

A Note From the Master Chef!

Happy October!

I am beyond excited of how successful our chapter and district was this first trimester. I would have to say that our chapter is certainly following all the steps in the recipe for success.

I want to send out a heartfelt Thank You to all our chapter members. It is because of you that we were able to place 7th in the state for success. It is also a testament to how much we contribute to our community and the impact we make as an organization. I think it is important that

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each of you know that you are an important part to our chapters recipe for success.

This month Lauren and I will be heading out for a fun night in Annandale for the President State Delegate retreat. I cannot wait to share with you all what we will learn. I look forward to coming back from this retreat with an even stronger sense of passion for our chapter and with some fun camp stories as well.

Live. Laugh. Bake
Pres Illeana



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October General Meeting— Front: Glorie B, Ille M, Kay S, Pam P
Back: Trina H, Sara W, Melanie A, Mercy T, Nancy F, Dawn H, Debby M, Rose G (winner), Michelle KJ



With State Delegate Lauren

Upcoming Events:

10/11 - 10/12 President/State Delegate Retreat at Camp Friendship

10/11 MNWT Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m., location TBD

10/24 MNWT Bylaw Review - 6:30 p.m. at CSC

10/25 Extension Encouragement Day

10/25 Make A Difference Day

10/26 - 11/1 Change The World Week

11/13 Give To The Max Day - donate to MNWT Foundation at <https://givemn.org/resources-gtmd>

11/13 Out and About Night

****SAVE THE DATE****

MNWT Winter State Convention

January 23-25, 2015

Mardi Gras

Double Tree Park Place, Minneapolis

Advance Registration \$78 due 1/5/2015



SCWT Visitation By Pam P

Tammy, Debby, & Pam P attended the SCWT's Unique Personal Skills Personal Enrichment Program (PEP) on Sept 23. Our own Cathy S was the presenter. All 4 of us certified in the course which qualified for a chapter certification. It was a fun evening. We got there early so we shopped at the thrift store before learning some useful techniques.

Fall Convention Awards

- ◇ Extension Encouragement Day Award for participating
- ◇ Plan of Action drawing and the
- ◇ Parliamentary drawing for Bylaw and Policy review.
- ◇ Certifications: Living and Learning - Trina H, Bonita K and Dawn H
- ◇ Women's Wellness LPM - Nancy F - recognized for completing the LPM report
- ◇ Fast Start: Newslet DPM—Cathy S; Ways and Means DPM—Arlis T; District 5 IVP—Pam P; Isaac's Journey LPM—Arlis T; Newslet LPM—Pam P, EVP—Debby M; State Delegate—Lauren H; President—Illeana M
- ◇ Winner of the Fast Start Drawing was Ille M
- ◇ 100% retention in 1st trimester & Membership Growth
- ◇ SUCCESS: Monticello was 7th
- ◇ Outstanding LPM - Pam P / Newslet
- ◇ Project of the Trimester: Gourmet Gazette - Pam P
- ◇ Presidential pin: Linda B, MVP
- ◇ Presidential Medallion: Ille M, Pres, Lauren H, SD

US AWARDS PRESENTED:

- ◇ USWT Outstanding Accomplishments 2013-2014: 100% Retention in 2nd and 3rd trimester, Growth +1 in 2nd trimester, Growth +2 in 3rd trimester, Year End Growth +5, and "Shout Out With Pride"
- ◇ USWT Outstanding Accomplishments in Health & Wellness: Kay S, Debby M, Bonita K, Arlis t, Barb B, Linda B, Annette S, Sarah S, Pam P, Trista K, Michelle K J, Lauren H, Ille M, Nancy F.
- ◇ USWT Outstanding Accomplishments in Personal Development in 3rd trimester: Glorie B, Linda B, Nancy F, Lauren H, Michelle K J, Bonita K, Trista K, Debby M, Ille M, Rylee P, Annette S, Kay S, Sarah S, Arlis T
- ◇ USWT Outstanding Accomplishments in 3rd trimester: S.T.E.P. I- Linda B, Trina H, Bonita K; S.T.E.P. II - Ille M, S.T.E.P. III - Debby M, Sarah S; S.T.E.P. IV - Pam P, Cathy S, Kay S
- ◇ USWT Outstanding Achievements in Programming 2013-2014: Pam P, Sarah S, and Cathy S
- ◇ US Presidential pins are awarded to only 100 members throughout the year and require extraordinary commitment and dedication: 2013-14 yr—Ille M, 2014-15 yr—Linda B; Ille M, President.
- ◇ 2013-2014 Outstanding Local Officer: Pam P, Pres

