

## A Note From the Master Chef!

Happy Holidays everyone! I just want to take a quick moment and reflect on these last few months. I cannot believe that we are coming up to the end of 2014 and beginning a new year. This past year has been one of new experiences for me. I took on the position of president without having been a member for very long, took on a more expansive role at work, and have chosen to run in a pageant for children's cancer research. What was I thinking?!

Who knows what I was thinking, but what I do know is that I cannot do all I do by myself. Without the support of family, a wonderful board and even more importantly a group of friends that are there no matter what, I would not have been able

to do it all. Each and every new endeavor this year has taught me something new. It wasn't always good, but they were lessons that I do not regret learning or mistakes that I regret.

I challenge you all this upcoming year to try something new. Do something out of your comfort zone and see what happens. Worse thing that happens is you learn something new.

I wish you all nothing but the best the holiday season and that each one of you reading this, has a

very happy New Year.

Live. Laugh. Bake.

*Pres. Illeana*

**"Do something out of your comfort zone and see what happens."**



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## Nominating Committee

By Pam P

The Nominating Committee: Mercy, Lauren & Pam P, is enjoying sitting back and watching the Board Nomination Sheet quickly filling up. I wish every project I chaired was as easy as this!!

Thank you to those members that came forward at the December meeting and signed up; and to those members that have since contacted us showing interest.

I encourage everyone to attend the January meeting and see all the candidates we have running for the 2015—16 Monticello Women of Today Board of Directors!!



## With State Delegate Lauren

### Upcoming Events:

**12/30** LPM trimester reports due.

**12/30** President and State Delegate trimester reports due.

**1/1** 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester begins. Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr.

**1/2** RSVP due for District Meeting on 1/9.

**1/3** Finance Meeting – Coon Rapids.

**1/5** Early registration for Winter State Convention must be postmarked - \$78/person, \$68/First Timers (Chapter pays \$10)

**1/8** January General Meeting –

- ◇ Discussion and voting on proposed Bylaw change;
- ◇ Drawing for \$10 discount for members attending Winter State Convention (to be refunded to winning member);
- ◇ Raffle Tickets for sale, only \$5.

**1/9** District Meeting –

- ◇ 6:15 p.m., Rice Lion's Building, Rice,
- ◇ \$5.00 for meal. RSVP due 1/2.
- ◇ Carpool from MCC rear parking lot at 5:30.

**1/10** MNWT Foundation Meeting – 10:30a.m.  
Location TBD.

**1/25** Extension Encouragement Day. Cards will be sent to 3 chapters.

**Feb.** Chili Cook Off Fundraiser – date, time and location to be determined.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

### MNWT Winter State Convention



**January 23-25, 2015**

**Mardi Gras Theme**

**Double Tree Park  
Place, Minneapolis**

**Advance Registration**

**\$78 due  
1/5/2015**

**\$93 after the 5th.**

**Carpooling will be arranged.**

### PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

There is a proposed Minnesota Women of Today Bylaw change that will be voted on at the business meeting at Winter State Convention on January 24<sup>th</sup>. To be prepared to vote at Convention, we will be discussing the proposed Bylaw change at our January 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting, and voting. Members who want to vote must be present at the meeting to do so. The votes will be tallied and a percentage of yes/no votes will be determined. At Convention, we typically have five or six votes to cast on behalf of our chapter. Those votes will be divided for yes/no with the same percentage as our chapter votes. However, a motion will be made at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for our voting delegation to be uncommitted for purposes of voting at Convention. This allows our voting delegation to be flexible in case there is a change or some new matter arises which affects our position on voting.

The current Bylaw ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS Section 4 states: No person shall serve on Executive Council in excess of six (6) years excluding any term as Chairman of the Board of Presidential Assistant (effective May 1, 1994).

