the encouragement, support, and laughs you gave me over the past year. We made a great team! - Lauren
- ◇ Pam P and Dawn - It was fun working on the Chili Cook-Off project with you! Thanks for making it a successful event! - Lauren
- ◇ Debby - Thank you for sharing your cornbread recipe. It received many compliments at the Chili Cook-Off. - Lauren
- ◇ Thank you, Pam, for being so patient with me when I don't get my reports to you on time. You've done an excellent job on the Gourmet Gazette this year. - Lauren
- ◇ Dawn - you are going to be an incredible President the next year! We will be here to guide you as much as we can through it all. - Ille
- ◇ Linda & Michelle - AWESOME job on membership this year! - Ille
- ◇ Pam P - Once again, incredible job on newsletter this year! It has been so much fun to see what you come up with. - Ille
- ◇ Sarah & Debby - Thank you for all your hard work on getting the year end banquet put together. You guys make a great team. - Ille
- ◇ Lauren - We did it! We survived our year and I couldn't have imagined it with anyone but you. Thank you so much for being my state delegate and talking me down when I'm a wreck. - Ille
- ◇ Glorie - Great job at keeping our books on track! You have been a great treasurer and I know year 2 will be better than every for you. - Ille
- ◇ Mercy - Thank you for keeping track of all the meeting minutes this year. I don't know how you did it, but you did such a great job. Thank you for all your hard work! - Ille
- ◇ Ille—Thank you for your dedication in taking on the position of president this past year. You baked!!! - Pam P
- ◇ Lauren—Thank's from the heart...you know what for!! Can't wait to go to your last convention as State Delegate with you! - Pam P
- ◇ Rylee—Only two weeks to go and you graduate! So excited for you and proud of you!! Congrats on getting the G4 position at work, too! - Love, Mom
- ◇ Barb B—Glad that you are finally feeling better. It was nice to chat with you a bit at the banquet, but we still need to catch up.—Pam P
- ◇ Barb M—Hey, Lady— As always, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace :D —Pam P
- ◇ Dawn—Looking forward to finding that smoke with you in the new year. ;) - Pam P
- ◇ 2015-16 Board Members—Thank you for taking on the extra commitments. Our chapter is lucky to have you.—Pam P
- ◇ Cat—Congrats on your retirement!! Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!! - Pam P
- ◇ Pam B—Looking forward to working on a PEP Course with you!! - Pam P
- ◇ Ille, Lauren, Sarah, Debby, Glorie, Mercy, Linda & Michelle—You were a fun board to work alongside this past year.—Pam P
- ◇ Michelle & Linda—The Fondue Social was really fun—thanks!! - Pam P



Live *Laugh *Bake



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday April 2, 2015

Members Present: Ille Miller, Lauren Henderson, Glorie Balfanz, Sarah Sundine, Karla Brandt, Nancy Flesch, Debby Manthei, Barb Berndtson, Trina Hedquist, Krisie Garvin, Dawn Hendricks, Sara Wiitala, Annette Schaufler, Arlis Thielke, Linda Buchmann, Cathy Shuman.

Meeting called to order: 6:42 p.m.

Invocation: Trina Hedquist

Pledge: Arlis Thielke

MNWT Creed: Lauren Henderson

Orders of the Day/Quorum. Sarah Sundine/A quorum was established: 16/41.

On Time Drawing: Arlis Thielke

Icebreaker: Trina. What is your favorite movie?

Guest(s): Joe Happe, Backpack Program; Cindi Pitts, Robin Pitts, Pam Costello, Sandy Schneider.

Pass Service Hours Book

SECRETARY: Mercedes Turner “Just in Thyme”

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Reminder that reports and motions should be provided to Secretary and President prior to the meeting. Thank you notes: Monticello Middle School for helping with Rachel's Challenge; Monticello Chamber of Commerce for Ille and Dawn attending and speaking; Toys For Tots for the \$100 donation; CentraCare Health for the \$100 donation; and Monticello Senior Center for the \$100 donation. Approval of Minutes: approved with no changes.

TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz “Half Baked”

Checking Account Balance as of 04/05/2015 is \$411.49. Savings Account Balance as of 04/05/2015 is \$3953.73. Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website to copy also. On website, go to member info, then to forms for members. Dues may be paid in installments with the full payment due by the member's anniversary date. The treasurer is not able to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2014-2015 budget. Please turn in check requisition forms to the chairman of the project before turning it into the treasurer. Please have all forms filled out completely. Reminder to turn in any coupons you have earned since June 1, 2014 to treasurer before May 31, 2015. Donating \$100 to the following Friends of the Library, PATH, Rivers of Hope, Toys for Tots, CentraCare Nursing Home, Operation Uplink, Monticello VFW Scholarship Fund, Timber Bay, Monticello Senior Center; \$500 to Backpack Fund. A check was sent to Monticello Rotary for \$200 for playground at Bertram per previous motion. Total \$1600. All checks were sent out except for Backpack Fund which we will give out at April meeting and Toys for Tots as treasurer is still waiting for a local address to deliver to. \$1300 was transferred to checking from savings this month. Budget Review – 2015-16 – 4/16, 6:00pm at Glorie's house.