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- ◇ Pres Ille: Congrats on your recognitions at convention. You are doing a great job.—Mercy
- ◇ Lauren: Thank you for such detailed reports and the information you are sharing, great job as State Delegate.—Mercy
- ◇ Barb/Cat: Where are we going for Mystery Tour? Thank you both for organizing the trip. I am looking forward to it.—Mercy
- ◇ Monticello Chapter: Happy Fall Y'all, I am so glad to be part of this group. You are all an amazing group of women.—Mercy
- ◇ Timber Dash Team: Sarah thank you for organizing. Great job at the 5K everyone. It was a lot of fun to see everyone there. Trina/Kay/Bonita -- thanks for the water stops and encouragement along the way. Sarah, thanks for running with me.—Mercy
- ◇ Thank you to Arlis for all her help and support in my new treasurer job.—Glorie
- ◇ Thank you to Cat for helping me print out the Budget correctly.—Glorie
- ◇ Thank you Nancy for organizing The View.—Glorie
- ◇ Thank you Nancy, Kay, Pam P for walking on Monday nights. Women's Wellness Walks Rock—Glorie
- ◇ Debby: Thank you for donating the awesome handmade cards for Extension Encouragement Day! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Pam P.: Congratulations on receiving the Outstanding LPM Award for Newslet and Project of the Trimester for the Gourmet Gazette! Your editing skills are superb! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Pam P.: Kudos for being the Outstanding Local Officer in 2013-2014! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Linda: You have done an impressive job in membership this year and truly deserve the MNWT and USWT Presidential Pins! Congrats on a job well done! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille: I'm so proud to be working with you this year. We make an awesome President/State Delegate team! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille: Your hard work and dedication earned you the MNWT and USWT Presidential Pins! Congratulations! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Pam P., Sarah S., and Cat: Congrats on receiving the USWT Outstanding Achievements in Programming for 2013-2014! You do wonderful things for our chapter and MNWT! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Dawn, Michelle KJ, Pam B, Debby, Kay, Glorie, and Pam P: Thank you for participating in the State Delegate Challenge last month and Congrats to Pam P for winning the drawing! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Ille, Dawn, Bonita, Pam P, and Cat: Convention was awesome and it was fun spending time with you ladies! Happy Campers!!! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Cat and Barb: Shear is exciting thinking about Mystery Tour next weekend! ~Lauren~
- ◇ Pam B, Lana G, Lauren H, Bonita K, Kay S, Sharon S, and Sara W – Thank you for all your help at Pizza Ranch Tip Night for Isaac's Journey. Arlis
- ◇ Illeana M - Thank you for helping at Pizza Ranch Tip Night for Isaac's Journey and for helping with the advertising. Arlis
- ◇ Annette – Thank you for all your help with the Pizza Ranch Tip Night for Isaac's Journey the day before and the day of. Arlis
- ◇ I also want to thank all the Monticello Chapter members who attended the Pizza Ranch Tip Night for Isaac's Journey on September 10. Your support is very much appreciated. Arlis
- ◇ Cat—Thanks for always having answers for all my questions! :) - Linda
- ◇ All of MWT—You are all amazing! I've enjoyed getting to know all of you.—Trina
- ◇ Sweet Treats *Continued on page 12*



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday OCTOBER 2, 2014

Members Present: Ileana M, Linda B, Annette, Glorie B, Nancy F, Rose, Melanie, Trina, Dawn, Debbie, Sara W, Bonita, Pam P, Michelle KJ, Trista, Lauren, Cathy S, Arlis, Mercedes, Kay, Barb B,

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm by Pres. Ileana

Invocation: Ileana

Pledge: Dawn

MNWT Creed: Barb

Orders of the Day/Quorum. Pam. 19/39 members present. A quorum was established.

On Time Drawing: Dawn

Icebreaker: Trina: If someone made a movie of your life, what would it be called and who would play you?

Guest(s): Madyson Turner, who is observing the group and writing ethnography as part of a College in Schools course through Monticello High school.

SECRETARY: Mercedes Turner "Just in Thyme"

- Motion Slips & Report **Forms** are available. **Minutes** from September are approved.

