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Fun Facts

There are two types of oils in coffee, good oils and bad oils. The good oils are good for your body and your health, the bad oils are what give you ulcers and stomach problems. To avoid the bad oils in coffee simply use paper filters to minimize the effects.

Jan Birthdays

1/13 DAWN
1/28 TAMMY

"Pam's Special Blend"

Happy New Year!!

Wow - 2014 - hard to believe it is already here. I hope you all had the time to relax with your favorite cup of joe over the Holidays and that you are feeling refreshed as we head into third trimester!

This trimester is off to a grande start. We already have a full slate of candidates for the 2014-15 board - which is really exciting to have volunteers step up at one meeting!!! We have some new/resurrected projects: Works Skills Day, Photography Presentation, & the Backpack Program ... plus a mugful of other projects coming up - just take a look at the important dates and read the articles in this newsletter. We also have at least 5 members that are going to be traveling to Winter State

Convention at the end of the month and it's not too late for you to join us!

At the February Meeting we will be looking for members to sign up to be Local Program Managers and Committee Chairs. Think about which area will suit you best. You'll find descriptions in the By-Laws & Policies and Plan of Action. Feel free to contact me for further details.

Lookin' forward to sharing a 'Cup of Fellowship' with you at the February 6th General Mtg! 1st and 2nd Tri were a 'Sweet Cup of Tea', now let's go out with a 'Double Espresso'!!

*With 'A Cup of Fellowship',
President Pam*





Congratulations to:

Tea Time Drawing: Debby M
December Coffee Bean (Member):
Linda B

December Barista (Board Member):
Arlis T

2nd Trimester Awards:

External LPM of the Tri:
Michelle KI

Internal Project of the Tri:
F. Scott Fitzgerald Walking Tour
Chairs: Glorie B, Nancy F, Pam P

Eternal Project of the Tri:
I. J. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Chair: Annette S

Member of the Tri:

Nancy F

Board Member of the Tri:

Annette S



Thanks a Latte to:

January's Hostesses:
Lana G, Nancy F, Jennifer LK

Meeting Greeter:
Glorie B

Invocation & Benediction:
Barb B, Sarah S

New Project Chairs:

- Spring Kids' Party - Rose G, Illeana M
- Work Skills Day - Michelle KJ
- Photography Presentation - Rose G

Speaker:

Joe Happe re: Backpack Program and to
Sarah S for organizing it

Important Dates, Up-coming Projects & Chair People:

(Year Long = YL, *Blue* = State, *Green* = District)

Winter State Convention (1/24) - Barb B

View (1/30) - Pam P

PALS weekend (1/31) - Sarah S

Webinar (2/4) - Cat S

February General Meeting (2/6) - Pam P

View/Paramount Play (2/7) - Pam P, Nancy F

Caribou Coffee (2/8) - Cat S, Sarah S

Game Night (2/14) - Barb B

Newsletter Deadline (2/14) - Sarah S

M/P Appreciation (2/15) - Kay S

Feb Brd Mtg (2/19) - Host Sarah S

Webinar (3/4) - Cat S

March General Meeting (3/6) - Pam P

Newslet Articles due (3/7)

Spring Craft Show (3/8) - Cat S, Pam B, Linda

Spring Concessions (3/8) - Linda B, Lana G, Debby

Out and About (3/13)

Game Night (3/14) - Barb B

Newsletter Deadline (3/14) - Sarah S

Caribou Coffee (3/15) - Cat S, Sarah S

Early Bird Renewals (3/15) - Cat S, Sarah S

State Mtgs (3/15)

Mar Brd Mtg (3/19) - Host Lauren H

View (3/20) - Pam P

Area 2 Mtg in Rice (3/28) - Barb B

April General Meeting (4/3) - Pam P

Webinar (4/8) - Cat S

Game Night (4/11) - Barb B

Newsletter Deadline (4/11) - Sarah S

Caribou Coffee (4/12) - Cat S, Sarah S

CC Award Noms due (4/14) - Pam P

Apr Crossover Brd Mtg (4/16) - Host Pam P

View (4/17) - Pam P

Year End Evals due (4/18)

Work Skills Day (4/24) - Michelle KJ

Color Week (4/24-30) - Cat S, Sarah S

LPM Reports due (4/25)



MEMBERSHIP – “Brewing Awesome Friends” – Cat & Sarah S

Monthly Coffee: A Caribou coffee social was held on December 14th at 10 am at Caribou by Target. Attendees were: Pam P & Jennifer. The January coffee was Saturday the 11th. The next coffee will be held on Saturday, February 8th.

