

A Note From the Master Chef!

Eleven down and one more to go! I cannot believe that here we are with just one more month left. This last year has flown by so fast. I know that I have learned so much this last year and hope that you all have as well.

With one month to go in this year, I want to highly encourage everyone to fill out your certifications. If you have signed a new member this year check into your STEP certifications. This is a great way to check in with yourself to see what else you can do to

achieve a certification.

I want to thank everyone for the hard work of this year. Don't worry, this won't be mushy, but fair warning the

next one will! You have all added your own special mix to our ever growing recipe book. I want to especially send a special shout out to the newly elected board -- CON-

GRATS and thank you for stepping up to lead our chapter this next year.

Live. Laugh. Bake.

Pres. Illeana

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General Meeting Time & Location

By Pam P

The March general meeting was held at Community Methodist Church, and I think everyone would agree that it was nice, open and roomy.

But in April—we are back at the Super 8 Motel!

Also—in February we had a trial 6:30pm meeting start time. There were a lot of positive comments re: the early start time. So we will be doing an extended trial in April, May and June of starting the meeting at 6:30. Everyone's comments re: the early start time would be beneficial in determining what time we should use as the constant starting time.

**April General Meeting:
Thursday, April 2nd, 2015
6:30pm
Super 8 Motel**



With State Delegate Lauren

Area Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- 3/21 3rd Trimester State Committee Meetings – Nisswa
- 3/22 Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
- 3/22-28 Change the World Week
- 3/25 Extension Encouragement Day
- 3/27 Area 2 Meeting – Lion's Building in Rice
- 4/7 MNWT 1st Tuesday Webinar Series
- 4/11 MNWT Foundation Meeting
- 4/12-18 Volunteer Week
- 4/23 Advance Registration for Annual Convention must be postmarked
- 4/23 Spring District 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

The Area 2 Meeting will be held Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rice Lion's Building in Rice, MN. This event is for all chapters in Area 2, which includes Districts 4, 5, and 6; that is 19 chapters. At this meeting we will hear how MNWT plans to achieve 2020 members by the year 2020, and how we can participate in that effort. President Laura will be there, and we will meet, greet and listen to the 2015-2016 Presidential Candidates, Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg. The State Store will have items for sale. Advanced registration of \$8 per person for dinner and the meeting, or \$3 for the meeting only, must be postmarked by March 23rd. After that date the cost with dinner will be \$10 per person. Our chapter will be carpooling from the rear parking lot of the Monticello Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Please notify Lauren Henderson if you are interested in attending.

Annual Convention

The Annual Convention for the 2014-2015 year will be hosted by New Hope Women of Today May 15-17 at the 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. The President for 2015-2016 will be elected. 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! If you would like Lauren Henderson to send in your registration for you prior to April 23, please bring your check in the amount of \$80 payable to NHWT, with "Annual 2015" in the memo line, to the April 2 general meeting.

2015-16 Presidential Candidates

Presidential Candidates for 2015-2016 are Terri Dahlberg and Wendy Lindberg. Their campaign flyers are contained in this newsletter and were previously emailed to all members. Please take some time to review the flyers and 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 President will be elected 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.