TREASURER: Arlis/Glorie B "Half Baked"

- **Checking** Account Balance as of 09/30/2014 is 1195.23 **Savings** Account Balance as of 09/30/2014 is 2668.36
- Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website to copy also.
- 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.
- If you have donated items, I have new forms for you to use. These are on the website also. I have titled them Donations-Transmittal forms. You would use these if you have donated any items to Make a Difference Day or Baby Shower items at Convention or for Birthday Bags. These are just some examples.
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- Thank you to Cat and Arlis was given from Glorie for their training her in.

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 Lauren, Sara S, Dawn, Debbie, Glorie
- Reminder to complete redistricting survey

PRESIDENT: Ileana. "Live Laugh Bake"

- Board Member of the Month – **Debbie M**
- General Member of the Month – **Rose**
- The next **Board Meeting** will be on **10/15/14 at Glories' 6:30pm**
- The next **General Meeting** is currently scheduled to be held on **November 6 at Super 8**. Stay tuned for information on a Thanksgiving theme.

STATE DELEGATE: Lauren "Shake n Bake"

- **Fall Convention, 9/19 - 9/21 - FR** - Crowne Plaza Hotel in Plymouth. Members in attendance were Ileana Miller, Pam Peterson, Dawn Hendricks, Bonita Klein, Cathy Schuman and Lauren Henderson. See newsletter for complete report and list of awards given to the Monticello Chapter. Great job to Monticello chapter and Pres Ileana.
- **ONTO T-shirt orders** - These t-shirts have this year's MNWT "Passion is the Key" logo and come in green with white print. Cost is \$12, plus \$5 if you want it shipped to you. An order form is on a clipboard.
- **District T-Shirts** - Were picked up at Fall Convention. DD Julie may be ordering more. See Lauren Henderson if you are interested.
- **National Mid Year Convention - 10/3-10/5** is being held in Clear Lake, Iowa at the Best Western Holiday Lodge. Advance registration is \$90 if postmarked by 9/10. If you are interested in attending there is a registration form in the Aug/Sept chapter mailing.
- **President/State Delegate Retreat - 10/11-10/12** President Ille Miller and State Delegate Lauren Henderson will attend. The retreat is held at Camp Friendship in Annandale.
- **Extensions Encouragement - Lauren - 10/25** - Cards will be sent. If you are interested in donating or making cards please see Lauren Henderson.
- **Visitation - 9/23 - FR - St Cloud – PAM P - Unique PEP Course.**
- **State Delegate Challenge:** Thank you to those that responded to the September Newsletter Challenge: Dawn, Michelle KJ, Pam B, Debby M, Kay S, Glorie B and Pam P. Please see full report in newsletter for questions and

MEMBERSHIP: Linda & Michelle - "Baker's Dozen"

- **Craft Day** 10/11 – Ille & Debby – at the MCC in Academy Room from 12 – ? . A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to come and make crafts for the MWOT booth.
- **Mystery Tour** 10/17-10/19– Barb/Cat S- Dawn won the sheep. Package directions were handed out for those attending.
- **Membership Table @ Craft Show** – Need 4 people to volunteer from 9 to 3. Can split into shifts. An email will be sent for volunteers.
- **Caribou** 9/13 FR – Linda - The monthly Caribou coffee social was held on 9/13 those in attendance were: Pam B, Annette, Kay, Bonita, Nancy, Dawn, Melanie (and her girls Mackenzie & Mikayla), Cat, Rose, Arlis, and Lana.
- **Caribou** 10/11 -10:00am at Caribou by Target
- **Change The World Week** – Next one is October 26 through 11/1. Please bring a prospective member.
- **2nd Trimester Renewals:** 2nd Trimester Renewals: Kimberly Abrahamson, Laurel Ahsenmacher, Glorie Balfanz, Nancy Flesch, Lana Gilberts, Trista Kleinstuber, Michelle Kocak Jones, Cathy McGowan, Sarah Sundine, Arlis Thielke, Tammy Torborg, Trina Hedquist

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Yogurt Labels-** Cathy S volunteered
- **27th Chapter Bday;** - Annette, Dawn and Ille
- **NH Tree Decorating;** - Sara W, Melanie A and Trina
- **MHS Giving Tree;** Michelle KJ - The \$100 budgeted for this activity will be used to purchase socks for HS students as requested by them last year. If individual members would like to donate money for gift cards, they should be turned in by the December meeting.
- **Christmas Mtg/Party;** Mercedes and Ille – Mercedes' House
- **Christmas Kids Bingo** – Trina, Michelle KJ, at the VFW December 20, 2014

Motion: (Debby/Dawn) – M/S/P – I move that the MWOT volunteer to wrap presents for the Rivers of Hope Drive. Discussion was had regarding the project and the need for volunteers.

