

A Note From the Master Chef!

This week as we all prepare to reflect on what we are thankful for I would like for everyone to take a moment to reflect on this past year. Often times with the hustle and bustle of daily life we neglect to take a moment and think of what is going on around us.

I myself have been guilty of being so involved in what is happening at work and what not that I have forgotten to take a minute to breath and relax. Too often it is easy to just say ill do it tomorrow and move on never taking that minute or so. The last few days have been eye opening for myself. Through my job we adopted a family for Christmas and the only thing the youth wants is clothes for winter as he does not have boots, hat, gloves, or even a coat.

It made me sit back and realize that no matter how rough and tough I believe things to be, they could always be worse. I have an amazing husband and daughter, a family that is always there no matter what I need, and most of all have an exceptional

group of women that I am blessed to have as friends.

The joys of belonging to such an amazing organization as ours is evident to me when I've had a rough day and begin to question why I am doing certain things. I then get a random text, cup of coffee, or even read a quirky email from a member that makes me smile and realize that it's all worth it.

'...reflect on what is important to you, what makes you smile and what you are most thankful for this season.'

I challenge you all to take a moment during this crazy holiday season to reflect on what is important to you, what makes you smile and what you are most thankful for this season. As corny and cheesy as it sounds, I can honestly say that I am so thankful for the opportunity that has been placed to me with getting to know almost all of our members and honored to call you all friends. Have a wonderful and fun filled Thanksgiving!

Live. Laugh. Bake.

Pres. Illeana



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Editor's Note

By Pam P

Thank you to Ille, Lauren, Mercy, Glorie, Arlis, Linda, Trina, Nancy, Michelle, Trista, Lana, Pam B, Debby, Cat and Rose for contributing to the October Gourmet Gazette!!!



With State Delegate Lauren

Upcoming Events:

****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

11/25—Extension Encouragement Day— Thanksgiving cards will be sent to 3 chapters

12/5—District Christmas Party—6:30 to 9:00 at the Lion's Building in Rice. RSVP due 11/28. Potluck: bring a dish that starts with the first letter of your first name. Carpooling will be arranged.

12/6—Santa Breakfast—10 AM-1PM—Rollies in Sauk Rapids, hosted by the SRWT

12/7-13—Change the World Week

12/13—State Committee Meeting—10 AM at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Monticello

12/25—Extension Encouragement Day—Christmas Cards will be sent to 3 chapters

12/30—LPM Trimester Reports due

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.

Nominating Committee

By Pam P

Although it is only November, it is already time to start thinking about taking on a 2015-16 board position. Your Nominating Committee: Mercy, Lauren and me, would like to encourage you to talk with current and past board members to learn more about the positions, as well as looking at the duties listed in the Plan of Action. Feel free to contact us as well. The official nomination sheet will be passed around at the January meeting, but we would love to start taking nominations anytime—especially if you are interested yourself! The board consists of:

President

External Vice President

Internal Vice President

Membership Vice President (often Co's)

Secretary

State Delegate

Treasurer

Past President/Parliamentarian—Illeana M.