PAST PRESIDENT: Sarah Sundine for Pam Peterson “A Cup of Sugar”

Plan of Action Challenge: Please stamp your POA if you brought it with you. Newsletter Bylaw Challenge: Thank you to Sarah S, Lauren and Debby for answering the challenge. The correct abbreviation for Women of Today is WT.

PRESIDENT: Illeana Miller “Live Laugh Bake”

Board Member of the Month and Member of the Month – will be presented at Year End Banquet. The next Board Meeting will be held on 4/15, 6pm hosted by Ille at Kjellberg's, followed by crossover training. The next General Meeting will be held on May 7 at CUMC at 6:30 pm. Year End Banquet – April 25, 6:30pm at the Best Western. Future Glance will be on 4/16 at 6pm at Glorie's house. Year End Evals – Online and Paper due 4/2.

STATE DELEGATE: Lauren Henderson “Shake N' Bake”

Visitation to STMA WT Meeting FR - 3/10 Ille Miller, Dawn Hendricks, Sarah Sundine, Sara Wiitala and Lauren Henderson carpooled from Eastview. Social time 6:30-7; meeting began at 7. Thank you to Sara W for driving. District Board Meeting FR - 3/12 Attended by Ille M, Pam P, Annette, Sarah S, Sara W. Carpooled to Panera in St. Cloud for dinner at 6:15 and meeting at 7. Extension Encouragement Day 3/25 FR – cards sent to 4 chapters. Extension Encouragement Day 4/25 – cards will be sent. Area 2 Meeting FR - 3/27 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Lion's Building in Rice. Attended by Ille M, Dawn H, Sarah S, Sara W, Annette S, and Lauren H. Catered ham and potato dinner was enjoyed. State Store was open. State Presidential candidates for 2015-2016, Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg, spoke and answered questions. DD's gave reports, President Laura highlighted the staff reports for March and April, and information on 2020 members by 2020 was presented. District 5 Year End Picnic & Meeting 4/23 picnic meal 6:30, meeting 7:00 at Boy Scouts Office in Sartell. Cost \$5 for meal. RSVP by 4/19. Carpool 5:45 from MCC. LOTS 5/2 8:30-3, Immaculate Conception Church, Rice. \$13 advance registration due 4/17. Train the Trainer 5/2, same time/place as LOTS. WT member cost \$40. Annual Convention 5/15-5/17 at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Advance registration \$80 must be postmarked by 4/23. Bring your check for \$80 payable to NHWT to the April meeting and I will mail in registration for you. Presidential Candidates for 2015-2016 are Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg. We will be voting at our May general meeting and the new President will be elected at Annual convention in May. Emails were sent to all members with the candidates' campaign information. Copies are available for review at our general meetings. National Convention 6/12-14 in Fargo, ND.

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Buchmann & Michelle Kocak-Jones "Baker's Dozen"

Fondue Fun Night – Michelle/Linda 4/17, 6:30pm at Michelle's house. Food, fun and a 31 purse for a door prize. Caribou FR 3/7 – Linda – Attended by Barb B, Debby, Ille, Mercy, Pam P, Cat, Glorie, Sarah S, Rylee, Annette. The next Caribou social is on 4/11. Craft Show Membership Table FR – 3/14 - 176 people registered for the door prize and of those 4 expressed interest in learning more about Women of Today. Linda invited them to a meeting and put them on the prospect list for follow-up. Special thanks to Arlis Thielke, Pam Peterson, Rylee Peterson, Glorie Balfanz and Sara Wiitala for staffing the table. Change the World Week FR – 3/22-3/28 Information will be turned in to the State for recognition with the final report from the Chili Cook-Off from Pam P.

3rd Trimester Renewals: Karla Brandt, Krisie Garvin, Rose Goettl, Dawn Hendricks, Jennifer Lewis Kannegieter, Debby Manthei, Barb McNabb, Ileana Miller, Suzie O'Brien, Beth Osiek, Pam Peterson, Rylee Peterson, Annette Schaufler, Sharon Scholl, Cathy Shuman, Brenda Skime, Mercedes Turner.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTIONS:

Budget Increase – (Lauren H/Cathy S) I move the Monticello Women of Today increase the budget by \$4.00 for State Convention Registrations for Presidents and State Delegates for the year 2014-2015.