- ◇ Thanks to all of you who stopped by my first craft show booth at our Monticello Women of Today Spring Craft Show! I appreciated all the support being it was my first. Now looking forward to the next one! - Pam Broekemeier
- ◇ Pam - thank you for getting the newsletter together every month. It's always a wonderful read & you do a fabulous job! - Lana
- ◇ Ille - great job as MWT president!! Thank you! - Lana
- ◇ Mercy - wonderful job as secretary! Thank you!! - Lana
- ◇ Concession's volunteers - Huge thanks to all of you for helping out @ the Craft Show's Concessions! It was so much fun with those who helped do shift work, & the desserts were awesome looking & great tasting, as well!!! :) - Lana
- ◇ Rylee - Always so fun seeing you when you're in town! Thanks for coming to help tape for the craft show & enjoying a meal the day after. :) - Lana
- ◇ Kay - mega thanks for co-chairing the craft show concessions w/me. It was lots of fun. You've proved that you're a gal on the go! (If you ever need a photo of L__ sometime, just check w/me. I've got a good one! :) - Lana
- ◇ Trista & Kayla - so fun having you help w/craft show concession stand & showing your wit & smiles w/us old folks. :) Thank you!! - Lana
- ◇ Barb M. - thinking of you & wishing you good days. :) - Lana
- ◇ Nancy - thanks for getting the walking nights back on track. It'll be nice when you can join in! Tax day will soon be here. :) - Lana
- ◇ Dawn - yay on president next year! It will be an awesome year and I know that you will do great. - Ille
- ◇ Sarah S and Debbie - Thanks for the help on getting the planning for year end. I know it will be a blast!! - Ille
- ◇ Lauren - One more to go! And...you're fired :) - Ille
- ◇ Craft show volunteers/chairs - Looks like it was a great show! Thanks for volunteering your time and talents. - Ille
- ◇ Sara W - way to go with taking on a couple of new positions in the chapter. You are on fire!!! - Ille
- ◇ Lana and Kay - Awesome job on the concessions! - Dawn
- ◇ Annette - It was good to see you at the Craft Show, it seems like forever since I have talked to you! - Dawn
- ◇ Pam B. - Your booth looked amazing! Great job! - Dawn
- ◇ Ille - Thanks for letting me peek in on what you are doing! - Dawn
- ◇ Lauren - I really enjoyed the walk by your house, we need to do it more often! :) - Dawn
- ◇ Ille, Lauren, Sarah S., and Sara W. - I enjoyed road tripping to STMA! - Dawn
- ◇ Krisie - I NEED the recipe for the chocolate caramel pie! It was heavenly! - Dawn
- ◇ Tammy - Thank so much for covering my shift at the concession stand. I really appreciate it! - Nancy
- ◇ Pam P - Thank you for making all the arrangements for us to see Steel Magnolias as part of The View. That took a lot of coordination and you did a great job! - Nancy
- ◇ Glorie & Lana - So sorry I missed our first time back for the Wellness Walk! I'm blaming daylight savings time and tax season! - Nancy
- ◇ Pam B - It was great to see you recently and your booth was a great addition to the craft show! ~Lauren~



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MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday March 5, 2015

Members Present: Ille Miller, Lauren Henderson, Tammy Torborg, Michelle Kocak Jones, Trista Kleinstuber, Kay Schroden, Lana Gilberts, Linda Buchmann, Karen G, Barb Berndtson, Cat Shuman, Pam Peterson, Debby Manthei, Sarah Sundine, Glorie Balfanz, Nancy Flesch, Dawn Hendricks, Melanie Aucapina, Sharon Scholl, Sara Wiitala, Pam Broekemeier, Annette Schaufler, Karla Brandt, Krisie Garvin, Maribel Cruz Longley.

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm

Invocation: Sarah Sundine

Pledge: Michelle Kocak Jones

MNWT Creed: Lauren Henderson

Orders of the Day/Quorum. Pam Peterson/A quorum was established: 21/39.

On Time Drawing: Lauren Henderson

Icebreaker: Trina - What is the weirdest food you have eaten?

Guest(s): none

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 – none. * February meeting minutes amended to delete the last sentence of the State Delegate report and correct the Parents' Night Out winner name to Ken Baxter; approved as amended.

TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz "Half Baked"

Checking Account Balance as of 03/05/2015 is \$1367.00. **Savings Account Balance** as of 03/05/2015 is \$4109.00. * 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. 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. Reminder to turn in any coupons you have earned since June 1, 2014 to treasurer before May 31, 2015. Donations: Motion for the 2014- 2015 year is presented. 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, and \$500 to Backpack Fund. Total \$1400. Motion to raise budget for liability insurance from \$150.00 to \$152.00. Motion to raise budget for Sales Tax from \$50.00 to \$64.00. * Budget Review – 2015-16 – 4/16.

PAST PRESIDENT: Pam Peterson "A Cup of Sugar"

Plan of Action Challenge – Please stamp your POA if you brought it with you. Newsletter Bylaw Challenge – Sarah S and Lauren responded. Nominating Committee – (Motion) The slate of officers are: Internal Vice President – Linda Buchmann, External Vice President – Michelle Kocak Jones, Co-Membership Vice Presidents – Mercedes Turner and Trina Hedquist, State Delegate – Sarah Sundine, Secretary – Lauren Henderson, Treasurer – Glorie Balfanz, President – Dawn Hendricks. Past President/Parliamentarian will be Illeana Miller.