- ◇ Dawn—Way to rock the Pumpkin Bars! - Tammy
- ◇ Cat and Barb B—Thanks for the amazing Black Sheep Mystery Tour.—Tammy
- ◇ Trina and Bonita—It was a lot of fun doing the water booth at Timberdash.—Kay
- ◇ Black Sheep—What a fun time! You ladies make me so happy I joined.—Trina
- ◇ Kay and Bonita—Had a great time handing out water. You ladies rock! - Trina
- ◇ Rosemary and Mercedes—Thanks for all your help at the Kiddie Parade.—Trina
- ◇ MWT—Thank you for hospitality during our visit.—Lori G & Nancy T / STMA WT
- ◇ Lori, Nancy, Sandy and Lynette—So glad to have you visit us at our general meeting. You are fun ladies!!—Michelle
- ◇ Trista—Thanks for donating your door prize win to me.—Mom
- ◇ Friends—Thanks for making my first two years in WT so awesome! - Nancy
- ◇ Glorie—I really enjoyed our walk on the Mystery Trip. It was fun to get to know you better.—Michelle
- ◇ Cat and Lana thank you for supporting the boys Cub Scout fundraiser.—Sarah S
- ◇ Cathy and Barb thank you for organizing the Black Sheep Mystery Tour it was another great weekend.—Sarah S
- ◇ Michelle, Trina and Glorie it was fun riding with you to the middle of nowhere, I am glad we made it in one piece.—Sarah S
- ◇ Dawn thanks for introducing us to geocaching I am hooked.—Sarah S
- ◇ Mercedes thanks for always encouraging me and nicely pushing me to accomplish more I can't wait to try running the 10k Thanksgiving morning.—Sarah S
- ◇ Pam P it was great getting to catch up some at the Mystery Tour weekend we really need to plan another night at your house, the boys keep asking when we can come and visit! - Sarah S
- ◇ Ille, Sarah S, Mercedes, Cat, Dawn, & Annette - It was so much fun with you all at Bowlerama, and laser tag was a blast! Maybe WOT should go Moonlight Bowling as a group sometime! - Nancy
- ◇ Krisie and Karla - I have missed your wit and banter at the meetings! - Dawn
- ◇ Linda B and Sara W. - I enjoyed making the JOY jars with you ...even though they were a bust! ;) - Dawn
- ◇ Ille - Thanks for meeting up with the girls and I at Bliss...too bad none of us won the \$100 gift certificate.—Dawn
- ◇ Jennifer- It was great to see you at Moon Donuts! - Dawn
- ◇ Bonita - I have really enjoyed getting to know you a bit more.—Dawn
- ◇ Pam P. and Lauren - it was fun to start the planning of the Chili Contest! I can't wait. :D—Dawn
- ◇ Black Sheep—It was fun joining you again this year! - Rylee
- ◇ Barb & Cat—Shepards, you are really amazing!! You always lead us on such fantastic adventures!! Thank you, thank you, thank you for all that you do!!! - Pam P
- ◇ Sweet Treats Continued on page 11



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday November 6, 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, Arlis T, Tammy T, Sara W

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm **by** Pres. Ileana

Invocation: Sarah S

Pledge: Michelle

MNWT Creed: Melanie

Guests: STMA Members : Lori Goutermontm STMA, Nancy Thompson, STMA, Sandy Stachowioz, Lynette Sullivan

Orders of the Day/Quorum. Pam P. Quorum 12/39 members present

Guest Speaker: Lori from STMA presented Michelle KJ with a thank you gift for help at STMA PDC.

On Time Drawing: Guest #2, Lori

Women of Today Birthday Drawing: Trista

Icebreaker: Trina: Best memory from Women of Today from last 26 years

SECRETARY: Mercedes Turner "Just in Thyme"

~ Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. ~ Minutes from October are approved.

~ Thank you from: Timbre Dash committee for help with water

TREASURER: Arlis/Glorie B "Half Baked"

~ 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. ~ 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.

~ Newsletter Challenge – Answered by Debby and Dawn ~ Nominating Committee: Pam, Mercedes and Lauren

PRESIDENT: Ileana. "Live Laugh Bake "

~ **Board Member of the Month** – Glorie ~ **General Member of the Month** – Pam B ~ The next **Board Meeting** will be on 11/19/14 at Sarah S at 6:30pm ~ The next **General Meeting** is currently scheduled to be held on December 4 at Mercedes' house at 6:30pm. ~ **January general meeting** will be on January 8. ~ Remember to complete the **mid-year evaluation** form

STATE DELEGATE: Lauren Henderson "Shake N' Bake"

~ Staples/Motley WT is looking for help with their Craft Show on 11/22/14. If you are interested please let me know and I will make arrangements. ~ Winter State Convention - Jan. 23-25, 2015 at the Double Tree in St. Louis Park. Cost: \$78 by Jan. 5, \$93 after that. Theme: Mardi Gras. ~ Visitation to Eden Prairie Thurs., 11/20/14, 7pm. Star Bank in Eden Prairie. Sign up for carpooling. ~ FR Extension Encouragement Day 10/25/2014 cards made and donated by Debby Manthei were sent to the 2 chapters working on extensions and Staples/Motley (2 and under). ~ Extension Encouragement Day 11/25/2014 cards will be sent to the 2 chapters working on extensions and Staples/Motley (2 and under). If anyone would like to donate cards it would be greatly appreciated. ~ District 5 Holiday Party 12/5/14 6:30-9 p.m. Rice Lions Bldg., Rice, MN. Potluck - bring a dish that starts with the 1st letter of your name. Instead of a gift exchange, please make a donation to a Salvation Army kettle. RSVP is due 11/28. ~ ONTO Flowers - order form is available tonight. ~ ONTO Shirts - order form is available tonight. ~ MNWT Raffle \$5/ticket. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes are for weekend getaways, 4th is \$25 cash. Drawing at Winter Convention, 1/24/15.