The proposed Bylaw, presented by the Future Directions Committee, states: No person shall serve on Executive Council in excess of eight (8) years excluding any term as Chairman of the Board of Presidential Assistant



- ◇ Everyone, thank you to those that came to the meeting and holiday party at my house. It strengthens a home when there is laughter filling it up. - Mercy
- ◇ Dawn, Pam B and Glorie - thank you for helping with the holiday party. - Mercy
- ◇ Shelley and Karma -- Welcome to Monticello Women of Today! - Mercy
- ◇ Annette - Thank you so much for the hostess gift. I love the ornament and I am a sucker for snowmen :) - Mercy
- ◇ Sara W, Sarah S, Dawn, Pam B - thank you for coming out and supporting apotheosis as we launched our weekend yoga classes. It was great to stretch with you. - Mercy
- ◇ Cookie Party ladies -- what yummy cookies -- thank you to Sarah for taking my cookies for me (and bringing yummy ones back) I appreciate the friendship and help on what was a busy night. - Mercy
- ◇ Chapter - thank you for a wonderful year of friendship and fellowship. I am enjoying getting to know each of you better and am warmed by these relationships :) - Mercy
- ◇ Mercy - Thank you for hosting the holiday meeting/party it was so fun!! - Linda B
- ◇ Mercedes - thank you for opening up your house to the chapter for the December meeting/social. - Sarah S
- ◇ Karma - welcome to the chapter I am excited you have joined. - Sarah S
- ◇ Shelly - welcome to the chapter I can't wait to get to know you better. - Sarah S
- ◇ Nancy - great job on coming up with new ideas for the View. I can't wait for next year's activities. - Sarah S
- ◇ Karma & Shelly ~ Welcome to our chapter! I am so excited that you joined and cannot wait to see you at our upcoming events. - Ille
- ◇ 2014-15 Board ~ Thank you for all you have done so far this year! I cannot believe we are half way through. - Ille
- ◇ Mercy ~ Thank you so much for hosting the holiday Christmas meeting/party. It was a great success. - Ille
- ◇ All members ~ Thank you so much for all you do for our chapter! I am so thankful to belong to such a strong, diverse and supportive group of women. I hope that you all had an amazing holiday season and that 2015 brings great joy to you all! - Ille
- ◇ Prospective board members of 2015-16 ~ Let me know if there is anything that myself or the current board can do to help answer any questions! It is so much fun to serve on the board and a truly wonderful learning experience. - Ille
- ◇ Karma and Shelly—Welcome to the chapter!!!It was very nice to meet you at the December Meeting and I look forward to getting to know you better! - Pam P
- ◇ Karma & Mercy—Congrats on the business! I wish you both the best of luck in this exciting new adventure.—Pam P
- ◇ Nancy—The View's looking good! Thanks for taking it over!! - Pam P
- ◇ Shelly Garvey—So glad you joined our chapter. Looking forward to getting to know you! - Cat S
- ◇ Sweet Treats Continued on page 8



## **MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday December 4, 2014**

**Members Present:** Ileana , Mercedes, Melanie A, Glorie B, Pam B, Linda B, Maribel CL, Nancy F, Lana G, Rose G, Trina H, Lauren H, Dawn H, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Tammy T, Sara W, Sharon S, Shelley Garvey

**Meeting called to order:** 6:50pm **by** Pres. Ileana

**Invocation:** Glorie

**Pledge:** Mercedes

**MNWT Creed:** everyone

**Guests:** Karma McKelvey and Madyson Turner and Nadine Brokemeier

**Orders of the Day/Quorum.** Pam P. Quorum was established

### **SECRETARY: Mercedes Turner "Just in Thyme"**

\* Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. \* Minutes from November are approved. \* Thank you from: Relay For Life and Toys for Tots

### **TREASURER: Arlis/Glorie B "Half Baked"**

\* Checking Account Balance as of 11/30/2014 is 1305.04 \* Savings Account Balance as of 11/30/2014 is 4608.44

\* 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.

### **PAST PRESIDENT: Pam P- A Cup of Sugar**

\* Plan of Action/ByLaw Challenge: Pam P – reminder to all members to bring their POA to each meeting for a stamp.

\* Nominating Committee: Pam, Mercedes and Lauren - A signup sheet was posted at the meeting

### **PRESIDENT: Ileana. "Live Laugh Bake "**

\* Board Member of the Month – Will be announced at the January meeting for December and January \* General Member of the Month – will be announced at the January meeting for December and January \* The next Board Meeting will be on 12/17/14 at Michelle's at 6:30pm \* The next General Meeting is currently scheduled to be held on January 8 at 7:00pm. at the Super 8 Motel

### **STATE DELEGATE: Lauren Henderson "Shake N' Bake"**

\* District Christmas Party 12/5/2014, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the Rice Lion's Building, Rice, MN. Carpool leaves Monticello Community Center rear parking lot at 5:30 p.m. \* State Committee Meetings 12/13/2014, 10:00 a.m., at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Monticello. Following the meetings there will be social time: dinner and bowling at River City Extreme. Cathy Shuman asked for help with set up, preparing and serving food, and clean up. \* Extension Encouragement Day 11/25/2014 – Thanksgiving cards were signed by board members and mailed to three chapters. Christmas cards will be mailed before 12/25/2014. \* Winter State Convention 1/23-25/2015 at the DoubleTree Park Place. Theme: Mardi Gras Celebration! Advance registration due 1/5/2015 \$78, after that \$93. First Timers receive a \$10 discount paid by our chapter. There will be a drawing for a \$10 discount for those who will be attending. There will be an additional cost for hotel rooms, estimated to be about \$20 per person.

