

Ingredients for a Happy Chapter!

A welcoming smile to greet each guest	Sharing hopes and tears and dreams,
A positive attitude to share with the rest	The courage to try something new
A heart that cares for those around	An innovative project idea or two
Eyes that see where needs abound	Good records to show our history
Ears that listen with an open mind	For projects to repeat - if need be
Voices that speak in a tone that's kind	Hands that are ready to volunteer
Words of encouragement for each other;	Project chairs that are ready to steer
Lots of praise from one another	Leaders that are eager to take the helm
An innate feeling that you belong	A board that is ready to guide our realm
A sense of true friendship that is strong	Opportunities to learn and grow
Socials and M-nights to talk and bond;	Making us better, don't you know
Taking friendship a step beyond	Reports, nominations, awards and more
Women gathering of all ages	Everyone should join – it's an open door!
Blending together like story-book pages	
Lots of laughs, or so it seems	~ Pam P



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Change the World

By Michelle K J

Remaining "Change the World" weeks are:

- ◇ Oct 26—Nov 1
- ◇ Dec 7—13
- ◇ Mar 22—28
- ◇ Apr 12—18 (Volunteer Week)

Remember to invite a guest to an M-event, a Social, or activity during these weeks to meet MVP, Terri's challenge.



With State Delegate Lauren

Upcoming Events:

9/19 - 9/21 Fall Convention - Kickin' It Country hosted by STMA WT at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth. We will be voting on the next 3 year priority project. CIPs for 2nd trimester will be received.

9/25 Extension Encouragement Day - we will be sending cards

10/2 - 10/5 National Mid Year Convention at the Best Western Holiday Lodge in Clear Lake, Iowa.

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

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

SD Challenge

To kick off 2nd trimester there will be a drawing for a prize (quite possibly a mosaic pot) for all who email answers to the 4 questions to Lauren Henderson before the general meeting on 10/2. Thank you for participating!

1. Is Monticello WT in Area 1, 2, 3, or 4?
2. In what District is our chapter?
3. What is the name of our District Director?
4. List the 6 chapters in our District.



Editor's Note
By Pam P

Thank you to Mercy, Nancy, Dawn, Debby, Brenda, Arlis, Glorie, Lauren, Kay, Pam B, Ille, Sara W, Bonita, Sarah S, Michelle, Trista, & Rose for contributing to the August Gourmet Gazette!!! The September addition is little low on articles, so please consider submitting in October. You are welcome to submit recipes, poems, pictures, etc. Be creative! And remember, everyone loves to read a 'Sweet Treat' from their friends! Look for the pink recipe box at meetings or email them to me.

Congratulations to Glorie for winning my 1st Trimester drawing!!