Motion: (Pam/Kay) – M/S/P – I move that the MWOT hold a chili contest Fundraiser with the profits going to the State Delegation convention Room account with a budget of \$100 to be reimbursed from the proceeds. Discussion was had pertaining to the need for a budget for chili supplies prior to the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Community Connections: Sara S "Dash of Fun"

- **True Friends/Salvation Army Donation:** we made a donation of craft and household items to True Friends with a value of \$40 at Fall State Convention. The two members that made donations were Rose and Sarah S.
- **Adopt a Highway – FR – Pam B** – On Saturday, September 27, a bunch of us got together to clean up our section of road in Monticello, which is four miles on Jason Ave. Those who volunteered their morning were: Sara Wiitala, Michelle Kocak-Jones and her daughter, Kayla Kleinstuber, Lauren Henderson, Kay Schroden, Dawn Hendricks, her husband Mike and daughter Lyndsey, Bonita Klein, Cassie Carlson, John Carlson, Nadine Broekemeier, Caitlyn Broekemeier and Pam Broekemeier. We took off bright and early at 8am in the clear, brisk air temps of about 62 degrees. We had enough volunteers to form four groups, two starting at each end and we met in the middle. Kay was our lovely chauffeur, shuffling volunteers from one end to the other. After bagging all the trash, we finished a little after 9am. Afterwards, we all gathered at our new Adopt-a-Highway sign to get a group picture. Thanks to all who helped in our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up over the past years!
- 9/27/14 at 8am. A group picture will be taken at the event.
- **Fall Craft Show Booths** – Pam B. & Annette – No Report – Almost at 40 booths taken, not including the MWOT craft table. Signs will be put up at Kwik Trip and local hairdresser. Advertising is moving along. A taping sign-up sheet was passed around for Oct 31st.
- **Parents Night Out** – Michelle –FR – All Monticello Schools (five of them) were contacted. Special Ed teachers sent flyers home to parents for optional participation. To date, 22 names have been received for the drawing. Our October winner is Heath & Samantha Holmgren. They will receive a gift card to Applebees (\$30), Muller Family Theatre (\$20) as well a \$25 check for a caregiver of their choice. (Total Value of \$75).
- Thank you to all 5 of my LPM's for submitting your LPM trimester report. My LPM of the trimester goes to Trina for Living and Learning
- **Timber Dash Water Volunteers – 10/4 Trina** – In need of 1 more volunteers to hand out water at the TimberDash. Plan to be there at 8:45am, Saturday 10/4/14.
- **2nd Annual Blazin' Through Bertram - Phillip LaValle Memorial Run** - FR - Pam B - On Saturday, September 13, a few of us volunteered at the 2nd Annual Blazin' Through Bertram - Phillip LaValle Memorial Run. Those who volunteered their morning were: Bonita Klein, Cat Shuman, Annette Schauler, Cassie Carlson, John Carlson and Pam Broekemeier. We met at Bertram at 7:30am and helped set up the check-in area. Once people started arriving, Cat helped check people in, Pam handed out the numbers, Annette monitored the waiver table and Cassie and John were on the path handing out waters and cheering the entrants on. The weather was great and over 200 runners/walkers took part in this great event. Thanks to all those who volunteered!

Women's Wellness- Nancy "Recipe for Wellness"