\* Proposed Bylaw change to be voted on at Winter State Convention: The current Bylaw ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS Section 4 states: No person shall serve on Executive Council in excess of six (6) years excluding any term as Chairman of the Board of Presidential Assistant (effective May 1, 1994). The proposed Bylaw, presented by the Future Directions Committee states: No person shall serve on Executive Council in excess of eight (8) years excluding any term as Chairman of the Board of Presidential Assistant (effective January 24, 2015). This will be discussed and voted on by our members at the 1/8/2015 general meeting.

**Service Hours book:** Reminder to add your time to the service hour's book.

### **Membership - Linda & Michelle - "Baker's Dozen"**

\* Spa Social: was held at Michelle's on November 12th. In attendance for foot and back massages along with hand waxes, snacks and drinks were Bonita, Cat, Krissie, Karla, Debby, Maribel, Michelle and Linda. \* Social Media M-Event: will be held December 12th at Kjellberg Business Center from 6:30-8:30. An announcement was sent to the Monticello Times and emails to members to share with guests. This event qualifies under, "Change the World Week" for the State Membership VP challenge. \* 2nd trimester birthday party will be held at our December 4th general meeting with a cake

and birthday gifts for our 13 members who have birthdays from September through December. \* Xmas Social - 12/4 - The MWOT holiday party was held at Mercedes's house following the December General Meeting. The following members attended: Ileana, Mercedes, Melanie A, Glorie B, Pam B, Linda B, Maribel CL, Nancy F, Lana G, Rose G, Trina H, Lauren H, Dawn H, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Tammy T, Sara W, Sharon S, Shelley Garvey. All had a good time wearing ugly holiday sweaters and enjoying each other's company. \* Caribou 11/18 FR - Linda - Caribou 12/6 -10:00am at Caribou by Target \* Cookie Exchange - 12/8 - To be held at Debbie's house \* Member/Partner Appreciation - Sarah S/Mercedes - No report

**2nd Trimester Renewals:** Glorie Balfanz, Nancy Flesch, Lana Gilberts, Trista Kleinsteuber, Michelle Kocak Jones, Sarah Sundine, Arlis Thielke, Tammy Torborg, Trina Hedquist

One of our guests, Karma McKelvey, joined the MWOT group during the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Operation Valentine:** Ileana chairing and asked for volunteers.

**Motions:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

## **EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Nothing" Says Lovin' Like Somethin' from the Oven**

### **Community Connections: Sara S "Dash of Fun"**

\* Parents Night Out -Winners were selected at the December meeting. received a total of 25 names from parents with children with disabilities. Our December drawing winner is (will add here when we draw at the December meeting). They will receive gift cards (\$50) for dinner and a movie and a check (\$25) for a caregiver of their choice. \* NH Tree Decorating - Sara W, Melanie. Trina - No report \* ROH Wrapping - Debby - To be held on 12/9. Members can come anytime from 9:00am to 7:00pm and help wrap presents. \* Food Shelf Raffle: No report \* Spring Craft Show Booths: No report

### **Women's Wellness- Nancy "Recipe for Wellness"**

\* Wellness Walk - Nancy - Join Glorie and Nancy at 6:30pm at the MMS. \* Food Shelf Bags -Trista -. Twelve birthday bag items were purchased (\$37.53), assembled, and delivered to the food shelf on 12-2-14. To date, 36 birthday bags have been donated to the food shelf this year (\$81.15). \* Game Night - Mercedes - To start on the first Friday of January and go through the winter months to be hosted at Mercedes' home. Email to be sent out. \* Dues Scholarship Committee - Pam P/Ille - No Report \* Yogurt Labels - Cat - Cat shared that the yogurt label code can be entered into the computer for Yoplait pink labels. A flyer will be sent out. Please email Cat when you enter a code. \* Womens Day - No report

### **Youth of Today - Rose**

\* Family Day: \* MHS Giving Tree - Seventy pairs of socks were purchased (\$73) for 54 high school students in need as part of their Christmas gift stocking stuffer. members brought donations to Michelle to give to MHS giving tree to the December meeting. \* Kids Christmas Bingo 12/20 - Trina & Michelle - is set for December 20th at the Monticello VFW from 1-4pm. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help before or during the event. So far we have members, Ille, Melanie, Trina, Sharon, Trista, Cat, Michelle, Lauren, Maribel, Dawn, and Debby helping out along with friends and family to include Kayla K, Mike J, and Cassie.