2nd Tri Renewals: Thanks to Lana, Tammy, Glorie, Nancy, Sarah S, Arlis, Kimberly, Michelle, Cathy M. Laurel & Trista for renewing for 2nd trimester. We had 100% retention for 2nd trimester! A renewal ceremony was held at the January 2nd meeting.

3rd Trimester Renewals: are; Karla, Krisie, Rose, Dawn, Jennifer (pd), Debby (pd), Illeana, Suzie, Beth, Pam P, Rylee, Annette, Cat, Brenda & Mercedes. We would like to have your \$45 renewal dues by the **March meeting** so we can get credit for early bird. Remember you can make installments on your dues throughout the year. You just have to be paid up by the trimester you are due to the state.

3rd Trimester Membership Event and Social: Stay tuned we have a couple ideas started and will have more information at the February meeting.

The View: In January we will be reviewing the book “To Kill a Mockingbird” on the 30th. Then in February we will be going to the play in St. Cloud on Friday the 7th, beginning at 7:30 (carpool arrangements will be made). The cost is \$18, but we are looking into a possible way of getting a cheaper price. We hope that you will all consider joining us for this classic by Harper Lee.

Kid’s Christmas Bingo: Kid’s Christmas Bingo was held Saturday December 21, 2013 at the VFW in Monticello from 1 PM to 4 PM with set up and clean-up being done before and afterwards. We had another great turn out. Parents and children were arriving a half hour before we were even scheduled to begin. At one time we counted there were about *130 playing bingo*. We played twenty nine games of bingo and black out. There were 43 winners and prizes given out. From playing bingo and concessions we took in \$1,027.73. The expenses were \$438.04 which left a profit of \$589.69. Six door prizes were donated by the Monticello Community Center, Monticello Movie Theater and Culvers. These prizes were given out every half hour. Thank you’s will be written and sent to all of these businesses for their support of this project.

Thank you to all the helpers this year: Nancy Flesch for designing the flyers, coping them and getting them to Community Ed for distribution and advertising on the Monticello Chamber kiosk, Michelle Kocak Jones for doing the toy shopping and calling bingo, Arlis Thielke for toy and concession shopping, Annette Schaulfer for reserving the VFW, getting the door prizes and the bingo cards from the Senior Center. A special thank you to Pam Broekemeier, Lauren Henderson, Trista Kleinsteuber, Trina Hedquist, Tory Kleinsteuber, Cassie Carlson and her Dad before, during and after bingo and a big thank you to Rosemary Goetti, for coming and taking pictures during the event. The merchandise left over from concessions will be donated to the Monticello Food Shelf.

Thanks to all for another very successfully Christmas Bingo for Kids.



Camp Courage donations

Bring craft items and office supplies

I would like to thank Barb and Cat (and myself) for donations to Camp Courage. I will have incentives for anyone bringing items to the February meeting. Donations could include: Craft items such as glitter, clay, stamp pads/ink, yarn, felt, fabrics, stickers, colored paper, crayons, markers, paints, beads, glue, etc. Also office supplies such as stamps, scotch tape, folders, markers, note books, copy paper. For a complete list see the December newsletter attachment. P.S. Cat- I used the stickers you gave me as a donation.

Cookie Exchange

The Cookie Exchange was held December 10, 2013 at Debby Manthei home. Thirteen members and one non-member were in attendance. Chili, corn bread, crackers and dips, veggies and dip and apples and caramel dip were served. Games were played and cookies were exchanged.