PRESIDENT: Illeana Miller "Live Laugh Bake"

Board Member of the Month – February: Pam Peterson. Member of the Month – February: Melanie Aucapina. March board meeting – 3/18 TBD. The next General Meeting will be held 4/2 at Super 8 at 6:30pm. Year End Banquet – April 25 6:30-9, at the Best Western. Future Glance will be on 4/16 at 6pm. Year End Evals – Online and Paper due 4/2.

STATE DELEGATE: Lauren Henderson "Shake N' Bake"

Eden Prairie Visitation 2/19 FR – Ille - On 2/19 Dawn H and Ille M went to the EP chapter meeting. It was great to see EP friends and experience what their meeting was like. We are planning to get the two chapters together so stay tuned. * Extension Encouragement Day 2/25 FR – cards sent to 4 chapters. Extension Encouragement Day 3/25 – cards will be sent. * Visitation to STMA WT Meeting 3/10 – Carpool 6:10 from Eastview. Social time 6:30-7; meeting begins at 7. * District Board Meeting 3/12 6:15 p.m. at Panera in St. Cloud. Carpool from MCC rear parking lot 5:45. * March Planning Meeting 3/14 8:30 a.m. at the Landmark Inn/Retreat Center in Staples. * District Meeting 4/23 in St. Cloud. * Area 2 Meeting 3/27 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Lion's Building in Rice. This is an opportunity to meet the Presidential candidates for 2015-2016, hear from President Laura, and learn how MNWT will have 2020 members by 2020. Advance payment is due 3/23: cost is \$8 for dinner and meeting; \$3 for meeting only. After that cost is \$10. Carpool 5:30 from MCC rear parking lot. * Annual Convention 5/15-5/17 at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Advance registration 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.

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

Member Appreciation FR - Sarah S/Sara W/Mercedes – Member/Partner Appreciation was held 2/21. This year we did a progressive dinner, dinner was held at Mercedes' house and then we went to Sarah S's house for dessert and line dancing. Well maybe it was more like being crazy in the living room but we had a lot of fun. Those attending were: Mercedes & Tom, Dawn & Mike, Lana & Mark, Sara W & Erik, Sarah S & Erik, Glorie & Brent, Krisie, Melanie & Angel, Kay & Leo, Pam & Mark, Maribel & Mike, Rose & Dennis & Cathy & Ed. * **M – Night 2/17** FR – Michelle - We had a food-filled night with Tammy's great recipes. Unfortunately, we had no perspective members but Cat, Pam P., Barb B., Lana, Maribel, Debby, Michelle, Melanie, and Annette attended the event. * **Fondue and Fond Memories** 3/20 – Michelle/Linda – 6:30pm at Michelle's house. Chocolate and cheese dipping sauces will be provided. Please bring food to dip, fruit, vegetables, pretzels, meat, bread, and bring old photos to share. * **Craft Day** 4/7 – Ille/Debby - TBD as 4/7 is Easter weekend. * **Caribou 2/7** FR – Linda – Coffee social was held at Caribou by Target. Attending: Sarah S, Cat, Lana, Nancy, Melanie and her daughters. **Caribou 3/7 and 3/21**. * **Craft Show Membership Table** 3/14 - members needed to help with the membership table; shifts are 9-12 and 12-3. * **Change the World Week – 3/22-3/28** – Chili Cook Off 3/22.

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

* **New Member Installation:** Karen Glen

NEW BUSINESS: see Good and Welfare.

MOTIONS:

(M/S/P) – (Pam Peterson/Glorie Balfanz) I move that the Monticello Women of Today accept the 2015-16 slate of officers as listed: President – Dawn Hendricks, Internal Vice President – Linda Buchmann, External Vice President – Michelle Kocak Jones, Co-Membership Vice Presidents – Mercedes Turner and Trina Hedquist, Secretary – Lauren Henderson, State Delegate – Sarah Sundine, and Treasurer – Glorie Balfanz.

(M/S/P) – (Pam Peterson/Dawn Hendricks) I move that the Monticello Women of Today hold their General Meeting starting time at 6:30pm for a trial of 3 months – April, May, & June 2015.