### **Isaac's Journey - Arlis " Baking up Love"-**

\* Meat Raffle at Hawks for Isaac's Journey.FR - No Report - Annette shared there was a good turnout for the fundraiser and that it was a busy night. Full financial information to be included in next newsletter. \* Starting January 1, 2015 all monies raised for Isaac's Journey will be submitted to the University of Minnesota. More details about this change will be in the Chapter Mailings, the post-convention NEWSLET, on Facebook and in Barb's winter CIP.

## **INTERNAL PROGRAMMING - Sarah S "You Bake me Happy"**

### **Living and Learning - Trina - "Oh for Goodness Bake"**

\* District PEP Course - 10/6 - District PEP course was offered and held at Monticello Resurrection Church on 10/6/14 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Members from the Monticello, St Cloud and Rice chapters attended. Members in attendance from Monticello: Nancy Flesch, Arlis Thielke, Dawn Hendricks, Pam Peterson, Bonita Klein, Annette S, Sarah Sundine, Ileana Miller, Linda Buchman, Rose, Kay Schroden, Tammy T. Members from St Cloud and Rice chapters were: Pat H, Lynn Widseth, Lynn Olson, Mary Hansen, Cindy Umland, Julie M, and Christina Eveje. The session was facilitated by member,



Mercedes Turner. Attendees were trained on communication styles and color energies for the purpose of driving effective communication skills and from ourselves and recognizing others communication preferences. This course practices skills on communications dos and don'ts, recognizing others preferences and using the most respectful interpretation for situations to get build connections. Three attendees won a free personalized profile and debrief coaching session with Mercedes, \* The View –10/23 – FR - Nancy – Pam and Nancy watched Fried Green Tomatoes. \* The View – 11/20 – at Nancy's house - the 100 foot Journey will be discussed all are welcome to attend. \* Certification Trina – 11/13 – 7pm-9pm at Caribou by Target - Trina has certification forms on hand for those that need them.

#### **Funshine – Michelle – "A Recipe for Fun"**

\* Big Lake/St Michael PALS – Ille - \* Birthdays – Happy Birth day to Kay 5<sup>th</sup>, Arlis, 15<sup>th</sup>, Nancy 24<sup>th</sup> \* Bake Exchange: FR – Michelle – Thank you to those that participated in this the Bake Exchange this year: Melanie, Dawn, Debby, Illeana, Brenda, Kelsey, Bonita, Lana, Sarah S, Michelle. \* PDC Special Olympics – FR – Michelle – 10/25/15 – Michelle and her daughter, Kayla, attended the event held by STMA PALS chapter. They served cupcakes at lunch and socialized with the STMA members as well as we participants as they played various games, ate lunch and received awards. Michelle was introduced to Sandy Stachowicz who is interested in joining Monticello Women of Today. This event was also reported to the State MVP as a "Change the World Activity." \* Bake Exchange: Thanks to Melanie, Dawn, Debby, Illeana, Brenda, Kelsey, Bonita, Lana, Sarah S and Michelle for participating.

#### **Newsletter: Pam P – Gourmet Gazette**

\* Thank you to Ille, Lauren, Mercy, Glorie, Arlis, Trina, Nancy, Michelle, Trista, Lana, Pam B, Debby, Cat, & Rose for contributing to the October Gourmet Gazette!!! \* Due date for the next newsletter is November 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Records and Recognition – Cat S "Recipe Box" –No FR**

\* Projects & Reports- Remember to send all FR to Cat. They can be emailed as well.