Couples Game Night

Couple's Game Night was held on Friday, January 10th, 2014, with five couples in attendance—Kay/Leo, Kim/Chris, Rose/Denny, Pam P/Mark and Debby/Joel at Debby and Joel Manthei's home. We played a rousing game of Bunco. Prizes were distributed to Debby for most wins and Pam P for most Buncos. Couples brought appetizers and beverage and dessert was served. Fun was had by all.

Kody's Closet: A check for \$50.00 will be made out to the Buckets of Sunshine and delivered at Winter State and thank you to Cathy Shuman and Pam Peterson for their donations which will also go to Winter State.

Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis has purchased the raffle tickets, will be working on a letter for donations and will be going out and contacting business in the area for donations. If anyone in the Chapter has a craft or something they want to donate please see her.

**Checking account balance as of
12/31/2013 is \$1,274.02**

**Savings account balance as of
12/31/2013 is \$3,522.68**

**I have Check Requisition Form and
Receipt Forms**

There are 65 countries
in the world that grow
coffee and they are all
along the equator.



COFFEE LINGO

What is the stimulant
present in coffee?

**SUBMIT THE CORRECT ANSWER BY THE FEB
MEETING TO BE IN THE TRIMESTER DRAWING!**



Freeway to Fellowship

- How can you earn your very own FFF Traveling Luggage Tag?
- How can you be in a drawing for a luxurious robe?
- How can you win an IPOD Shuffle?
come to a mtg and find out.....

LOOKING AHEAD AT OPTIONS TO TRAVEL & STATE CALENDAR

JANUARY

Emphasis: Living and Learning (MN); Personal Development (US); Project Recognition (US)

- 10 PALS activity sheets due to State Secretary
DPM Reports due to DD, SPM, and IVP/EVP
NEWSLET articles due to SPM (post Winter State issue)
- 11 MNWT Foundation meeting at Billy's in Anoka
- 16 Insurance Payments due from chapters to CSC
- 24-26 Winter State Convention in St. Louis Park
- 27 NEWSLET personals due
- 31 Chapter President monthly reports due to DD

FEBRUARY

Emphasis: NEWSLET (MN), Extensions (MN& US); STEP (US); Domestic Violence Awareness (US)

- 5 Sales Tax due to Department of Revenue
- 28 NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center
- Chapter President monthly reports due to DD

District Board Meeting

District board meetings are held 3 times a year and generally attended by some of Monticello our board members although everyone is invited.

District Meeting

District meetings are held 3 times a year, our district includes: Foley, Monticello, Rice, Sauk Rapids, Staples/Motley Area, & St. Cloud. Everyone is invited and encouraged to go.....

State Convention

State covention is held 3 times a year – Sept, Jan, & May.

National Mid-year Convention

Natioanl Women of Today includes 12 states and holds conventions twice a year, typically June and October.

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Members Present: Glorie B, Barb B, B, Karla B, Linda B, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Rose G, Dawn H, Trina H, Michelle KJ, Debby M, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T, Sara W

Meeting called to order: 7:40 pm by President Pam Peterson

Invocation: Dawn **Pledge:** Trina H **MNWT Creed:** Karla B.

Guest Introductions: none

Orders of the Day/Quorum: Sarah S. ~ Quorum established; 20/35 members present

Tea Time Drawing: Annette S. **Icebreaker:** Lana ~What dish/dessert would you like to have with your Christmas dinner?

SECRETARY: Kay S. "Brewing with Excitement"

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Approved minutes for November 7, 2013 meeting.

TREASURER: Arlis T. "A Latte Moola"

Checking \$ balance; - \$497.97 Savings \$ balance; \$4,522.68 Money was transferred...not to worry.

PAST PRESIDENT: Sarah S "Good to the Last Drop"

Nominating Committee: Sarah S/Kay S/Pam P – "what do you want to do next year?"

PRESIDENT: Pam P. "A Cup of Fellowship"

Coffee bean of the Month: Nov ~ Michelle. **Barista of the Month:** Nov ~ Barb B.

The Chapter Evaluation & 2nd Trimester Ballots are online at Survey Monkey. 21 have been completed so far!