- ◇ Lauren—You are doing a wonderful job as State Delegate! - Linda
- ◇ Dawn—I love seeing you around more! - Sarah S
- ◇ Rylee—Have fun rock climbing and white water kayaking. Gee, what tough classes ;) ! Love ya, Mom
- ◇ Ille—Super job as our President. Way to go on your award for District President of the Tri! - Cat
- ◇ Linda - Thanks for having the CPR course! It was fun and useful, though I hope I never have to use it. - Lauren
- ◇ Rose—Great idea for Pay it Forward! - Pam P
- ◇ Cat—Fun to sit by you at Sept. meeting—good laughs as always! - Michelle
- ◇ Nancy—Great job with the View! - Pam P
- ◇ Sarah S, Nancy, Arlis—Thanks for submitting your 1st trimester reports.—Debby
- ◇ Arlis —Great job on the Pizza Ranch Fund-raiser! - Pam P
- ◇ Debby - Thank you for the creative cards you made for Extension Encouragement Day! You are very talented! - Lauren
- ◇ Tammy—Awesome catered meals at the MCC Primary Elections! (I suppose you don't share recipies) - Lana
- ◇ Pres. Ille—Your doing a great job! - Sarah S
- ◇ Ille - Congrats on earning the President of the Trimester award! - Lauren
- ◇ Cat & Barb—Can't wait for the Mystery Tour! - Rylee
- ◇ Sara W—Great presentation! - Trina
- ◇ MWT—Thanks for being you. Its so fun being a part of this wonderful group! - Lana
- ◇ Trina—Great job on the Kids' Week. Very creative!!—Rose
- ◇ Trina, Pam P, Cat, Kay & Sara W—Thank you for submitting your LPM reports for 1st Tri.—Sarah S
- ◇ Bonita—So glad that you came with to convention. I hope you enjoyed yourself! - Pam P
- ◇ Ille - You look fabulous in your sparkly crown! - Lauren
- ◇ Pam B—Thank you for doing the RC Concessions. I hope to help next year. (I enjoyed it last year.) :) - Lana
- ◇ Trina—Congrats on Member of the Tri, you are doing an awesome job.—Sarah S
- ◇ Rose—Great job on your Rivers of Hope Speech. :) - Sara W
- ◇ Mercy, Sarah S. and Ille - It's fun to see the 5k pics on facebook. You ladies inspire me! - Lauren
- ◇ Glorie—You are doing a great job as Treasurer! Thanks!! - Pam P
- ◇ Monticello Women of Today—Thanks for letting us visit your meeting.—Jane & Cindy ~ St. Cloud Chapter
- ◇ Tammy - Thank you for giving Anne the opportunity to work for you. She's loving it (and the food)! - Lauren
- ◇ Rose & Sara W—You both did a great job of presenting your organizations up for bid. ~ Pam P



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thur., September 4, 2014

Members Present: Glorie B, Melanie A, Barb B, Karla B, Pam B, Linda B, Maribel CL, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Rose G, Trina H, Lauren H, Dawn H, Bonita K, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Debby M, Illeana M, Pam P, Cathy S, Sharon S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T, Mercedes T, Sara W

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm **by** Pres Illeana

Invocation: Pam P

Pledge: Glorie

MNWT Creed: Trina

Orders of the Day/Quorum. Quorum established with 23 members present

On Time Drawing: Arlis

Icebreaker: Trina: If I could be a treat at the state fair I would be..

Guest(s): Laurel Thompson and Jodi - Rivers of Hope, Cindy Umland and Jane Holmberg from the St. Cloud chapter.

Rivers of Hope Guest Speakers: Laurel and Jodi spoke about the services provided by Rivers of Hope serving Wright and Sherburne County. They shared the impact of domestic violence on society as a whole and goal to eliminate violence in counties. Volunteer opportunities were discussed. Volunteer opportunities include, the holiday program, office work, Gala Fundraiser on 10/25, cell phone recycling program, and court watch. A paper was passed around for those interested in volunteering.

SECRETARY: Mercedes Turner "Just in Thyme"

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Minutes from August are approved.

TREASURER: Arlis/Glorie B "Half Baked"

* **Checking** Balance: \$312.17 * **Savings** Balance \$1348.36 -- Treasurer transferred \$500 from Savings to Checking.

* Treasurer has **check requisition forms** and receipt forms available if needed. Every member should take one for future need. * **Dues** may be paid in installments with the full payment due by the member's anniversary date. * The treasure is not able to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2014-2015 budget. * Please keep track of donations that are "things" rather than money. Fill out a check request form, you will not be receiving money back. It is to keep track of our total donations. * Please turn in **coupons** during the same MWT year that you earned them. The year is from June 1 through May 31. If you earned any coupons since May 31, 2014 you have to turn them in before May 31, 2015. You may turn them in anytime. Treasurer will write you a check. You must have completed all requirements before reimbursement. * Reference was made to Section 9 of the Bylaws.

PAST PRESIDENT: Pam P

* The Bylaw Vote & Motion .M/S/P - Pam/Barb – I move that Monticello Women of Today accept the 2014-15 Bylaws as proposed at the August meeting. * Policy Motion M/S/P - Pam P/Barb - I move that the Monticello Women of Today amend Policy D 3.C. to read: "General membership approval is required to increase a budget before an approved budget is exceeded and reimbursement is paid to a member."