#### **Public Relations – Kay – "Rise and Shine" –**

\* Website: Tammy/Cat – No Report \* 11/13 – Give to the Max Day and Out and About Day for WOT. \* 12/7 – 12/13 – Change the World Week \* Quilt Square – Due to the State on December 7th

#### **Ways & Means – Sara W**

\* Coins for a Cause – Nancy – \$51.66 deposited this month \* Lucky Buck – Sara W – Ille won \* Chili Cook Off – Pam P – No report \* Raffle Tickets – Lauren - \* It Takes Two States Fundraiser – Sara W – Cards for this trimester, passed around at meeting. \* Craft Show Booth – Linda, Dawn, Sara W - \$114 was made at the craft show. Items are still for sale. FR to come

#### **CLOSING**

**Helping Hands:** Tammy, Glorie, Pam P – no report,

**Good & Welfare:**

**Thank you to our Hostesses:** Mercedes for her house and chapter for bringing all the lovely food and cheer

**Thank you to our Greeter:** Mercy

**January Hosts:** Lana, Maribel, Nancy

**Benediction:** Trista


**Us Women of Today Creed:** Cat

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## **Editor's Note**

**By Pam P**

Thank you to Ille, Lauren, Tammy, Kay, Trina, Michelle, Nancy, Sarah S, Dawn, Rylee, Mercy, Glorie, Arlis, Linda, Cat for contributing to the November Gourmet Gazette!!!





## *Treasurer's Report*

### *By Glorie B*

Monticello Women of Today December General Meeting:

Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/2014 is 1394.20

Savings Account Balance as of 10/31/2014 is 3303.00

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.

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### Member Tidbits

By Pam P

#### **SARAH SUNDINE**

Sarah Sundine has been a member of the Monticello Women of Today for only 4 years; but her accomplishments make it seem like longer. After attending one of our craft shows, Pam B sent Sarah information regarding our upcoming events. On a 'last-minute' whim, she decided to join us for a Chatter's Bingo M-event and the rest became history. Which in the last 4 years has included holding the position of Chapter President as well as serving at the District level.

Sarah is married to Erik. Although they have only been married for 9 years, they have actually been together for 16. Erik is a Design Engineer at Electrolux's freezer division in St. Cloud. Together, Sarah and Erik have two sons: Jakob – 8 and Matteus – 6. A cat named Bella completes their household.

Three years ago Sarah became a Quality Engineer for UMC in Monticello. Being closer to her boys was a big draw for her. In her spare time she loves to do crafts (Pinterest is her weakness!), reading (she is in two book clubs), and running (she just started this summer and did her first 10K on Thanksgiving!!)

Believe it or not, Sarah loved going to school. She got a BS in Metallurgical Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Then while working full time she went to school part time and got a MS in Engineering Management from the University of Michigan - Dearborn. She has contemplated going back to school again to get another degree, but it is getting a little harder now that they have the boys.

Sweet Treats



Sweet Treats

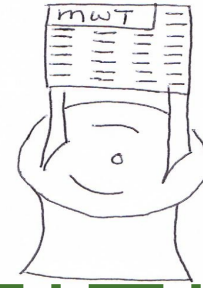


- ◇ Sweet Treats continued from page 3
- ◇ Mercy & Karma: Hope you are enjoyed your new venture in downtown Monticello. So exciting that you have this opportunity. Also welcome, Karma, to our chapter! – Cat S
- ◇ Greetings to everyone during this holiday season. Hope you had a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year ahead. – Cat S
- ◇ Hi Monticello Women of Today- just want to say what a great year so far as a chapter. Lets make the rest of the year just as great as a chapter.— Annette
- ◇ Illeana- Can't believe only 4 months left. Where has the time gone. Love your theme this year and all you have done so far as president. You have been a good friend.—Thanks Annette
- ◇ Chapter—May the kindness you've shown to others return many times to you in 2015. Happy New Year!! - Pam P

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.



## **Caribou Coffee Socials: Caffeine, Companionship and Chitchat**

By Linda B

I am not sure who started the monthly Caribou Coffee Socials, or how long we have been doing them. What I do know is I enjoy them. I mean I really enjoy them. Its not often in our busy lives that people take time to sit down with others with the sole purpose of talking to one another. And not about anything in particular - I have been to my share of coffee meetings and appointments where the reason for being there was to further a project or get something accomplished. That is what makes our socials so enjoyable to me, there is no reason to be there but to socialize, to talk to one another, about anything and everything that happens to come up.

When I first joined, one of the first gatherings I came to was the coffee social, at that particular one there were many members present, I think maybe about 12-15. We took up two tables. I remember looking around and thinking wow - there are so many different age groups and backgrounds gathered here and yet the conversations flowed smoothly and effortlessly. And I felt welcome, and not like it was my first time in a group of people I didn't know. I knew I had made the right choice by joining.