(M/S/P) – (Glorie Balfanz/Pam Peterson) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$100 to the following organizations: 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, and \$500 to Backpack Fund, with a budget of \$1,400 from budget line #900.

(M/S/P) – (Glorie Balfanz/Sarah Sundine) I move the Monticello chapter raise the budget for liability insurance from \$150.00 to \$152.00. Budget line #152.

(M/S/P) – (Glorie Balfanz/Dawn Hendricks) I move the Monticello chapter raise the budget for Sales Tax from \$50 to \$64. Budget line #153.

(M/S/P) – (Dawn Hendricks/Kay Schroden) I move The Monticello chapter participate in the Chamber Volunteer Appreciation after hours on 3/12/15.

(M/S/P) – At the 2/18 board meeting – (Sarah Sundine/Michelle Kocak Jones) I move the Monticello chapter donate cookies and drinks to the "Rachel's Challenge" with a budget of \$50 from budget line #900.

OLD BUSINESS: none

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

Community Connections: Sara Sundine "Dash of Fun"

Parents Night Out - Michelle - April is our last drawing of the year for an Applebee's gift card, Muller Family theater gift card, and caregiver check (\$75 value). Our lucky winner is Christina Stockinger. * **Operation Valentine** – FR – Ille/Cat/Trina - held on 2/15 at the Best Western in Monticello in conjunction with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon from 2:30-7pm. In attendance were Cat, Trina, Maribel, Annette, Michelle, and Kayla. Trina was face painting and the rest of the members assisted the youth with making cards, Mardi Gras masks and playing a bag toss game. We were asked to come back next year for their 10 year anniversary which will hopefully be bigger. Approx. 114 people were in attendance this year. * **Flyers Concessions** - Pam B - no report. . * **Spring Craft Show Booths** – Sara W/Cat/Melanie – booths are not full. * **Food Shelf Raffle** – Arlis - Donations received so far: homemade quilt, Gift Certificate from Von Hanson Meats, Loch Jewelers, Pink Fleece Robe, Pink Fleece Throw, Gift Certificate from Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Donations from members: Gift card from Long Arm Quilting – Rochelle Garvey and Pottery from Lauren Henderson. Still working on getting a few more donations. There will be a table set up at the Spring Craft Show on March 14th where raffle tickets will be sold. Thanks to Kay S, Cat S and Maribel for selling tickets or purchasing them. * **Rachel's Challenge** FR – Jennifer, Maribel and Cat

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

Wellness Walk – Nancy - We will start walking again on Monday evenings. Meet at 6:30 pm in front of the Middle School office and join us for some exercise and good conversation. * **Food Shelf Bags** – Trista - no report. *

Game Night – Mercy – We will be starting game night in May due to spring break vacation. If someone would like to host in April, please let Mercedes know and game night can get started in April. Game night will always be held 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 has also agreed to host at her house. Members should bring a snack to share and their own beverages. In the summer we can move to outside games if there is interest. * **Dues Scholarship Committee** – Pam/Ille no report. **Yogurt Labels** – Cat - no report. * **Insane Inflatables 5K Course and Obstacles** – Pam P, Rylee P - The Insane Inflatables 5k Course and Obstacles at Powder Ridge in Kimble, MN on 6/6. If we register by 3/13, the cost is \$52. Family & friends welcome to join the team.

Youth of Today: Rose Goettl

Family Day - FR - Trina/Mercedes/Dawn – Due to illness family day was held independently on Sunday 3/1. Members were asked to spend the day with their families and email a photo or post to the Women of Today Facebook page. Members who participated were: Dawn, Mercedes, Cat, Sara W, Ille, Sarah S, Krisie, Kay S, Lauren H. *

Spring Kids Party – Lana/Trina - no report.

Isaac's Journey: Arlis Thielke "Baking up Love" - No report.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Sarah Sundine "You Bake Me Happy"

Living and Learning: Trina Hedquist "Oh for Goodness Bake"

The View FR – Sarah S - The View was held at Sarah S's house on 2/12. We discussed *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. We rented the book club kit from the Monticello Library and it seemed to work really well all. Those attending were: Sarah S, Nancy, Pam P, Cathy, Dawn, Karma, Linda. * **The View** – Pam P – Going to the play "Steel Magnolias" 3/21, 7:30pm at Pioneer Place on 5th in St. Cloud. Cost is \$22, carpool at 5:15 at MCC, dinner at MC's Dugout around 6:00. * **The View** – 4/9 – Linda - book kit *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. * **Women of Today Orientation** – presented by Cat Shuman. * **Wellness Challenge** - Nancy - The challenge kicked off Sunday, March 1st. Please keep track and report your points each Monday by 9 pm. Even if you're not doing everything, your points will be added to our chapter and district totals.