- **Wellness Walk** – Nancy – Join Glorie and Nancy at the MMS at 6:30pm for a walk. Glorie and Nancy walk almost every Monday. Meet us on Sunday October 12 at 4pm Wellness Walk carpool from MCC to Quarry Park in St. Cloud.
- **Food Shelf Bags** –Trista - Thanks to Debbie for her donations.
- **Birthday Bags** - Trista - **FR** - 12 birthday bags were assembled and delivered to the food shelf along with bags of toiletries for Women's Wellness.
- **Dues Scholarship Committee** – Pam P/Ille – No Report
- **Women's Self Defense- FR - 8/12** -- Tuesday August 12, 2014. Brent Balfanz gave us tips on how to stay safer by being more aware and a few "tricks" to use if needed. His students practiced with us on the new techniques he was showing us. Attended by Glorie, Pam P, Linda B, Maribel CL, Bonita K, Lauren H,
- **Timberdash Team** – Sarah S - Timberdash is Saturday Oct 4th with the cost being \$21.00. We have Mercedes and Tom, Sarah S, Illeana, Pam P, Debby, Dawn, Lauren and Zoey. Meet at MCC Commuter lot to carpool at 7:50am.
- **Pay it Forward/Make a Difference - Rose – FR** - Group met at VFWA and wrapped gift bags. 100 bags were given away at the Oktoberfest at the Farmers Market.

Youth of Today – Rose

- **Kids Week** – Halloween Kiddie Parade - Trina - 10/25 from 10-12:30pm at the MCC. Need one more volunteer.

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

- **Pizza Ranch Fundraiser** - 9/10 - FR-Arlis - Tip Night at Pizza Ranch was held Wednesday September 10th from 5 to 8pm. We earned \$157.58 bussing tables, \$101.86 in tips and \$5.00 selling bracelets for a total of \$264.44 to be donated to Issac's Journey. Members in attendance Pam B, Lana G, Lauren H, Bonita K, Illeana M, Annette S, Kay S, Sharon S and Sara W for all of their help.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING – Sarah S "You Bake me Happy"

Living and Learning – Trina – "oh for Goodness Bake"

- **District PEP Course** – 10/6 – Mercedes from 6:30-9pm – Location Resurrection Lutheran Church. Insights training course will be topic.
- **The View** –Nancy – Will be held on 9/18. FR – Next meeting will watch the movie on Oct . The next book is the 100 Foot Journey on 11/20/14. There is
- **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"
 - Please remember to bring baked goods to each meeting for the recipe exchange. Thank you to Melanie, Dawn and Michelle for participating this month.
 - Big Lake/St Michael PALS** – Ille -
 - Birthdays** – Happy Birth day to Lauren and Pam P

Newsletter: Pam P – Gourmet Gazette

- **Thank you to those that contributed to the newsletter.** Due date for next newsletter is **Friday 10/10.**

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

- **Projects & Reports-** Remember to send all FR to Cat. They can be emailed as well.
- **Shed Clean Up** –. Sara W , Pam P, Dawn

Public Relations – Kay – "Rise and Shine" –

- **Women of Today Week Sept 21-27 – FR - Kay S/Mercy** –
- **Day at the Diamond - 9/7 - FR** - Cathy S, Illeana M and family, Mercedes and family, Sarah S and family attended a twins day.
- **Women of Today proclamation - Fr - 9/8** – Mayor signed a proclamation declaring 9/21 Monticello Women of Today week.
- **Website: Tammy/Cat** –Tammy is trained on the website. Email Cathy S and Tammy any questions for the website.

Ways & Means – Sara W

- **Lucky Buck – Michelle – Arlis won J**

CLOSING

Helping Hands: Tammy, Glorie, Pam P

Thank you to our Hostesses: Debby, Michelle KJ, Trista

November Hosts: Annette, Dawn, Ille , Melanie

Benediction: Trina

Adjourn at 9:21

Good & Welfare:

Thank you to our Greeter: Glorie

Us Women of Today Creed: Kay



Treasurer's Report

By Glorie B

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Thank you to Cat and Arlis for your help in training me into this job.

State Delegate *cont. from page 2*

Fall Convention was 9/19 - 9/21/2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Plymouth. It was attended by Ille Miller, Pam Peterson, Dawn Hendricks, Bonita Klein, Cathy Shuman, and Lauren Henderson. Bonita Klein participated in the 363 Sandwich project by making sandwiches for the homeless. Ille and Dawn did an excellent job of speaking in the impromptu competition. Dawn Hendricks was arrested, but it was for a good cause. There was a jail and bail fundraiser for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship. The 2015-2018 Priority Project is Breaking Free.

District T-shirts - Shirts were picked up at Fall Convention. DD Julie may be ordering more. See Lauren Henderson if you are interested.

National Mid-Year Convention 10/3-10/5 - held in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Extension Encouragement Day - 10/25 cards will be sent. If you are interested in donating or making cards please see Lauren Henderson.