10/16/13 Board Mtg. attended by Pam, Barb, Lauren, Annette, Kay, Sarah, Cat, Arlis & Bonita. December 18 Board Meeting: 7PM hostess; Pam P January 2 General Meeting 7 pm @ Super 8.

STATE DELEGATE: Barb B. "Freeway to Fellowship"

Local: We have an "On To" flower sale tonight by the food.

2nd Tri drawing: winner is Pam P for attending The Foley Fondue Night.

District 6 Mtg. in St. Michael attended by Cathy/Annette/Michelle.

District 5: (Foley, Monticello, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Rice, Staples/Motley) District Holiday Social: Fri. 12/13/13 6:00 - 10pm is the Dist 5 Holiday Social Casino Night in Rice, there will be prizes and instruction for gambling & games. Cost is \$8.00 Carpool from Eastview at 5:20. Optional gift exchange: with value up to \$10.

State: Fall convention drawing: winner is-Lauren. Winter convention is 1/24-25 in St Louis Park. Registration is \$76.00
Registration is due Jan 6th. I have going: Annette, Cathy, Pam P, Sara, & Sarah.

MEMBERSHIP: Cathy S. & Sarah S "Brewing Awesome Friends"

New Member Orientation: On Monday, November 11, we held an orientation for Trina at the Caribou by Target. In addition to Trina, Sarah S, Pam P and Cat attended.

Monthly Membership Coffee: Caribou by Target 11/9 @ 10am (next month 12/14) attended by Glorie, Nancy, Lana, Michelle, Trista, Joann (Michelle's mom), Pam P, Rylee, Sarah S, Mercedes, Illeana & Lilly, Sarah W & Linda.

Cookie Exchange: Arlis/Cat/Debby - 12/12 @ 6pm at Debby's home. Food & games to play ☺

2nd Trimester Renewals: Thanks to Lana, Tammy, Glorie, Nancy, Sarah S, Arlis, Kimberly, Michelle & Laurel for renewing.

We are waiting to hear from Cathy M. Deadline for renewals is Dec 15th. Our next renewal ceremony is January 2nd.

Membership Color Week & Dist. 5 M-event: @ Dress Barn in St. Cloud 3 – 6 pm on 11/24/13. Attended by: Pam P, Lauren, Barb, Mercedes & Illeana.

Membership/Partner Appreciation: Kay/Sara/Mercedes

NEW BUSINESS:

Craft Show Concessions: 3/8/14 Linda/Lana/Debby

December Emphasis Month: (MN) (US) Membership, Community Connections

OLD BUSINESS:

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Lauren H "Fill It to the Brim"

Community Connections: Michelle Kocak Jones "Caffeine Will Always Connect Us"

Parents' Night Out: Michelle KJ –December winners: Amy & Shawn Becker

N.H. Tree Decorating: 11/30 1pm Michelle KJ, Kayla K, & Trina decorated the front lobby tree of the nursing home for all to enjoy.

Home for the Holidays: 12/6 Annette/Nancy - needs 4 people to serve cookies & hot cocoa @ West Bridge Park.

Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis T. – No report

Camp Courage donations: Michelle KJ - see list in the newsletter & bring to Jan/Feb. mtg. We have 25 bottles of bubbles (\$12 value) donated by Michelle.

Youth of Today: Dawn Hendricks "Make it Decaf, Please!"

Kid's Christmas Bingo: 12/21 Arlis T./Nancy F/Michelle KJ 1 – 4 at the VFW volunteers needed.

Toys for Tots: Cat S.- Let Cat know if you want to help.

Isaac's Journey: Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Hope"

Meat raffle: Wednesday 11/27/13 at Hawk's Sports Bar. It was busy. They also had bar bingo that night. We sold tickets from 6:30 to 8:30 when all the meat was gone. Workers; Illena, Mercedes, Cat & Annette. Each round(tray) had 30 tickets at \$1/each. We raised \$5/round @ 30 rounds for \$150. Thanks to those that helped along with Linda that showed up to donate her \$'s.