Since that first time I think I have only missed a handful of socials, sometimes there are as few as 4 people attending. But it doesn't matter the size of the group, it's always fun and relaxing and I always leave with a smile on my face having heard something new about someone or something.

So to whoever started the coffee social - thank you, and I hope we continue to have them for a long time.



## State Delegate Continued from page 2:

### STATEWIDE PROJECT REVISED

By Lauren & Pam P

Every year, the State Marketing Committee selects a Statewide Project—the 2014-15 beneficiary was New Beginnings. Due to their closure for financial reasons, the revised 2014-15 Statewide Project selected by the Marketing Committee will be Emerging Mothers Academy.

Items to support the Statewide Project are always collected at Winter State Convention in January. Participation is voluntary—if you would like to donate, here are a few items on their wish list:

- ◇ Gift cards for job interview outfits
- ◇ Gift cards for hygiene and household needs
- ◇ New or gently used maternity and baby clothes
- ◇ Gift cards for gasoline
- ◇ Bottled water
- ◇ Paper plates, napkins and forks
- ◇ Coffee
- ◇ Baked goodies
- ◇ Cash

Check out the website for more information on Emerging Mothers Academy:

<http://mnwt.org/statewide-project.html>

### Raffle Tickets For Sale!!

By Lauren H

Minnesota Women of Today are selling raffle tickets to support state conventions. The prizes are awesome and the tickets are only **\$5.00 each!**

1st Place—Weekend at Waldheim Resort (\$950)

2nd Place—Weekend at Double Tree Park Place (\$334)

3rd Place—2 night start at Arrowwood Resort, Brainerd (\$187)

4th Place—\$25.00 cash

The drawing will be held 1/24/15 at Winter State Convention.

Only 750 tickets are being sold.

You do not need to be present to win.

**The tickets are only \$5.00 each!**

Contact Lauren Henderson to purchase tickets.

### Past President/Parliamentarian's Post

By Pam P

Our Google Groups email account has been a great asset to our chapter. And like many great things; sometimes it gets over used. I am going to provide a little refresher on "Google Groups Etiquette".

- ◇ Always add chapter members' email addresses into your own address book
- ◇ Make sure to add/update new addresses as needed
- ◇ Save the Google Group account for Women of Today related business only—Send to individual addresses for non-WT emails
- ◇ If your message is not for the whole chapter, send your email to individual email addresses from your address book
- ◇ To reply to a Google Group email—either hit reply and change the address of who you are replying to or hit forward and type in who you are replying to
- ◇ If you want, create your own WT Group in your address book for occasions when the Google Group email isn't quite appropriate

Although it can be fun to see all the different replies and comments that are sent from everyone, unfortunately mailboxes can become swamped. We need to be considerate of members that just don't have the time to be sifting through which emails are important and which ones are just chit chat or may not pertain to them at all.

Of course there will always be the occasional 'oops'. In a rush or replying from your phone, it can be easy to miss that a message was sent by Google Groups. But in general, it would be appreciated for everyone to try to remember some of the general 'Google Groups' etiquette. We haven't had a refresher in sometime, so many of us may have forgotten or may never have even been informed. So ... happy emailing!

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## Monticello Women of Today

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A non-profit, volunteer organization designed  
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Service  Growth  Fellowship

**Meetings are the first Thursday of  
every month, 7:00 PM at the  
Monticello Super 8 Hotel located  
on 1114 Cedar Street.  
Meetings are open to the public.**



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### We're on the web!

Www.monticellowomenoftoday.org  
Check us out on Facebook and Twitter,  
too!!  
Monticellowomenoftoday@gmail.com

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Please mail to:

### Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

Under what Bylaw/Policy would you find ... a break!  
No Challenge this month.

Thank you to Dawn, & Debby for November's Answer!

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## January 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 6:30 WW Walk	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 6:30 WW Walk	6	7	8 7:00—General Meeting	9 District Meeting In Rice	10 10—Caribou
11	12 6:30 WW Walk	13 Dawn H	14	15 7:00—View	16 Newsletter Dead- line	17
18	19 6:30 WW Walk	20	21 6:30—Board Meeting	22	23 Winter Convention →	24
25 →	26 6:30 WW Walk	27	28 Tammy T	29	30	31