State Delegate Challenge - In the September Newsletter there was a challenge. Those who responded were Dawn H, Michelle KJ, Pam B, Debby M, Kay S, Glorie B, and Pam P. The correct answers are: Area 2, District 5, DD Julie Marchand, and the 6 chapters are Foley, Monticello, Rice, St. Cloud, and Staples-Motley. A drawing is being held for the mosaic pot. And the winner is Pam Peterson!

A Colorful Lesson

(Submitted by Lauren)

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ... but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.

-Robert Fulghum

Women's Wellness Walks

By Nancy F

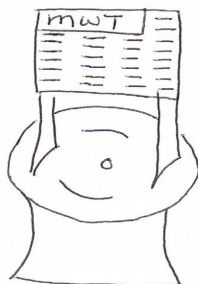


Glorie and I had a few other members come walk with us in September. Pam P, Ille and Kay all participated too. We will continue to meet at the Middle School each Monday at 6:30 so we have the option of walking inside or outside.

I'd like to expand the Wellness Walk to include more interesting outings. On Sunday, Oct. 12th, we will meet at 4 pm at MCC, carpool to St Cloud and enjoy the spectacular fall colors while we walk through Quarry Park. Then we'll stop somewhere for a bite to eat together. We'll also schedule a few indoor walks this winter, possibly Mall of America, etc.

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.

The View by Nancy F

On Thursday, Sept. 18th, six of us met at my house for a book discussion of Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fanny Flagg. Attending were Pam P, Glorie, Krisie, Cat, Sarah S and me.

At our next meeting ON OCTOBER 23rd we will watch the movie. Please RSVP - I have limited seating, but lots of space to pull up more chairs. EVERYONE WELCOME!

We also picked our next book – The Hundred Foot Journey by Richard Morais. We will meet for this book discussion on Thursday, Nov. 20th. The View will not meet in December, so we will watch this movie in January.



Editor's Note

By Pam P

Thank you to Michelle, Lauren, Linda, Sarah S, Cat, Debby, Lana, Rylee, Trina, Rose, Sara W, Mercy, Glorie, Nancy, Arlis, Kelsey, & Kay for contributing to the September Gourmet Gazette!!!



Member Tidbits

By Pam P

Michelle Kocak Jones

Michelle Kocak Jones is one of our 'come back' members. She originally joined in December of 1997. We had met each other through the church nursery and ECFE classes. At a Tupperware Party I had at my house (the consultant was Tammy T.) there were a lot of other WT members present. Michelle asked what WT was about and the rest was history! She took a 'sabbatical' from 2010-2012, and then rejoined in Dec 2012 with her daughter Trista. Altogether, she has been a member for 15 years.

Michelle has been married to her husband Mike for 6 years. Mike is a truck driver. She has 3 children: Trista – 19, Victor IV – 18, and Kayla – 17. She also has one cat named Angel. Michelle has been working for 27 years as the Work Coordinator / Teacher with the Monticello Schools and Sherburne – North Wright Special Ed. Coop.

Michelle is also the Chair Person for the Community Transition Interagency Committee and the Central MN Treasurer for Education Minnesota. In any spare time, she enjoys volunteering and camping. A recent highlight for Michelle was going skydiving with her son for his 'senior trip'. She says, "What a trip it was!! One of the coolest things I have ever done." Well, it was really cool for us that she rejoined WT!

Trista Kleinsteuber

Trista Kleinsteuber is the daughter of Michelle Kocak Jones. She joined in December of 2012 – shortly after she turned 18. Since her mom had been a member since she was only 3 years old, she has 'technically been a member for 17 years!'

Trista is currently a sophomore at St Cloud State University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. She is starting up a 'House Cleaning' business, too, so give her a call if you are looking for someone. In her spare time, Trista enjoys soccer, being at the lake, and shopping. Trista also has 3 cats: Angel, Tiger, and Butch.

We are all glad that Trista decided to become an 'official' member!!

Nancy Flesch

Nancy Flesch had often heard about the Monticello Women of Today while her kids were growing up, but her boys kept her busy. Once she became an empty-nester, it was time to do something for herself. So two years ago she attended a meeting and joined. She says "Women of Today is perfect for me!" and I say Nancy is perfect for the Monticello Women of Today!

Nancy is married to Mike, who owns a small tube fabrication shop. Nancy and Mike have been married for 32 years! Together they have 3 boys: Casey – 29, Cory – 25, and Kevin – 21. They also have Rudy; a ten year old cock-a-poo.