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

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

~ **Craft Day** 10/11 – FR Ille & Debby – at the MCC in Academy Room. Dawn, Linda, Sarah S and Glorie were present. Crafts were made for the fall craft show booth. An email date for the next one will be sent out. A thank you gift was presented to Barb and Cat S, ~ **Mystery Tour** 10/17-10/19– FR - Barb/Cat S- Barb B and I are happy to report that the Black Sheep all found their way to the mystery destination, a huge cabin home on Leech Lake in the town of Federal Dam. The weather was great the whole weekend and we enjoyed a variety of activities including shopping, fishing, games, a Halloween haunted house, GPS tracking, and lots of visiting and eating. Those attending were: Barb B, Cat S, Dawn, Rose, Debby, Ille, Lauren, Tammy, Mercedes, Pam P, Rylee, Kay, Kathy Hanson, Glorie, Trina, Sarah S, and Michelle. Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to re-energize and relax for a weekend with your girlfriends. ~ **Membership Table @ Craft Show** – FR - . Michelle – Thanks to Kay, Rose, Melanie, Pam P and Michelle for working at the membership table during the craft show. ~ **Spa Social 11/12** – Michelle – At Michelle's house . Please RSVP if interested at 6:45pm. ~ **Social Media M –Event 12/12** - Ille/Michelle - Details to follow ~ **Caribou 10/11** FR – Linda - Members present: Sara s. Cat, Pam, Rose Glorie, dawn, Nancy, Ille . Caribou 11/8 -10:00am at Caribou by Target ~

Change The World Week – Next one is Dec 7 – 13th. ~ **Nov 15th** – Early Bird renewals ~ **M-Event** to be held in February – Baking with Tammy

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

NEW BUSINESS:

~ **Cookie Exchange** – Sarah S and Debbie M ~ **Women's Day** – Sarah S, Cat S and Trina ~ **Family Day** - Trina Dawn and Mercedes ~ **Member/Partner Appreciation** – Sarah S, Sara W and Mercedes ~ **Spring Craft Show Concessions** - Lana, Kay and Dawn ~ **Spring Craft Show Booths** – Sara W, Melanie, Annette ~ **Food Shelf Raffle** – Arlis

Motions:

~ **M/S/P: (Michelle/Kay)** – I move that the Monticello Chapter donate \$25 to job skills day on 12/4/15 (as work skills day in April will not be held) to pay for incentives for students with disabilities.

Discussion: Job skills held day is for high functional developmentally disabled students. To be held on 12/4/14 from 8:30 to 1:30pm. Volunteers at needed to help with judging of interviews.

~ **M/S/P: (CatS/Sarah S)** – I move that the Monticello Chapter purchase \$1 raffle tickets for the MNWT Ways & Means raffle with a budget of \$50

Discussion: If the chapter wins, the winnings would be raffled within the chapter as a drawing for all chapter members.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Community Connections: Sara S "Dash of Fun"

~ **Fall Craft Show Booths** – FR - Pam B. & Annette – ~ **Parents Night Out** – Michelle – Will be getting names from teachers in district. 25 names have been submitted drawing to be held in December. ~ **NH Tree Decorating** – Sara W, Melanie. Trina – Tentative to be held on Saturday after thanksgiving. ~ **ROH Wrapping** – Debby – To be discussed at next board meetings ~ **Timberdash Water** – Trina – FR – 10/4 Water was handed out to Timber Dash participants. Members who attended: Trina, Kay and Bonita. Timberdash raises \$8000 for the Crisis Nursery.

Women's Wellness- Nancy "Recipe for Wellness"

~ **Wellness Walk** – Nancy –. Join Glorie and Nancy at 6:30pm at the MMS. ~ **Food Shelf Bags** –Trista -.No report
~ **Timber Dash TEAM** – FR – Sarah - Saturday Oct 4th we walked through the trails of Lake Maria for the Timberdash 5k. Timberdash raises money for Crisis Nursery serving Wright County. Those that walked/ran were Sarah S, Mercedes & Tom, Ille and Rob, Dawn & Zoe, Lauren, Pam & Debby ~ **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 - No report

Youth of Today – Rose

~ **Halloween Kiddie Parade – FR Trina** – 10/25/14 Trina, Rose, Mercedes and Myranda (Mercedes' daughter) - We dressed up in costumes and decorated a table to hand out candy and flyers at the parade. There were approximately 374-430 kids that came through. ~ **MHS Giving Tree** – Michelle – will use the \$100 budget to purchase boys and girls socks based on request from school. Michelle will also collect checks/gift cards for the students ~ **Kids Christmas Bingo** 12/20 – Trina & Michelle – sign-up to be passed around. 1-4pm at the VFW.