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

Birthdays - Happy birthday to Karla (13th), Suzie (17th), Ille and Melanie (30th). We will be having a 3rd trimester birthday party to celebrate all January through April birthdays. **Pals FR** – Ille - On 2/24 members from the Monticello and STMA Chapter went to Beef O'Brady's for a fun time of socializing. In attendance from Monticello: Annette, Kay, Ille, Arlis, & Lauren. Plans are in the works to get together again soon. STMA and Big Lake have been sent the invitation for the Chili Cook Off. They said they would share with all members

Newsletter: Pam Peterson "Gourmet Gazette"

Thank you Ille, Lauren, Sarah S, Rylee, Nancy, Mercy, Cat, Jennifer & Glorie for contributing to the February Gourmet Gazette! Due date for the next newsletter is 3/13.

Records and Recognition: Cathy Shuman "Recipe Box"

Projects & Reports – no report.

Public Relations: Kay Schroden "Rise and Shine"

Website - Tammy/Cat - no report.

Ways & Means: Sara Wiitala

Lucky Buck - \$34 raised. **Coins for a Cause** - Nancy – deposit on 3/4/15: \$67.65. * **Chili Cook-Off** - Pam P/ Dawn H/Lauren H – Fundraiser at the Methodist Church on 3/22. Cost: \$5/\$3 for 10 and under, open to all members and their families, PALS and District 5 chapters. 4:30 to 5 – chili needs to be submitted, 5:30 – Begin eating. There is no cost to submit chili for the contest. * **Craft Show Concessions** – Lana/Kay – 3/14.

CLOSING

Helping Hands: Tammy, Glorie, Pam P

Good & Welfare: 4th Annual Central Minnesota Wellness Expo, 3/21, Rivers Edge Convention Center, free and open to the public (Kay). Scholarship Selection Committee Reading at Monticello High School 5/6, 6pm. If interested call Cindy Hoberg, Counselor, 763-272-3005.

Thank you to our Hostesses: Lauren, Pam P, Sara W

April Hosts: Cat, Trina, Ille

US Women of Today Creed: Pam P

Thank you to our Greeter: Sarah S

Benediction: Nancy

Adjourn at 9:04pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Chili X Cook-Off FUNDRAISER!

Sunday, March 22nd

**Hosted by Monticello Women of Today
at Community United Methodist Church
for members, PALS chapters STMA and Big Lake,
District 5 chapters, and families.**

**4:30-5:00 - Bring your best crockpot full of chili
and register to enter the contest.**

5:15 - Chili Judging

**5:30 – Enjoy eating a variety of chili recipes!
Corn bread, brownies, coffee and lemon water will be provided
as well as sour cream, shredded cheese and saltines to top off the chili.**

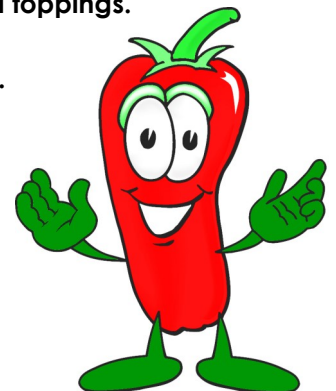
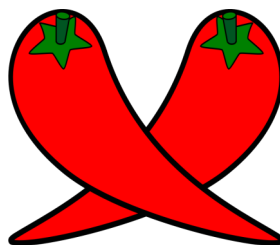
**Cost: \$5 per person for ages 11 and up
\$3 per person for ages 10 and under**

**Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place chilis as well as the Fan Favorite.
Door prizes will be given away!**

R.S.V.P. to Pam Peterson by March 16
chat2pdp@live.com 763-295-5598

THE DETAILS

- * There is no charge to submit your chili in the cook-off.
 - * You do not need to submit chili to attend.
 - * Chili must be homemade.
 - * The crockpot must be full.
- * Contestant's name must be on masking tape on the crockpot lid.
 - * Bring your own serving spoon.
- * Sour cream, shredded cheese and saltines will be provided as chili toppings.
 - * If your chili requires any other condiments,
you must bring your own with its own serving dish and utensil.
 - * No bribing the judges.