For the last 12 years of the 18 years that Nancy has lived in Monticello, she has been an Administrative Assistant at a Monticello CPA firm. Besides WT, she is also a member of the Monti Chamber of Commerce. In her spare time she enjoys reading, walking, bowling, and scrapbooking – both traditional and digital!

Lana Gilberts

Two years ago Lana Gilberts attended her first MWT meeting with her neighbor Nancy. They had talked about Women of Today for some time and had reached the point where they wanted to try something new and challenging. At the Oct meeting they attended, they found lots of women that were kind to them and they decided to join that evening. Lana says, "It's a great organization to be a part of."

Lana has been married to Mark for an 'awesome' 30 years the end of this year. They have two children: Paula Ann, 28 – who just got married on the 11th, and Joshua Ernest who will be 24 in January. They also have a 12 year old Yorkiepoo named Rusty.

Mark is a retired pharmacist who enjoys reading and the outdoors. Lana had good times working in a dental office as a licensed dental assistant for a span of 25 years. *Continued on page 10*

Member Tidbits *continued from page 9:*

Lana continued:

Currently she is a registered nursing assistant and does home care for the elderly. In her spare time, Lana plays the tenor sax in the Monticello Community Band, gardens, bakes, sews, crafts and walks.

Lana grew up in Minot, ND, blessed with wonderful parents. She is the youngest of 5 children. Her daughter just got married to a fine gentleman in Wisconsin. Her son will graduate from the UW – Madison in December and her husband is a cheesehead. GO PACKERS!



By Arlis T—'Baking up Love'

Tip Night at Pizza Ranch



was held Wednesday September 10th from 5 PM to 8 PM. We earned \$157.58 bussing tables, \$101.86 in tips and \$5.00 selling bracelets for a total of \$264.44 to be donated to Isaac's Journey.

Thanks you to Pam B, Lana G, Lauren H, Bonita K, Illeana M, Annette S, Kay S, Sharon S and Sara W for all of there help.

Highway Clean-up by Pam B

On Saturday, September 27, a bunch of us got together to clean up our section of road in Monticello, which is four miles on Jason Ave. Those who volunteered their morning were: Sara Witala, Michelle Kocak Jones and her daughter, Kayla Kleinsteuber, Lauren Henderson, Kay Schroden, Dawn Hendricks, her husband Mike and daughter Lyndsey, Bonita Klein, Cassie Carlson, John Carlson, Nadine Broekemeier, Caitlyn Broekemeier and Pam Broekemeier. We took off bright and early at 8am in the clear, brisk air temps of about 62 degrees. We had enough volunteers to form four groups, two starting at each end and we met in the middle. Kay was our lovely chauffeur, shuffling volunteers from one end to the other. After bagging all the trash, we finished a little after 9am. Afterwards, we all gathered at our new Adopt-a-Highway sign to get a group picture. Thanks to all who helped in our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up over the past years!



My Kitchen Prayer

(Submitted by Debby M)

God bless my little kitchen
I love its every nook;
And bless me as I do my work
Wash, bake, clean and cook.

And may the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from Above
With Thy great Blessing and Thy Grace
But most of all Thy Love.

As we partake of earthly food
The table 'fore us spread
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord,
Who gives us Daily Bread.

So bless my little kitchen, God
And Those who enter in
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness therein.



Dedicated to Mary Oldakowski Lund
August 8, 1893 to January 26, 1957
Sobieski, MN

Grandmother of my father, Jerome Lund
Mother of 11 children

May the Lord shine His light on the people of
this generation. They were the salt of the earth.
She had two babies die; one son accidentally
shot before her eyes while playing on the
porch, and one son killed in WWII.

She lived through spousal abuse and poverty
but loved the Lord with all her heart. May she
rest in peace.

This poem was hanging in her kitchen, and she
truly loved to BAKE.

Certification Night

By Trina H

Thursday November 13th at Caribou by Target from
7pm to 9pm.

Come join us and get certified!!! It's fun!

Shed Clean-up

By Pam P

Sara W, Dawn and Pam P did the Shed Clean-up on
Tuesday, September 30. The list has been updated;
but we are verifying whether some items have been
lost, are no longer needed, etc. before sending out the
finalized copy. One copy will also be posted on the
back wall of the shed. Please refer to this list when
you are looking for items or need to put items back.
Keeping the shed and its contents organized helps to
make it easier for everyone to find what they are look-
ing for.