* 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 Sarah S and Lauren.

PRESIDENT: Illeana . "Live Laugh Bake "

* **Project of the Tri** - Pam P for Relay for Life * **Board Member of the Tri** – Linda B – Membership

* **General Member of the Tri** – Trina, LPM of Living and Learning * The next **Board Meeting** will be on **9/17/14 at Linda's house at 6:30pm** * The next **General Meeting** is currently scheduled to be held on **October 2nd at 7pm at Super 8.**

STATE DELEGATE: Lauren Henderson " Shake N' Bake" (email)

* **State Delegate Drawing:** For anyone who participated at an event at a state or district level – Illeana

* **Shriners Presentation:** Sara W made her presentation for this possible Priority Project. See Newsletter for full report.

* **Priority Project 2015-2018 Voting:** Members voted on the two priority projects. There were 29 total votes, 20 for Breaking Free and 8 for Shriners Hospitals. 4 votes will be allocated to Breaking Free and 2 to Shriners at convention. *

Convention Motion: * **District Meeting - 8/21/14 in Foley - (FR)** The District Meeting was attended by Ille Miller, Arlis Thielke, Dawn Hendricks, Sarah Sundine, and Lauren Henderson. Foley Women of Today did an awesome job of hosting and serving a meal. * The District Bylaws and Policies were approved. * We need to determine if our District dues have been paid. * There is an Insights PEP course on 10/6 in Monticello. * A District M-night will be scheduled this trimester and it will be a silly supper. * The District Christmas party will likely be on 12/3 or 12/5. Location TBD. * Ille and Lauren reported on a couple of past and future events for our chapter. * A committee for District Excitement will be headed by Patti Hanks. * Each chapter provided a lucky buck basket and \$120 was raised. Unfortunately no one from Monticello won.* The following **District Awards** and incentives were presented to our members: ~ Thank you for attending district orientation: Arlis Thielke, Cathy Shuman, Annette Schaufler. ~ Thank you for completing your Fast Start: Arlis Thielke - Ways and Means, Sara Wiitala - Ways and Means, Trina Hedquist - Living and Learning, Ille Miller - President, Lauren Henderson - State Delegate. ~ Incentive and Fast Start from R&R Judy Maidenbauer - note cards for Cathy Shuman, R&R LPM.

~ From Membership VP Carrie Thiesen - received a notebook with 6 pens representing early bird of 6/9. Thank you Linda Buchman and Michelle Kocak Jones. ~ District IVP Pam Peterson - received a lottery ticket for completing her report. ~ Outstanding LPMs of the trimester: Kay Schroden - PR, and Sarah Sundine - Community Connections. ~ And I am proud to announce to you that the President of the Trimester in District 5 is Ille Miller! ~ Congratulations Ille and all who have earned recognition at the District level!

* **Fall Convention, 9/19 - 9/21** - Cat, Ille, Pam P., Dawn, Bonita and I will be Kickin' It Country at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth! As a 1st timer Bonita will receive a \$10 discount paid by the chapter. Two hotel rooms have been reserved and a carpool will be arranged. On Friday evening there will be a baby shower, complete with games and cake, for New Beginnings, this year's Buckets of Sunshine project. If you have a donation of a mom item please put it in the laundry basket. After that, we will be making sandwiches for the homeless with the 363 Sandwich Project. Donations of zip lock sandwich bags can also be put in the laundry basket. Thank you to all who are donating. It is not too late to register for convention or plan to attend part of the weekend. If you are interested please see me. * For each convention there is a drawing for a \$10 discount to a member who is attending convention. And the winner is Pam P

Motion: (M/S/P) - Lauren/Cathy S- I move the Monticello Chapter attend Fall Convention with an uncommitted voting delegation.

* **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.