USWT EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Domestic Violence Prevention: Jennifer LK

Planning an event for Feb. 2014 – Committee: Jennifer/Kay/Pam P./Trina/Linda

Women's Wellness: Glorie Balfanz "High Octane"

Food Shelf Bags: Kimberly A. – Absent/No report

Game Night: Barb B's home 11/8 @ 6:45pm Attended by; Nancy, Lana, Pam P, Rylee, Dawn, Cathy, & neighbor Laurie were present. Drawing winner is – Rylee

Dues Scholarship Committee: Pam P./Pam B./Kay/Illena/Lauren/Jennifer - working on the application form.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Eternal Friendship"

Living & Learning: Lana G. "Coffee Break with Friends" ~

Certification Night: 11/21/13 @ Kjellbergs Business Center. Hosts: Lana/Annette. Present: Annette/Pam P/ Barb B/ Bonita K/ Linda B/ Cathy S/ Glorie B/ Arlis T/ Kay S/ Lana G. 20 Certification forms were completed! USWT Step 1: 2, Step 4: 1, Personal Development: 6, Health & Wellness: 6, Living & Learning: 5 Very successful evening!

The View: Pam P. – 1/16/14, we will discuss To Kill a Mockingbird. 2/7/14, we will watch the play @ St. Cloud Paramount.

Web Jargon 101: 12/3, 1/7 Cat S.

Funshine: Sarah Sundine "So Many Blends, So Little Time"

December Birthdays ~ Trinia H – 9, Lana G – 27, Pam B – 28, Annette - 28

Newsletter: Sarah Sundine "Espress O'self" - Articles due by 12/13/13.

Records & Recognition: Sarah Sundine "Stayin Grounded"

Public Relations: Arlis Thielke "Espresso Release"

Website: Cat -

Out and About: Arlis/Pam P. - 11/14 @ New Hope Cinema Grill.

Kody's Closet: We used \$50 in our State Project fund budget as a donation.

You tube video: Arlis/Trina/Pam P. - more info. to come

Ways & Means: Debby Manthei "Our Cup Runneth Over"

Monthly Fundraiser:

January Lucky Buck: Dawn will hostess, February is Kimberly.

Coins for a Cause: Mercedes – No report

CLOSING

Helping Hands: Kay S, Arlis T, Michelle KJ ~ We helped one member this month.

Good & Welfare: Shared by members.

Thank you to our Hostesses: Michelle & Greeter: Annette & everyone for great food!

January Hostesses: Lana G/Nancy F/Jennifer LK Greeter: Glorie B

Benediction: Cathy S

US Women of Today Creed: Rose G.

Adjourn at 8:52

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Schroden

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

Members Present: Glorie B, Barb B, Linda B, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Rose G, Dawn H, Lauren H, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Jennifer KL, Debby M, Illeana M, Pam P, Rylee P, Annette S, Kay S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Mercedes T.

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm by President Pam Peterson

Invocation: Barb B. **Pledge:** Trista K. **MNWT Creed:** Linda B.

Guest Introductions: Joe Happe – Backpack Program/School Dist. 882, Lisabet Thomas from St. Michael WT

Orders of the Day/Quorum: Sarah S. ~ Quorum established; 21/36 members present

Tea Time Drawing: Debby Icebreaker: Lana ~ What/Who are you rooting for?

SECRETARY: Kay S. “Brewing with Excitement”

Motion Slips & Report Forms are available. Minutes for December 5, 2013 and January 2, 2014 meeting will be printed in the next newsletter. My apologies for being late.

At the Dec. board mtg., we voted to pay \$50 to support the State Raffle.

We received a Christmas card from Crisis Nursery & the 2013-14 MnWT Executive Council and a donation request from Rivers of Hope.

TREASURER: Arlis T. “A Latte Moola”

Checking \$ balance; - \$1,274.02 Savings \$ balance; \$3,522.68

PAST PRESIDENT: Sarah S “Good to the Last Drop”

Nominating Committee: Sarah S/Kay S/Pam P – “what do you want to do next year?”

2014-15 Officers Nominations page was passed around and filled with candidates.