Isaac's Journey – Arlis " Baking up Love"-

~ Wednesday November 26 we will be doing a **Meat Raffle** at Hawks for Isaac's Journey. Annette, Arlis and Sara W will be there There is going to be a Luminary Walk at Winter State Convention January 23 thru January 25. SPM Barb Zeroth is asking each Chapter to decorate at least two bags, each with a different name and age of a child in your community that suffered from cancer. The suggested donation is \$5.00 or more per bag with proceeds going to Isaac's Journey Foundation. Barb's goal is to have 200 luminaries at convention. ~ **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. ~ **I have a donation** from Isaac's Journey Collection Can for \$2.80.

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, Illeana 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

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 5th, Arlis, 15th, Nancy 24th
~ **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 we participants as they played varopus 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, Linda, 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 14th.

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: Dawn, Ille & Melanie

Thank you to our Greeter: Pam P

December Hosts: Mercy

Benediction: Ille

Us Women of Today Creed: Trina

Adjourn at 8:54

Kids Christmas Bingo

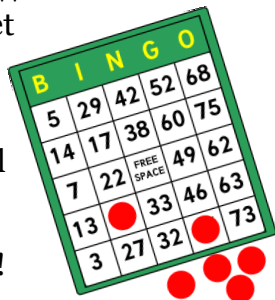
By Trina H

When: Saturday, December 20

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Monticello VFW
713 Cedar Street

Play for toys!
.25 cents a game!
Door prizes from local
businesses!
All proceeds go to
Monticello Food Shelf!



Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

By Pam P

The details are in the works for February.
So start digging out your favorite Chili recipe. Or maybe you are going to concoct a new one?



Keep your eyes and ears
open for details to come
re: this family friendly
and tasty event!!



Half Baked

Let Them Eat Cake

Treasurer's Report By Glorie B

Monticello Women of Today November General Meeting:

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Some of our best projects have started with a half-baked idea.



Member Tidbits

By Pam P

Arlis Thielke

Arlis Thielke has been a member of the Monticello Women of Today since October of 2001. Invited to a Halloween Membership Event by her friend Carol Firkins, a former member, and Arlis joined that night. She enjoyed the fun she had that evening and, being new to the community, was excited about meeting new people in the Monticello community. She was very interested in doing volunteer work and learning more about the community she was now a part of. She has enjoyed being a member of this wonderful organization, making new friends, learning so much about her community and she says, "I could go on and on about how much Women of Today has helped me to grow in my personal life."

Arlis has one daughter, Natalie – 43, son-in-law Brett Olsen, and one grandson – adorable, 1 year

old Ryker. She also has 5 cats: Taz, Izzy, Teddy, Misty and Blackie. For the last 33 years, she has been doing Clerical Work in the Payroll Department at Lefebvre Companies in Elk River. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, baking and cooking, hanging out with family and friends, traveling, bowling, and playing with Ryker.

A little background on Arlis: She grew up on a farm in eastern North Dakota. She has one sister and two brothers. And she moved to Minnesota in the fall of 1966 to further her education at the Minnesota School of Business in accounting and made Minnesota her permanent home. And she fits in perfectly with our 'Minnesota Nice'.

New State Treasurer

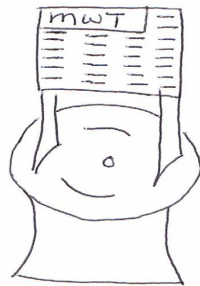
By Glorie B

We have a new state treasurer. Her name is Shirley Halgrimson, who hails from the Fridley Chapter. She has been a member there for 10 years and has served in several local officer positions as well as district treasurer and DD.

She has been married for 18 years and has a step-daughter, Jessica, daughter, Ericka, and son, Tyler, 14. Shirley also has a grandson, Oliver.

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

A few Mystery Tour Ladies—Kathy Hanson (STMA WT), Rylee, Rose, Pam P, Dawn, Lauren, Barb B, Sarah S, Mercy, Trina, & Ille.