* **National Mid Year Convention - 10/2-10/5** 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** Registration for President Ille Miller and State Delegate Lauren Henderson is being mailed tomorrow as the deadline for early registration is 9/10. The retreat is held at Camp Friendship in Annandale. * **Visitation** - ... Has not yet been rescheduled. * **Chapter Mailings** for June and July are, I believe, on the MNWT website. The Aug/Sept is not yet online and I have a copy here tonight if anyone is interested in reading it.

FR - Flyer's Food Stand - 8/30 - Pam B - On Saturday, Aug. 30, we held our last Flyer's Concession Stand for the year at the Grassfield RC Club in Brooklyn Park. Those volunteering were Pam Peterson, Rylee Peterson, Kay Schroeden, Cassie Carlson and Pam Broekemeier. We arrived around 10am and set up. At about 11am Kay started grilling and in a few minutes, we were ready for lunch. The weather was perfect. We all had a nice time watching the airplanes fly in between serving, chatting with the guys and socializing amongst ourselves. A couple of the pilots thanked us for taking the time to come out and do this for them, they all really appreciated it. We made \$270 plus \$10.50 in tips, equaling \$280.50. Minus expenses of \$11.99 for ice, the total income was \$268.51. I would like to thank John Carlson for donating the buns.

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

MEMBERSHIP:

* **Craft Day 8/16** - FR - Ille & Debby - Was held at MCC Academy Room. Items were crafted that could be sold at craft show. Multiple items were made to sell at craft show. Members in attendance were: Nancy, Debby, Illeana, Lana, Lauren, Linda and Mercedes. * **Mystery Tour 10/17-10/19** - Barb/Cat S - Brochures and a sign-up sheet were passed around. - \$75 for weekend to cover rooms, meals and bottles of water. A brochure was passed around to check emergency numbers. Please see brochure for materials to bring. * **8/20 M-Event 1st Aid/CPR** - FR - Linda - Held on 8/20 at Kjellbergs at 6:30pm. Adult/child/infant CPR and how to use and AED as well as Heimlich maneuver and basic first aid. Members in attendance were: Dawn, (and daughters Zoe and Lindsey), Rose, Nancy, Melanie, Lauren (and daughter Anne) and Illeana. Two guests (Terry Aspin and Bailey Stortz) also attended. * **Caribou - 8/9** - FR - 10:00am by Target in Monticello - Attending: Kelsey Sarah S Bonita Nancy Lana Ille Lauren Dawn * **Caribou** - The next coffee social will be on 9/13/13 at 10:00am by Target in Monticello * **Renewal Ceremony conducted for 1st Trimester renewals:** Barb Berndtson, Pam Broekemeir, Maribel Cruz-Longley, Lauren Henderson, Kay Schroden, Sara Wiitala, Linda Buchmann, Melanie Aucapina, Bonita Klein, Melanie Acupina. * **Challenge for Change the World** - Reminder from last month's meeting and minutes to continue to invite a perspective member to an upcoming event. See minutes from last month for challenge weeks. Remaining change the world weeks are: 10/26-11/1, 12/7-12/13, 3/22-3/28 and 4/12-18 (volunteer week).

2nd Trimester Renewals: Kimberly Abrahamson, Laurel Ashenmacher, Glorie Balfanz, Nancy Flesch, Lana Gilberts, Trista Kleinstauber, Michelle Kocak Jones, Cathy McGowan, Sarah Sundine, Arlis Thielke, Tammy Torborg, Trina Hedquist.

NEW BUSINESS: * **Halloween Kiddie Parade** - Trina volunteered to chair the event which to be held on 10/25/14 from 9:30 to 12:30pm at MCC. * **Fall Craft Show Membership Table** - Linda and Michelle will email for volunteers on Saturday Nov 1st.

MOTIONS: M/S/P - Pam B/Pam P - I move that the Monticello Chapter volunteer on Saturday September 13 at the Blazin Through Bertram (the Phillip Laval Memorial Run).