Half Baked
Let Them Eat Cake

Treasurer's Report *By Glorie B*

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Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Cookies

Nominating Committee

By Pam P, Mercy T, Lauren H

The 2015-16 Monticello Women of Today Board of Directors:

- o President – Dawn Hendricks.
- o Internal Vice President – Linda Buchmann
- o External Vice President – Michelle Kocak Jones
- o Co-Membership Vice Presidents – Mercedes Turner and Trina Hedquist
- o State Delegate – Sarah Sundine
- o Secretary – Lauren Henderson
- o Treasurer – Glorie Balfanz
- o Past President/Parliamentarian—Illeana Miller

Thank you, Ladies, for your dedication to our chapter and your commitment to helping us be our best!

Editor's Note

By Pam P

Thank you to Ille, Lauren, Sarah S, Rylee, Nancy, Mercy, Cat, Jennifer & Glorie for contributing to the February Gourmet Gazette!!!

Coins for a Cause

By Nancy F

Deposit on 3/4/15 was \$67.65

Wellness Walk

By Nancy F



We will be walking again on Monday evenings. Meet at 6:30 pm in front of the Middle School office and join us for some exercise and good conversation. Weather permitting, we will walk outside.

THE VIEW

March By Pam P:

For the View in March, we are planning an outing to the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Pioneer Place on 5th in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 21st at 7:30pm. We will be carpooling at 5:15 from the Monticello Community Center parking lot and heading to MC's Dugout for dinner prior to the show. We have 14 members currently planning on attending—so tickets were only \$20 for buying a large quantity.

Women's Wellness March Challenge

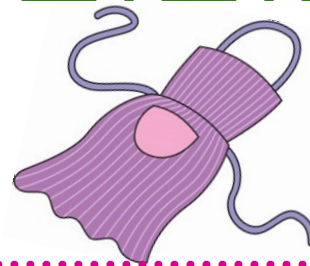
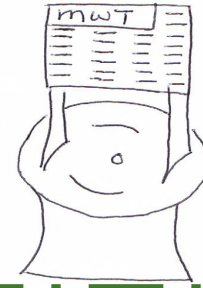
By Nancy F

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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.

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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.

Terri Dahlberg—2015-16 Minnesota Women of Today Presidential Candidate

“Spread Your Wings. Something wonderful is about to happen...”

Minnesota Women of Today 2015-2016 State Presidential Candidate Terri Dahlberg Member of Woodbury Women of Today

Minnesota Women of Today Members, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy for the office of 2015-2016 Minnesota Women of Today State President.

In this new era, the foundational beliefs of Women of Today are as relevant and necessary in 2015 as they were 65 years ago as Mrs. Jaycees and the 30 years as Minnesota Women of Today. As a seasoned member of this organization I have witnessed the many transformations we've undergone throughout the years, and consider myself lucky to have been involved in the decision-making process on many of them. Amid all the changes, the one constant hasn't always been about having the skill to do something, but rather about having the will, desire and commitment to be your best. This is what I bring to the membership – a lifetime of learning, growing, and commitment to the Minnesota Women of Today.

I have been a member for 27 years, first in Richfield then Burnsville chapters, and currently a member of Woodbury Women of Today. In addition to the many local positions I've held, I've served on Executive Council as District Director, Public Relations SPM, Extensions Director, Chapter Management VP, Administrative VP, and Membership VP. When not active on Exec Council, I chaired the Future Directions Committee and the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation, and served on several state sub-committees.

Something wonderful is truly about to happen in the Minnesota Women of Today. I believe we will achieve 2,020 members by 2020 and I will continue to work hard to ensure it happens. Encouraging and training new leaders and creating and sustaining healthier chapters through expanded use of SUCCESS are just two of the means to reach our goals. My team is already working on ways to improve the tools in your toolbox. My prospective staff is an experienced team of motivators and “coaches”, excited to work for you:

Heidi Westerlund, Administrative VP • Debbi Benke, Membership VP • Christine Sibilleau, Chapter Management VP • Brenda Sather, Internal VP • Shelli Struzyk, External VP • Julie Marchand, Extensions Director • JoAnn Miller, Secretary • Michelle McGowan, Parliamentarian • Colleen Todd, Presidential Assistant.