PRESIDENT: Pam P. “A Cup of Fellowship”

Coffee bean of the Month: Dec ~ Linda B. **Barista of the Month:** Dec. ~ Arlis T.

2nd Trimester Awards: **Member** ~ Nancy F. **Board Member** ~ Annette S

Internal Project ~ F. Scott Fitzgerald Walking Tour **External Project** ~ Isaac’s Journey Pizza Night.

12/18/13 Board Mtg. attended by Pam P, Barb, Lauren, Annette, Kay, Sarah, Cat & Arlis. January 15 Board Mtg: 7PM hostess; Kay S February 6 General Mtg 7 pm @ Super 8.

STATE DELEGATE: Barb B. “Freeway to Fellowship”

Local: No road runs for December...enjoyed our families.

District 5: (Foley, Monticello, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Rice, Staples/Motley)

State: Winter convention is 1/24-25 in St Louis Park. Registration is \$76.00 Registration is due Jan 6th. Members going: Annette, Cathy, Pam P, Kay & Sarah S. *There is expected to be a motion at the convention for Chapter memberships to consist of 10 people with 5 being under 40. Voting will happen at Annual Convention. Convention discount drawings:

General: Annette/Sarah S First timer: Sara W.

MEMBERSHIP: Cathy S. & Sarah S “Brewing Awesome Friends”

Monthly Membership Coffee: Caribou by Target 1/11 @ 10am (last month 12/14)

Cookie Exchange: Arlis/Cat/Debby - 12/10 @ 6pm at Debby's home. 13 members and 1 guest enjoyed food & games to play ☺ Everyone had fun! Thank you Debby!

2nd Trimester Renewals: 100% Renewed!!! Thanks to Lana, Tammy, Glorie, Nancy, Sarah S, Arlis, Laurel, Kimberly, Trista, Michelle & Cathy M.,. Renewal ceremony was led by Sarah S.

3rd Tri Renewals: Karla B, Krisie G, Rose G, Dawn H, Jennifer LK, Debby M, Illeana M, Suzie O, Beth O, Pam P, Rylee P, Annette S, Cat S, Brenda S, Mercedes T

Membership/Partner Appreciation: Kay/Sara/Mercedes/Illeana/Sarah – Feb. 15th invitations to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Kid's Party: Rose/Illeana

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Michelle/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter participate in the Work Skill Say on 4/24/14 9am-1pm @ Zion Church in Buffalo as judges & helpers for the project. **M/S/P** (Rose/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter have a photography presentation at Chatters in Monticello. **M/S/P** (Sarah/Barb) I move the Monticello chapter make a monetary donation to the backpack program with a budget of \$500 from budget line #900. **M/S/P** (Annette/Sarah) I move the Monticello Chapter participate in the next Meat Raffle with the money designated as a Ways & Means project. **M/S/P** (Kay/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter donate the leftover concessions from kid's bingo to the Little Mountain Elementary activity night on 1/10/14.

January Emphasis Month: (MN) Living & Learning (US) Personal Development, Project Recognition

OLD BUSINESS:

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Lauren H "Fill It to the Brim"

Community Connections: Michelle Kocak Jones "Caffeine Will Always Connect Us"

Parents' Night Out: Michelle KJ – Next drawing is in Feb.

Home for the Holidays: 12/6 Annette/Nancy - we served cookies & hot cocoa @ West Bridge Park from 6-8pm. Thank you Pam P, Pam B, Cassey, Lauren, Cat.

Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis T. – Tickets have been purchased and is contacting business' and members for donations.

Camp Courage donations: Michelle KJ - items will be sent to Winter State.

Spring Craft Show: 3/8/14 Cat S/Pam B/Linda B – Registrations are coming in.

Youth of Today: Dawn Hendricks "Make it Decaf, Please!"