OLD BUSINESS:

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

* **True Friends/Salvation Army Donation:** Just a reminder we are collecting for the Salvation Army winter coats (new), both children's and adult sizes, winter hats and mittens for children, don't need to be new but in good shape. We are also collecting for Camp Friendship list was e-mailed out. * **Adopt a Highway – FR – Pam B – 9/27/14 at 8am.** A group picture will be taken at the event. * **Fall Craft Show Booths – Pam B. & Annette – No Report – 34 booths taken,** not including the MWOT craft table. * **Vision Class –Dawn H – FR -** On Wednesday August 13th the chapter hosted at Vision and School presentation by Dr. Mary Gregory. This was held at Kjellberg's Business Center, on the upper level. We learned how eyes work and what to symptoms to look for that COULD be a vision issue. Dr. Gregory did a great job! Those in attendance were Trina Hedquist, Melanie Aucapina, Pam Peterson, Kay Schroden and Dawn Hendricks. * **Parents Night Out – Michelle –** Will be getting names from teachers in district. * **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 – Trina –** In need of 3 more volunteers to hand out water at the TimberDash. Plan to be there at 6:00am, Saturday 10/4/14. Wear your MWOT shirts.

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. Trista –Nancy discussed a new idea to do a wellness walk Quarry Park in St Cloud. * **Food Shelf Bags –Trista -** Thanks to Debbie for her donations. * **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. If you are interested I need to know tonight because I am registering the team this weekend. So far we have Mercedes and Tom, Sarah S, Illeana, Pam P, Debby, Dawn, Lauren and Zoey.

Youth of Today – Rose

* **Kids Week – FR -Trina –** Week of 8/25 – Many events were planned for the week. Including chore night, park night. Members who participated: Lauren H, Illeana, Dawn H, Trina, Pam P, Sarah S, Mercedes

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

* **Tip Night Fundraiser** to be held on 9/10/14 at Pizza Ranch in Monticello. Event from 5-8pm. All proceeds go to Isaac's Journey. Please wear your MWOT shirts and name tags.

Internal Programming – Sarah S "You Bake me Happy" - * **Fast starts** acknowledgements given to Pam P and Trina. * **LPM of the Tri – Trina**

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

* **District PEP Course – 10/6 –** Mercedes from 6-9pm – Location Kjellbergs. Insights training course will be topic. An email will be sent out to members with details. * **The View –Nancy –** Will be held on 9/18. Book to be discussed is Fried Green Tomatoes - * **Certification Trina – FR -** Aug 12 – 7pm-9pm at Caribou by Target - Trina has certification forms on hand for those that need them. * **PEP Course –** Cathy S - Unique Communications - Cathy will be holding a Unique Communications PEP course for the St. Cloud chapter on 9/23/14. * **Election Judges Needed –** See Cathy S for more information.

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 -** We got approved to be PALS with both St Michael and Big Lake chapters.

Newsletter: Pam P – Gourmet Gazette

* **Thank you** to those that contributed to the newsletter. Glorie was the winner for the drawing. * **Due date** for next newsletter is Friday 9/12th.

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

* **Judy – District PM for RR –** Cathy will bring information on family history to an upcoming meeting. Cathy would like to hold an awards write up event. * **Shed Clean Up –.** No report

Public Relations – Kay – "Rise and Shine" –

* **Women of Today Week Sept 21-27 – Kay S/Mercy –** Women of Today Proclamation: Kay - We are on City Council's agenda for a Mayor's Proclamation of Women of Today Week and a photo opportunity. Please attend the city council meeting on Monday September 8, at 7pm for the WT Proclamation. Kay would like to get a picture before the meeting begins. Please wear a Women of Today shirt and your name tag. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early. Members can also wear their MWOT shirts and attend events scheduled that week, Monday walk and caribou social for the month. * **Web-site: Tammy/Cat –** Website is up to date. Send Cathy S an email if you need something added.