Not Pictured: Cat, Glorie, Tammy, Debby, Michelle, & Kay

(Submitted by Sarah S)



Women's Wellness Walks

By Nancy F



The Quarry Park walk scheduled in October was cancelled due to lack of participation. We will continue to meet at the Middle School on Mondays at 6:30 pm to walk indoors. Note: There are many activities going on at the Middle School and parking is difficult on some nights. One option is to park by the Community Ed / Administration door and go in that entrance. We will still meet by the main office to start our walks at 6:30. Also, if the school is closed due to weather, our walk is cancelled. We already missed one week because of all the snow, but hopefully that won't happen again!

The View by Nancy F

Nancy & Pam P. enjoyed the movie Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café on Oct. 23rd. The next book discussion is Nov. 20th at 7pm at Nancy's house. We'll discuss The Hundred Foot Journey then, and we will watch that movie in January. The View will not meet in December. Please join us in November or January, as we will decide on future books / movies and possibly changing the format of The View.

From the Kitchen

Grace on a Plate...Pumpkin 7 Layer Bars

(Submitted by Sarah S)

Prep time 20 mins

Cook time 35 mins

Serves: 12

Ingredients

2 cups gluten free gingersnap crumbs (about 1 bag of Mi-Del cookies)

8 Tablespoons butter, melted

1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk

1 cup pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cup bittersweet chocolate chips

1 cup butterscotch chips

1 cup sweetened shredded coconut

1 cup pecans

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. You can use an 8 x 8 in pan for really thick bars, a 9 x 13 inch pan for really thin bars or an in between size for middle of the road bars. I chose the in between size and liked the thickness it produced. If I had to go with one or the other though, I would go with 8 x 8. They'll be rich so you can cut them small! Line the pan with foil, leaving at least an inch of overhang on all sides so you can easily lift the bars out of the pan for cutting.

2. Place coconut and pecans on a baking sheet and toast in the oven for 5-7 minutes. They don't need to get browned, we just want to get the toasting process started a little bit.

3. Mix together the gingersnap crumbs and melted butter. Use your fingers to press the mixture into the prepared pan.

4. In a small bowl whisk or beat together the sweetened condensed milk, pumpkin puree, cinnamon, and

nutmeg. Pour mixture over top of gingersnap crust.

5. Spread chocolate chips evenly over the pumpkin mixture followed by butterscotch chips, pecans, and finally coconut.

6. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-35 minutes (this will depend on what size pan you use), or until the center appears set. Remove from the oven and allow to cool before cutting. Or if you're like me, dig out a corner with a spoon straight from the oven because you're the most impatient person alive.

But you're not like me, so I'm sure you'll place the pan in the fridge, allow it to set up completely, remove the bars from the pan using the foil sling, then cut them into perfect neat squares. I'm amazed at your self-control.

Party Dip

(Submitted by Trina H)

Holidays are coming up and it's fun to have some dips on hand that are easy and crowd pleasers. Here is a recipe that always win at my house:

This one is for tortilla chips:

Ingredients:

1 lg can Hormel Chili with Beans

1 pkg Philly Cream Cheese

1 2 cup pkg fiesta cheese or Mexican cheese

Take a 9X13 pan and spread cream cheese into bottom as thin layer that covers bottom. Heat chili until hot. Then place chili on top of cream cheese as second layer. Top layer is cheese. Cheese will melt on top of chili as it's hot. You can layer all components and place in oven to heat but my family likes the cream cheese to stay cooler. Enjoy! Cheap and easy to make!

Fall Craft Show Booth Final Report

By Linda B

The first Women of Today Craft Booth was part of the Fall Craft Show on Saturday Nov 1st. The project was co-chaired by Linda Buchmann, Dawn Hendricks and Sara Wiitala. The idea behind the project was to find a way to raise more money from the Fall Craft Show since we do not do concessions. We asked the members for donations of already made crafts, craft making supplies and baking supplies. Everyone really stepped up and the donations we received were more than enough to put together a nice variety of craft items and baked goods for sale. Total sales came to \$114, which was deposited into Ways and Means. A huge thank you to all the members who donated items! Hopefully the Women of Today Craft Booth will become an annual part of the Fall Craft Show.

IJ CHANGE

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.



By Arlis T—'Baking up Love'

MEAT RAFFLE

Wednesday, November 26th we will be doing a Meat Raffle at Hawks for Isaac's Journey. Annette and I will be there and I need one more member to help.

COLLECTION CAN

I have a donation from Isaac's Journey Collection Can for \$2.80.