Transition Trek - (Sarah S/Arlis T) I move the Monticello Women of Today purchase two \$25.00 Target gift cards for the Transition Trek event on 4/23/15 for students with disabilities, with a budget of \$50.

Rotary Food Packing - (Cathy S/Barb B) - I move the Monticello Women of Today participate in the Rotary food packing event on Saturday, 4/18.

March of Dimes – (Lauren H/Sarah S) I move the Monticello Women of Today sponsor STMA Women of Today members for \$50.00 at the 4/25 March of Dimes walk at the Mall of America.

Walk for Frasier – (Krisie G/Trina H) I move the Monticello Women of Today make a donation to Christian Garvin, age 18, diagnosed with Asperger's to use for his Walk For Frasier on 4/18/15 at the Mall of America.

Annette Schaufler – (Cathy S/Sarah S) I move the Monticello Women of Today support Annette Schaufler as she seeks the position of District 5 Director for 2015-2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Nothing" Says Lovin' Like Somethin' from the Oven
Community Connections: Sara Sundine "Dash of Fun"**

Natural Playground – Ille/Annette – Waiting for ground to thaw and playground equipment to arrive. Michelle Hertwig will speak about status at May meeting. Spring Craft Show Booths FR – Sara W/Cat/Melanie – We had 47 crafters with 56 booths at the craft show on 3/14 at Monticello Community Center. Total income is about \$2100. Some expenses are outstanding so final totals will be in the newsletter or in May. Thanks to Annette for helping with the layout and to those that helped with taping the floors on 3/13. Food Shelf Raffle FR – Arlis – Sold 265 raffle tickets for a total of \$265, received \$5 in donations and requested a check for Monticello Food Shelves for \$270. On 4/21 we gathered at Caribou to draw for prizes. Those attending were Arlis, Dawn and family, Michelle, Trista, Sarah S, Annette, Trina, Sara W, Kay, Lauren, Mercedes. All prizes were distributed and thank you notes were sent to all who donated. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets. Rotary Food Packing – Cat – Monticello Rotary asked if we would help package food on 4/18 in Hopkins. This is tentative based on making arrangements and securing volunteers. The bus will leave Monticello at 8am, arrive at 9am, and pack food until 11:30 or 12. Rotary usually provides pizza lunch on the return bus ride. Open to adults and children over 12. Wear casual clothes and tennis shoes.

Women's Wellness: Nancy Flesch "Recipe for Wellness"

Wellness Walk – Nancy – We are walking again at the Middle School Monday evenings at 6:30, and walk outside weather permitting. Food Shelf Bags – Trista – no report. Game Night – Mercy – We will be starting game night in May on the first Friday of each month at 7pm. Game night will be open to members and their partners. Members who are attending need to RSVP the day before game night. Lana will host at her house. Bring a snack to share and your own beverages. In the summer we can move to outside games if there is interest. Dues Scholarship Committee – Pam/Ille – no report. Yogurt Labels FR – Cat – A total of 75 labels were entered online for "Friends in the Fight" Yoplait label collection which ended 3/31. That generated a donation valued at \$7.50 for Susan G Komen, Bright Pink, and Living Beyond Breast Cancer foundations. In-sane Inflatables 5K Course and Obstacles – Pam P, Rylee P – At Powder Ridge in Kimble, MN on 6/6. The official team 'run' time is 1:00 but you can sign up for any time that fits your schedule. Family and friends are welcome to join the team.

Youth of Today: Rose Goettl

Spring Kids Party – Lana/Trina – No meeting yet. Tentative date 4/18, 1-3pm, at Pioneer Park for games/prizes. Details to come. Rachel's Challenge FR – Cat – Our chapter served cookies and beverages on 3/3 following the Rachel's Challenge presentation. Jennifer, Maribel and Cat organized and worked at the event. About 125 people attended the presentation and we served about 40 people.

Isaac's Journey: Arlis Thielke "Baking up Love"

Donating \$299.99 this year; waiting to receive \$300 from the Meat Raffle at Hawk's. No Pizza Ranch Fund-raiser dates available until June. Project is ending.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Sarah Sundine "You Bake Me Happy"**Living and Learning: Trina Hedquist "Oh for Goodness Bake"**

The View FR – 3/21 – Pam P – Attended the play "Steel Magnolias" at Pioneer Place in St. Cloud and had dinner at MC's Dugout before the play. Viewers included: Melanie, Pam B, Nancy, Krisie and a friend, Trina, Pam P, Sarah S, Arlis, Tammy, Mercy, Sharon, and Karma. Thank you to Nancy and Trina for driving. The View – 4/9 at Linda's house. My Antonia. Women's Wellness March Challenge – Nancy – The State-wide challenge ended 3/28. We are waiting to find out how our chapter did. Thanks to all who turned in points.