* **Chapter Shirts** – FR - Ille – Shirts have been delivered. We ordered 24 items. Members participating were: Illeana, Mercedes, Cathy, Sharon, Sara W, Linda, Michelle, Trista, Kelsey, Pam, Nancy, Kay, Bonita, Dawn, Arlis, Rose and Trina

* **Day at the Diamond 9/7** - Members will be attending on Sunday September 7th.

Ways & Means – Sara W

Coins for a Cause – Nancy – No report * **State Pasta Sales - Sara W** – NO FR - Two orders were submitted. *

Lucky Buck – Dawn

CLOSING

Helping Hands: Tammy/Glorie, Pam P

Thank you to our Hostesses: Lauren, Nancy, Glorie

October Hosts: Debby,

Benediction: Pam B

Adjourn at 9:37pm.

Good & Welfare:

Thank you to our Greeter: Dawn

Us Women of Today Creed: Bonita



Half Baked

Let Them Eat Cake



Treasurer's Report

By Glorie B

Checking Account Balance as of 8-31-2014 is 312.17

Savings Account Balance as of 8-31-2014 is 1,348.36

I have transferred \$500.00 to checking from savings on Sept 3.

As I was reconciling the checking account for July and August 2014 I realized I made 2 mistakes.

1. I wrote check number 6978 for \$64.27 instead of \$64.25.
2. I wrote check number 6981 out for the correct amount of \$43.89 but recorded in Quicken \$43.98.

I will try to be more detailed when recording information.

Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. I will be passing out each of these. Please take at least one of each. More if you need. Please fill out fully and get a second signature on the receipt form if at all possible. I always have some at monthly meetings and board meetings. Keep some on hand.

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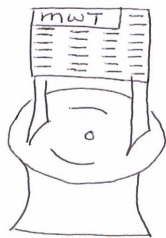
Past President/Parliamentarian

By Pam P

- ◇ The *Bylaws and Policies* have been updated and approved—yeah!! Please refer to them throughout the year when you have questions.
- ◇ Remember to bring your Plan of Action with to meetings. It has valuable information that President Ille took the time to compile that you will find useful.
- ◇ When you bring your Plan of Action with, please stamp the front or back cover. There will be an incentive at the end of the year for someone with the most stamps!
- ◇ Thank you to everyone that has been answering the Bylaw Challenge in the *Gourmet Gazette*. The August Challenge was met by Sarah S & Lauren.
- ◇ **REDISTRICTING SURVEY**— I will be sending in the chapter's responses to the survey after the October General Meeting. If you would like your input included, please complete the survey ASAP.

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

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

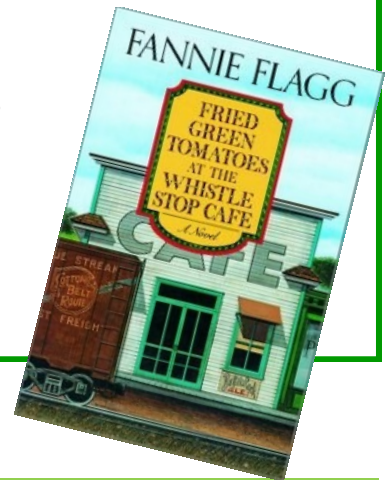


Please consider utilizing services offered at these businesses.

The View by Nancy F

The View is back after taking the summer off. You've all had plenty of time to read *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* and we hope you'll join us for the discussion. Even if you haven't read the book, please come and socialize. We'll be scheduling the next book / movie and would like everyone's input.

Thursday, Sept. 18th
7 pm
Nancy's
9401 Red Rock Ln



Tip Night at Pizza Ranch

Wednesday September 10th

From 5 PM to 8 PM

All Proceeds Benefit

Isaac's Journey



By Arlis T—'Baking up Love'



Member Tidbits

Introducing Kelsey Holker

Kelsey Holker is our newest member. She joined at the August meeting after receiving a free membership from us for being voted 'Miss Congeniality' by the Monticello Royalty Program.