LUMINARY WALK

There is going to be a Luminary Walk at Winter State Convention January 23 thru January 25. SPM Barb Zeroth is asking each Chapter to decorate at least two bags, each with a different name and age of a child in your community that suffered from cancer. The suggested donation is \$5.00 or more per bag with proceeds going to Isaac's Journey Foundation. Barb's goal is to have 200 luminaries at convention.

We should all strive to be like good bread dough and rise to the occasion!

Timberdash Team

By Sarah S

On Saturday October 4th Sarah S, Mercedes, Tom, Ille, Rob, Dawn, Zoe, Lauren, Pam & Debby bundled up and went for a 5k walk/run through trails on Lake Maria. The Timberdash 5k is put on by the Crisis Nursery serving Wright County. They had a huge bonfire there to help us warm up. Several of the sponsors had booths set up for you to go and get more information. It was a great time and first 5k for several of the members.



Rob, Ille, Lauren, Pam P, Zoe, Sarah, Dawn, Mercy, Tom, Debby



- ◇ Sweet Treats *continued from page 3*
- ◇ Ille—Thanks for everything you do for the chapter!! - Pam P
- ◇ Rylee—Nice picture in the Ely paper for helping paint at their new Food Shelf. Looking forward to seeing you soon! - Love Mom
- ◇ Bonita—I suppose you are going to be heading South again soon and I feel like I have hardly had the chance to talk with you since you came back North! Hope to chat soon.—Pam P
- ◇ Sandy—So excited that you decided to join our chapter! And I hope you find the Skyping as big a life saver as I did. :) - Pam P
- ◇ Lynette—It was really nice to have you at our November meeting. I hope that you will come back to another meeting or project and get to know us better.—Pam P
- ◇ Lori and Nancy—It was so nice to have our PALS come and visit us for our Birthday Meeting! Thanks for joining us and bringing some friends with!! - Pam P
- ◇ Barb B—Sure hope you are feeling better and are back on your feet soon. It sounds like it could be a bad winter for Pneumonia.—Pam P
- ◇ Glorie—You are doing a great job as Treasurer ... just saying.—Pam P
- ◇ Gabby Longley—It was fun to sit by you at the meeting in November. You are a great Women of Today member in training. :) - Pam P
- ◇ Kelsey—Just wanted to send out a “hi” to you. I hope that everything is going great! - Pam P
- ◇ Michelle: Thanks so much for sharing your home with us for the Spa Night. It was really a nice relaxing social and good time to visit. - Cat
- ◇ STMA Ladies: So glad that you came to visit us at our birthday meeting. And really nice that you brought some guests with you! - Cat
- ◇ Project Chairs: Thanks to everyone that has helped chair a project this year. With your help, we really make a difference.—Cat
- ◇ Pam P, thank you for giving me an extension on my minutes and not throwing me in the oven :) - mt
- ◇ Dawn H and Sarah S , thank you for the geocaching adventure at the Mystery Tour - mt
- ◇ Dawn H, thank you for being such a great supporter with my new business endeavor -- I love your yoga moves :) - mt
- ◇ Rose - congrats on your new job I know you will do great :) - mt
- ◇ Chapter - thank you to all of you who sent me good luck wished for my adventure at the Bridal Expo. You are a great bunch of ladies that I am happy to call friends :) - mt
- ◇ Barb B—My Amaryllis actually survived the winter and it is growing so fast again! Anxious to watch it bloom again this year.—Pam P
- ◇ Barb M—Just wanted to say Hi and that I'm thinking of you.—Pam P
- ◇ Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!! - Pam P





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Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

Under what Bylaw/Policy would you find a list of the Standing Committees? You will find a copy of the Bylaws/Polices in your Plan of Action.

Please email, text or tell me your answer BEFORE the December General Meeting.

Thank you to Dawn, Lauren, Sarah, Debby & Kay for October's Answer!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17 6:30 WW Walk	18	19 6:30—Board Meeting	20 7:00—View	21	22
23	24 6:30 WW Walk Nancy F	25	26 IJ Meat Raffle	27 7—View Thanksgiving	28	29
30	1 6:30 WW Walk	2	3	4 6:30—General Meeting	5 District Holiday Party	6 10—Caribou
7 Change the World Week	8 Cookie Exchange 6:30 WW Walk	9 6 to 8—ROH Gift Wrapping Trina H	10	11	12 Newsletter Dead-line Social Media M-event???	13
14	15 6:30 WW Walk	16	17 6:30 Dec Brd Mtg @ Ille's	18	19	20 1 to 3—Kids' Christmas Bingo