Funshine: Michelle Kocak-Jones "A Recipe for Fun"

Birthdays - Happy Birthday to: Cat 4/7, Maribel 4/12, Sara W 4/26. Celebrated at this meeting.

Big Lake/STMA Pals – no report.

Newsletter: Pam Peterson "Gourmet Gazette"

Thank you Ille, Lauren, Glorie, Nancy, Pam B, Lana and Dawn for contributing to the March Gourmet Gazette.

Due date for the next newsletter is 4/10.

Records and Recognition: Cathy Shuman "Recipe Box"

Projects & Reports – Cat will get the records crate organized for the new year and is looking for help.

Public Relations: Kay Schroden "Rise and Shine"

Website: Tammy/Cat – Pam B and Cat will co-chair the website in 2015-2016, and are getting together in April to discuss a possible re-make of the website using Google. This will go to the board if it is worthwhile. Chamber Volunteer Appreciation FR – Dawn – 3/12 at Monticello VFW. Attended by Linda B, Kay S, Lana G, Dawn H, Maribel CL.

Ways & Means: Sara Wiitala

Coins for a Cause - Nancy – \$66.66 deposited on 4/1.

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser FR – Dawn – The Chili Cook-Off was held on Sunday, 3/22. Attended by: Pam P, Mark, Lauren, Dave, Anne, Dawn, Mike, Zoe, Lynzie, Lana, Melanie, Mykailah, McKenzie, Pam B, Cat, Ed, Rosemary, Dennis, Annette, Kay, Leo, Heidi, Julie Marchand and Lisa. Income was \$123.00, expenses were \$39.42 for a profit of \$83.58, to be used for convention rooms. Look for more details in the newsletter. Craft Show Concessions – 3/14 - After expenses net profit should be \$497.30; waiting for bill from Community Center for rental of kitchen space which was \$75 last year. Thank you to all who helped. FR in May. Flyers Concessions – Pam B – Nothing in April or May. No calendar of events yet. Lucky Buck – Cat S – \$40.00 raised.

CLOSING**Helping Hands: Tammy, Glorie, Pam P**

Good & Welfare: Scholarship Selection Reading Committee Weds, 5/6, 6:30pm at Monticello High School counselors' office. Contact Lauren if interested and she will RSVP to Cindee Hoberg 763-272-3005. Statewide Buckets of Sunshine: The organization selected for the state wide project for 2015-16 is Ruff Start Rescue, an animal rescue organization which is looking for help with education, fundraising, and volunteering. More information will be coming out after the start of the new year. Cat has materials for the LPM.

Thank you to our Hostesses: Cat, Trina, Ille

Thank you to our Greeter: Debby

May Hosts:

Benediction: Cat

US Women of Today Creed: Sara W

Adjourn at 8:48

Chamber Volunteer Appreciation Night

By Dawn H

" On March 12th, 2015 the Monticello Chamber of Commerce held Volunteer Appreciation Night at the Monticello VFW. Those who attended were, Linda B., Kay S., Lana G., Dawn H., and Maribel CL. We enjoyed some appetizers and a few of us received chair massages. We went in hopes of connecting with other groups to volunteer with, and to let other organizations know that we are available to help on larger projects.



Half Baked

Let Them Eat Cake

Treasurer's Report By Glorie B

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Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website to copy also. On website, go to member info, then to forms for members.

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

The treasurer is not able to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2014-2015 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.

Donating \$100 to the following Friends of the Library, PATH, Rivers of Hope, Toys for Tots, Centra Care Nursing Home, Operation Uplink, Monticello VFW Scholarship Fund, Timber Bay, Monticello Senior Center. \$500 to Backpack Fund. A check was sent to Monticello Rotary for \$200 for playground at Bertram per previous motion. Total \$1600. All checks were sent out except for Backpack Fund which we will give out at April meeting and Toys for Tots as treasurer is still waiting for a local address to deliver to.

\$1300 was transferred to checking from savings this month.

REMINDER: All Expense Vouchers and State Delegate Coupons must be turned in for reimbursement by May 15, 2015!