Kelsey is currently residing in Brainerd, MN where she is attending Central Lakes College studying Horticulture. Since moving to Brainerd, she has started working at Herberger's as a Sales Associate and even more recently became a new JamBerry Nail Consultant. In her spare time she enjoys photography and gardening.

Besides her family that lives in Monticello, Kelsey has a potbellied pig named Buddy, two cats – Finn and Flower (and their many kittens), and a white boxer/red healer mix named Lucy.

Welcome, Kelsey! We are excited to have you as a member and look forward to working on projects with you. We also wish you the best with your new endeavors in college and work.

Glorie Balfanz

Two years ago, Glorie Balfanz joined her friend Nancy Flesch at a Women of Today meeting. But why? Well, after years of sitting on the bleachers together watching their sons play sports, they were at a loss with what to do with their time now that their sons had graduated. Having heard of Women of Today, and liking what we did, Glorie was interested in finding out more. She is now our Treasurer this year and loves being a member of the Monticello Women of Today.

Glorie has been married to Brent for 32 years. Brent is a Systems Support Manager. They have three children: Brandon (31) is married to Cassandra, Allison (28) recently married to Ryan, and Bryce (22). They also have three English Springer Spaniels: Ruger, Breda, and Remy.

Glorie has been an X-ray Technician for about 20 years. And besides MWT, Glorie is also a member of Minnesota Marine Moms and Word of Peace Lu

theran Church. When she actually has some spare time, she enjoys walking, golfing, and bowling. She also likes to snow ski and is looking for someone that is interested in going with her!

An interesting tidbit about Glorie – she and Nancy were married on the same day of the same year – but, of course, to different men and at different churches. They also both had 3 children and their youngest sons were the same age. (I don't know about the other children.) Isn't life full of coincidences?

Kay Schroden

Kay Schroden has been a long standing member since May of 1981!! She was actually a member before Women of Today was even born. She joined the Buffalo Jaycee Women hoping she might meet a nice Jaycee. (You know Kay!) Ironically, she had already met Leo before they were in the Jaycees, but since they ended up working on some of the same projects, the Jaycees/Jaycee Women took credit for bringing the couple together. So dedicated to the organization, Kay and Leo postponed their wedding from February 11th to the 18th because they were part of the team hosting "Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans"; the Jaycee's Winter State Convention. And now Kay and Leo have now been married for 30 years! They have 3 children: Melissa – 29, Warren – 27, and Heidi – 20. The four-legged family members include their two cats Cookie and Snickers. Leo works for the Parks Department for the City of Monticello; a 'tree hugger', as Kay teases. Kay has been working for the Monticello School District for the past 17 years; 24 if you count the 7 years of subbing she did. Currently she is holding the position of Title 1 Paraprofessional.



Kay's main hobby is volunteering. Besides Women of Today, she is very active at St Henry's Catholic Church. You'll also find her volunteering at Little Mountain Elementary or just about anywhere she is needed. Kay is happiest when she is helping others or visiting the elderly. For a little down time she enjoys reading and playing cards on the computer.

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Bylaw Challenge by Pam P

Under what Bylaw Article and Section would you find which officers are authorized to sign checks (just need to name one area)? You will find a copy of the bylaws in your Plan of Action.

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

The first place you would find August's Answer was: Article 5,
Section 5. Thank you to Lauren & Sarah s for their answers.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 WT Week Fall Convention	22 6:30 WW Walk Pay it Forward	23 SCWT PEP Course	24	25 Pay it Forward	26	27 8—Adopt-a- Hwy
28	29 6:30 WW Walk	30	1	2 7:00—General Meeting	3 National Mid- year	4 Timberdash Workers/Team
5 Lauren	6 6:00 District PEP Course 6:30 WW Walk	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Dead- line Pres/SD Retreat	11 10—Caribou Craft Day
12	13 6:30 WW Walk	14	15 6:30—Board Meeting	16	17 Mystery Tour	18
19	20 6:30 WW Walk	21	22	23	24	25