Anti-Bullying Bracelets: Dawn – 5 left

Kid's Christmas Bingo: 12/21 Arlis T./Nancy F/Michelle KJ 1 – 4 at the VFW. We played 29 games with 1 blackout. Over 130 people played! We had 43 winners/prizes. Income was \$1,027.73 Expenses \$438.04 Net profit \$589.69

Toys for Tots: Cat S – No Report (In Hawaii)

MHS Giving Tree: Michelle KJ - \$425 cash value was donated by our chapter/members in conjunction with the monies raised by the High School for our homeless teens. Thank you everyone!

Kody's Closet: Arlis - \$50 for Buckets of Sunshine and donations from Pam P. & Cat will be delivered at Winter State.

Isaac's Journey: Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Hope"

Card/Key Ring sales: are still open \$16 raised Luminary Bags: are still for sale \$5 each

USWT EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Domestic Violence Prevention: Jennifer LK

Event for Feb. 2014 – Committee: Jennifer/Kay/Pam P./Trina/Linda/Rose

Women's Wellness: Glorie Balfanz "High Octane"

Food Shelf Bags: Kimberly A. – Absent/would like to resign from this project. Michelle KJ volunteered to take over ☺

Game Night: Barb B – 1/10/14 @ 6:54 at Debby's home. Couples welcome!

Dues Scholarship Committee: Pam P./Pam B./Kay/Illeana/Lauren/Jennifer LK - working on the application and interview form.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Annette Schaufler "A Cup of Eternal Friendship"

Living & Learning: Lana G. "Coffee Break with Friends" ~

The View: Pam P. – 1/30/14, we will discuss To Kill a Mockingbird. 2/7/14, we will watch the 7 pm play @ St. Cloud Paramount. Cost \$18.

Web Jargon 101: 12/3, attended by Cat/Pam P. - These are very informative and I learned a lot. . Google Apps: 1/7/14 6pm

Family Day: Glorie G./Mercedes T. – Feb. or Mar in conjunction with the County Parks

Funshine: Sarah Sundine "So Many Blends, So Little Time"

January Birthday: Dawn H - 13 Tammy T. – 28

Newsletter: Sarah Sundine "Espress O'self" - Articles due by 1/10/14. This month's winner is Pam B. for answering Sarah's question.

PALS: St. Michael PALS Chapter invites us to join them at their Women's Wellness Weekend 1/31 – 2/2 up north. Cost is \$130. Call Lisabet @ 763-221-5356 for details.

Records & Recognition: Sarah Sundine "Stayin Grounded"

Project Reports: drawing winner - Debby

Public Relations: Arlis Thielke "Espresso Release"

Website: Cat – updated.

You tube video: Arlis/Trina/Pam P. - ? if still promoting 3rd trimester.

Ways & Means: Debby Manthei "Our Cup Runneth Over"

Monthly Fundraiser: Lucky Buck winner Michelle KJ (raised \$35)

January Lucky Buck-Dawn will hostess, February is Kimberly.

Coins for a Cause: Mercedes –so much \$, the bucket broke! Depositing soon.

Craft Show Concessions: 3/8/14 Linda/Lana/Debby

CLOSING

Helping Hands: Kay S, Arlis T, Michelle KJ ~ no report

Good & Welfare: Shared by members.

Thank you to our Hostesses: Lana G/Nancy F/Jennifer LK **Greeter**: Glorie B

February Hostesses: Kay/Lauren/Glorie Greeter: Lana

Benediction: Sarah S

US Women of Today Creed: Jennifer

Adjourn at 9:15

Kay Schroden



~ Illeana, Debby, Linda, Michelle, Lauren, Mercedes, Glorie & Pam P: Thank you so much for volunteering to be on the board next year. You made the nominating chair position so easy! Sarah S

~ Illeana, Mercedes & Linda: Thank you for coming to the January board meeting, it is always fun to see new faces join us. Sarah

~ **Kimberly**: It was nice that you joined us for Game Night! It was a fun night. Pam P

~ **Cathy M**: It was great to run into you at Caribou last night!! You are looking good, as usual. I hope you and Mike enjoyed your evening to yourselves. Still need to do that coffee and catch up, though!! Pam P

~ **Barb B**: I hope you having an awesome time on the East Coast!! Eat your fill of lobster while you are there! Pam P