Both Dawn and Sara felt it was very beneficial to help
with the shed clean-up. It was a fun way to learn of
all the contents and how they are organized; so think
about chairing this event next year!

2nd Annual Blazin' Through Ber- tram - Phillip LaValle Memorial Run

By Pam B

On Saturday, September 13, a few of us volunteered
at the 2nd Annual Blazin' Through Bertram - Phillip
LaValle Memorial Run. Those who volunteered their
morning were: Bonita Klein, Cat Shuman, Annette
Schaufler, Cassie Carlson, John Carlson and Pam
Broekemeier. We met at Bertram at 7:30am and
helped set up the check-in area. Once people started
arriving, Cat helped check people in, Pam handed out
the numbers, Annette monitored the waiver table
and Cassie and John were on the path handing out
waters and cheering the entrants on. The weather
was great and over 200 runners/walkers took part in
this great event. Thanks to all those who volun-
teered!



- ◇ Sweet Treats *continued from page 3*
- ◇ Mercedes: So excited that you are looking at opening a business downtown! Hope all goes well. Let me know if you need help with anything.—Cat
- ◇ Ille: Congratulations on your convention awards for Presidential Medallion and national presidential pins for last year and this year!! You are doing a great job and with such a good attitude!! - Cat
- ◇ Linda: Congratulations on being awarded both a state and national presidential pin! Love having you as a member and getting to know you better. - Cat
- ◇ Barb B: So glad you could take time to visit with your sister and her family! Sounds like you are having a great time. Hope you have more opportunities in the future too.—Cat
- ◇ Rose: Great job on "Make a Difference Day" – you did something different and it made a difference in our community! - Cat
- ◇ Rylee: Hope all is going well at school. Looking forward to seeing you at the Mystery Tour! - Cat
- ◇ Trista: I love seeing you at our meetings – you have such a great smile! Good job on the foodshelf bags.—Cat
- ◇ Sara W: Hang in there and hope for smiles ahead. Love and hugs! - Cat
- ◇ Ille—You're Berry Sweet as Strawberry Shortcake.—Rose
- ◇ Dawn—Thanks for the ride to the Costume Shoppe and laughs.—Rose
- ◇ Lauren, Pam P, Cat, Dawn, Bonita—Thanks for an amazing convention! Can't wait for mystery tour and ginger. :)- Ille
- ◇ Linda—Great job on your first tri and pins. Thanks for all you do.—Ille
- ◇ Lauren—Great job coordinating all the convention fun and teaching us on the drive
- ◇ Ille—Congrats on all of your awards at convention!! We are so fortunate to have you as a member of our chapter.—Pam P
- ◇ Lauren—Congrats on your Presidential Medallion for State Delegate. You are really 'shakin' things up with your baking as SD. :) - Pam P
PS—You add 'spice' to every situation :D
- ◇ Rylee—So glad that you are going on the Mystery Tour this year!!! Looking forward to seeing you soon.—Love, Mom
- ◇ Linda—Congrats on your awards at convention. Thanks for all of the work you put into doing such an awesome job.—Pam P
- ◇ Cat & Barb B—Can't wait for the Mystery Tour—I know you will do an amazing job like usual.—Pam P
- ◇ Bonita—It was so fun to go to convention with you!! I also hope you are having a good time in Colorado! - Pam P
- ◇ Costume wearers—It was a hoot to see all of the costumes at the Oct Mtg—there were some really good ones!! - Pam P





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Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

Under what Policy would you find which officer may collect a fee
from members not wearing a name badge? You will find a copy
of the bylaws in your Plan of Action.

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

Thank you to Dawn, Lauren, Sarah, Debby, & Glorie for
September's Answer!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Return from Mystery Tour	20 6:30 WW Walk	21	22	23 7—View	24	25
26	27 Pam P 6:30 WW Walk	28	29	30	31 Halloween 8 to 9—Floor Taping	1 9 to 3—Craft Show
2	3 6:30 WW Walk	4	5 Kay S	6 7:00—General Meeting	7 Game Night	8
9	10 6:30 WW Walk	11	12	13 7—Certification Night	14 Newsletter Dead- line	15 Arlis T Early Bird Re- newals 10—Caribou
16	17 6:30 WW Walk	18	19 6:30—Board Meeting	20 7—View	21	22