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- ◇ Sara W - The Craft Show is a huge project and you did an excellent job! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Lana & Kay - Thank you for your work to make concessions a success! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Cat - Congratulations on your retirement! I hope you will find many great ways to enjoy this new chapter of your life! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Rylee - It was great to see you and I hope you enjoyed Spring Break! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille - Congrats on the new job! Hope you love it! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille - I never knew it felt so good to be fired! What will I do when you can't fire me anymore? ~Lauren~
- ◇ Dawn - I'm getting more and more excited about our next WT year with you as President! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille, Dawn, Sarah S, Sara W - Thanks for going to the STMA meeting. It was a lot of fun! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Barb B - So glad that you are healing and going to be ok. I'll keep you in my prayers. ~Lauren~
- ◇ WT Board - Thanks for covering for me when I wasn't able to attend the board meeting last month. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. ~Lauren~

Wendy Lindberg—2015-16 Minnesota Women of Today Presidential Candidate

“For Good”

Wendy hopes to share her experiences with this organization and assist the membership by helping it grow plus 5, completing three extensions, and ending the year with 75% retention or better. Wendy plans to assist the Programming Vice Presidents in obtaining increased transmittals, certifications, and project reports. She strives to work closely with the membership team and Membership Management Committee to actively welcome new members and promote enthusiasm in the current membership, meanwhile, encouraging new ideas, thoughtful evaluation of old processes, and active involvement in all levels of the organization.

Above all, she aims to foster a positive, friendly, and supportive atmosphere; empower the membership by encouraging everyone to reach their full potential; and wishes to create lasting friendships within the membership for everyone.

Her prospective staff looks forward to bringing fun new presentations, ideas, and plans into each of their roles.

Wendy says, *“I have been a member of the Minnesota Women of Today since 2005. The experiences I have had throughout every level of this organization have helped me to grow as a person in amazing ways and I wish share these experiences to others in our membership. I aspire to share these experiences with others in our membership. My enthusiasm for MNWT and the whole of its creed to serve, grow, and create friendships has taught me so much about being a part of something that benefits so many. My experiences*



with the Women of Today make me truly appreciate this organization, and I am excited to be someone who can lead our membership through these experiences for good.”

Craft Show Concessions

By Lana G



Shout out to all Craft Show Concession's Volunteers! A wonderful job was done on Saturday, March 14th @ the Community Center. Many thanks to the following people who provided amazing desserts: Bars, cakes & cup cakes: Annette, Lauren, Debby, Tammy, Dawn, Sara W., Illeana, Maribel, Melanie & Lana. Pies: Arlis, Cat, Krisie & Karla. The desserts really were delicious!! Thanks to the awesome kitchen help from our members & a couple of our member's daughters: Lauren, Sharon, Debby, Linda, Tammy, Glorie, Dawn & Zoe, Michelle, Kayla & Trista!! There were NO scotcheroo bars this year but nobody complained. They're always a huge hit. Thank you, Kay, for being a wonderful co-chair! Thanks for making this such a FUN event, everyone!

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April Meeting:
Thursday, April 2nd
6:30 PM
Super 8 Motel Meeting Room



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Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

You won't find the answer to this question in the Bylaws or Policies—you will have to be creative and use other resources.

What is the proper abbreviation for Women of Today?

Thank you to Sarah S & Lauren H for completing the February Bylaw Challenge.

What's Baking? March/April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 6:30—WW Walk	17 Suzie O St. Patrick's Day	18 6:30 Board Mtg	19	20	21 7:30—View/Play 'Steel Magnolias' 10—Caribou
22 5:30 Chili Cook- off fundraiser	23 6:30—WW Walk	24	25	26	27 Area Meeting	28
29	30 Illeana M Melanie A 6:30—WW Walk	31	1	2 Maundy Thursday 6:30—General Meeting	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6 6:30—WW Walk	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Dead- line	11
12	13 6:30—WW Walk	14	15 6:30—Board Meeting/Cross- over Training	16 Future Glance	17	18