~ **Pam B**: Hey it was good to see you at Home Depot the other night. It's always fun to chat with you! It's too bad you missed Caribou (darn cars!) Pam P

~ **Linda**: Thank you so much for taking on both the Craft show and concessions!! You are awesome!! Pam P

~ **Nancy & Lauren**: One way or another, we are going to figure out cheaper tickets for 'Mockingbird'. It's fun working with both of you!! Pam P

~ **Lana & Brenda**: I'm excited to really get started on putting the Etiquette P&P Course together. I think we could have a lot of fun with this!! Pam P

~ **Rose**: Looking forward to your Photo Presentation!!! Pam P

~ **Dawn**: Missed you at Game Night. ☹ Pam P

~ **Trista**: So glad you decided to renew! It was good to see you at the January Mtg. Good luck with 2nd semester. Pam P

~ **Debby**: Great job hosting Game Night! BUNCO was a lot of fun. Pam P

~ **Ille**: Thank you for doing a lot of the Scholarship 'paperwork'. That is so time consuming. You are a lifesaver! Pam P

~ **Laurel & Suzie**: I haven't seen you in ages. ☹ I know life is busy, but I still miss chatting with you. Hope to see you soon! Pam P

~ **Rylee**: It was great having you home over the Holidays and at the January Mtg!! I hope your J-Term class went well (thinking of you as you are taking the final today!) →mom

~ **Annette**: It was a good thing you came back to Caribou again ... where you surprised to see that we were still there that late? Pam P

~ **Kay**: Thanks for the tea bag pouch! It is so cute. Love it! Pam P

~ **Cat**: Glad you had such a good time in Hawaii! Sounds like an amazing trip. Can't wait to see some pictures. Pam P

~ **Sara W:** It was nice running into you at Caribou. I hope you enjoyed your coffee! Pam P

~ **Nancy, Annette, Pam B. & anyone who helped w/Home for the Holidays:** thank you for helping Monticello celebrate & for putting up w/the cold! Lana

~ **Michelle KJ & Trista & Kayla:** thank you for putting up the nursing home's Christmas tree. I see it a couple times week when I visit my friend. The tree is beautiful & so are the residents. :).

~ Thank you, **Sarah**, for putting out a beautiful newsletter, consistently. Lana

~ **Pam:** mega thanks, Madam President, for an awesome job you're doing this year! Lana

~ **Jennifer:** when the snow flies-call Mark & he'll be right there. He hasn't changed his number. :). Lana

~ **Michelle & Tammy:** Beautiful Christmas party @Michelle's home. Thank you! We missed Trista. :(Lana

~ **Melanie:** nice to see you @ Cookie Exchange. Hope to see you soon again.

~ **Debby, Arlis & Cat:** thank you for hosting the Cookie Exchange. Very fun. Lana

~ **Trista:** nice of you to join in w/us Women of Today gals. Thinking of your Aunt Deb. Lana

~ **Nancy:** thinking of you & family as you mourn the loss of loved ones in the past year & December marking 1 year since your mother's passing. Lana

~ **Cat:** thinking of you in the loss, a few months ago, of Ed's mother. Lana

~ **Barb B:** thank you for hosting Game Night-had a good time in Nov. Lana

~ **To all the ladies of MWT:** wishing you all a blessed New Year! Lana

~ **To all the beautiful ladies of the Monticello Women of Today:** for making me feel so welcome! Thank you! Trina

~ **Rylee:** It was nice to see you at the January meeting. Hope the remainder of your school year is great! Michelle

~ **Trista:** Thanks for attending the January meeting with me and being my good luck charm for the lucky buck auction!! Love, Mom

~ **Pam:** Thank you for all you do as our president this year! I know it is a lot of work and you are appreciated in every way. Michelle

~ **Arlis:** Thanks for leading the way with Christmas Bingo. My kids and I enjoyed the day! Michelle

~ To all of my Women of Today friends: Thank you for this past year as I reunited with the organization and for welcoming Trista into our "family". I have enjoyed reconnecting with seasoned members and am glad to have developed new friendships with many of you. Feeling grateful, Michelle

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