Isaac's Journey By Arlis T

So far this year we will be donating \$299.99 to Isaac's Journey. Still waiting to get the \$300.00 from the Meat Raffle at Hawk's. It is too late to sign up for another Tip Nite at Pizza Ranch. They are booked at least 3 months in advance.

THE VIEW

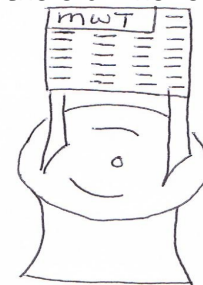
March By Pam P:

For the View in March, we went to the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Pioneer Place on 5th in St. Cloud on March 21st. We had dinner at MC's Dugout before attending the play. The viewers included: Melanie, Pam B, Nancy, Krisie and a friend, Trina, Pam P, Sarah S, Arlis, Tammy, Mercy, Sharon, and Karma. Thank you to Nancy and Trina for driving!!

The Monticello Women of Today would like to thank the following businesses for supporting our
Coins for a Cause Fundraiser:

- ◇ Hoglund Body & Equipment, Inc.
- ◇ Inrange
- ◇ Omni Vision & Learning Center
- ◇ Schlenner Wenner & Co.
- ◇ State Farm—Dan Olson
- ◇ West Metro Buick—GMC
- ◇ Wright Hennepin Cooperative Electric Assoc.

Please consider utilizing services offered at these businesses.



Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

By Dawn H, Lauren H, Pam P

The Chili Cook Off was held on Sunday, March 21st at United Community Methodist Church. Those in attendance were; Pam P., Mark, Lauren, Dave, Anne, Dawn, Mike, Zoe, Lynzie, Lana, Melanie, Mykailah, McKenzie, Pam B., Cat, Ed, Rosemary, Dennis, Annette, Kay, Leo, Heidi, Julie Marchand, and Lisa Waterworth. Income was \$123.00, expenses were \$39.42 for a profit of \$83.58, to be used for convention rooms.

A good time was had by everyone, and there were 6 delicious chilis to enjoy, along with cornbread, crackers, and brownies. There was water and lemonade to quench our thirst!

Mark Peterson, Dave Henderson and Mike Hendricks judged the chilis, they chose the following placements; 3rd place Lauren Henderson, 2nd place, Cathy Shuman, and 1st place, Lana Gilbert!

Each person attending were given one poker chip (with the option to purchase additional chips), these were used to vote for the fan favorite chili, that winner was Pam Broekei-mer's Turkey Pineapple Chili!

The winner of the door prize, a bottle of Pepto Bismol, was Lisa Waterworth.

Thank to everyone who participated in this fun event. Maybe this could become an annual fundraiser??

Sidenote: Delicious Cornbread Recipe was used at the Chili Cook-Off. To make a moist and tasty cornbread mix 2 boxes of Jiffy Cornbread mix with 2 eggs and one can of cream style corn. Pour into a greased pan and bake at 350 degrees until done. Thank you to Debby Manthei for sharing this recipe with us.

Editor's Note by Pam P

Thank you Ille, Lauren, Glorie, Nancy, Pam B, Lana, & Dawn for contributing to the March Gourmet Gazette!!!

Insane Inflatables 5K Course and Obstacles

By Pam P, Rylee P

A chapter team has been organized to participate in the Insane Inflatables 5K and Obstacles on Saturday, June 6th at Powder Ridge in Kimble, MN. The time slots are from 9am to 1pm—the designated time slot for our team is 1:00, but you can choose any time that works best for you.

The cost is \$54 if you register by April 24th.

The course consists of 11 inflatable obstacles that you climb, crawl under, slide down, etc. You can run or walk the course.

If we have a team of 20 or more, we can designate it as a fundraiser with \$5/entrant going to the charity of our choice.



Monticello Women of Today

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Please mail to:

A non-profit, volunteer organization designed
for women 18 years of age and older.

Service  Growth  Fellowship

May Meeting:

Thursday, May 7th

6:30 PM

Community United Methodist Church



We're on the web!

Www.monticellowomenoftoday.org

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter,
too!!

Monticellowomenoftoday@gmail.com

Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

Thank you to Sarah S, Lauren & Debby for answering the
March Newsletter Bylaw Challenge.

The correct abbreviation for Women of Today is just
a capital WT – no O!!

What's Baking? May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 6:30—WW Walk	28	29	30	1	2 10am—Caribou
3	4 6:30—WW Walk	5	6	7 6:30—General Meeting	8	9
10	11 6:30—WW Walk	12	13	14	15	16 Annual Convention →
17 →	18 6:30—WW Walk	19 Anoka Road Run	20 6:30—Board Meeting	21	22	23
24	25 6:30—WW Walk	26	27	28	29	30