

Hot Off the grill

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President Dawn... “Licensed to Grill”

Hello to all of my sweet and smoky friends!

July is a very busy month! Fourth of July, followed by lots of fun Riverfest activities, and a vacation for me! It has been WAY too long since Mike and I have been away together just the 2 of us! I have been counting down the days, as I type this we are less than a week away! YAY!!!

But FIRST, we must enjoy all that Monticello’s Riverfest has to offer, and what we offer to Riverfest. I just love seeing everyone enjoying themselves at all of the events. This year our chapter was offered a chair in the pie eating contest, uh...how amazing is that? I hope they keep us on from here on out, what a great PR opportunity for us! Thank you to all of the members who are volunteering for the various events and activities. Duck adoptions, Downtown Block Party, Street Dance Concessions, Royalty events, parade, parade ambassadors, and all of the other extras that we do this time of year. We are an awesome group of ladies!

Where There’s Smoke, There’s Fire!

Dawn



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Smoke There’s Fire”**

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The Foley Dissolution / Last Supper was attended by Illeana Miller, Pam Peterson, Annette Schauler and Sarah Sundine at The Other Bar in Foley. It was sad to see them close as a chapter but we hope to see them around soon.

The Fall District Meeting will be held at the Landmark Center on Friday August 14th in Staples/Motley. Additional information will be passed on once we receive it.

Fall State Convention is going to be at Cragun's in Brainerd this fall. One difference is we have to put down a non-

refundable deposit for the hotel rooms. That being said by August 21st we will need to know everyone that is planning on attending so we know how many rooms need to be reserved. If you back out after that date you may still be responsible for part of the hotel since we can't cancel them.

The weekend is September 18-20th and there will be more information to come.

State Committee Meeting Membership Management, Future Directions & Marketing will be held in Mon-

ticello on Saturday July 25th. Additional information will be passed on once we receive it.

District Board Meeting will be held on Friday July 17th at Chatters in Monticello. The board meeting will be at 6:00 pm and the Bylaw Review will be at 7:30 pm.

District Orientation

District Orientation was held on Thursday June 25 in Sartell. Those attending were: Lauren, Dawn, Illeana, Pam P, Annette, Cathy S, Sarah S, Arlis and Sara W. The district board was installed and then they did round table orientations.



National Convention

U.S. National Convention was attended by Cathy Shuman, Sarah Sundine and Dawn Hendricks in Fargo June 12th - 14th. The U.S. President was elected for 2015-2016 and the winner was Joyce Harpster from Nebraska. Below are the awards received. Health & Wellness Certificates: Illeana Miller, Cat Shu-

man, Lauren Henderson, Michelle Kocak Jones, Sharon Scholl, Sarah Sundine, Pam Peterson, Rylee Peterson & Mercedes Turner
Personal Development: Trista Kleinsteuber, Lauren Henderson, Illeana Miller and Cathy Shuman
STEP IV - Cathy Shuman
First Timers: Dawn Hendricks

& Sarah Sundine
Year End Growth +2 - Monticello
Growth + 2 Tri 3 - Monticello
All American Chapter - Monticello
U.S. Presidential Pin - Cathy Shuman
2014-2015 Outstanding Local Officer - Lauren Henderson



Meeting Minutes & Reporting: by Lauren H.

Motion Slips, Report Forms, Sign-Up Sheets, other forms and supplies are available at meetings in a white notebook for all members to use. Please feel free to use them as needed. All motions slips should be provided to President Dawn before the meeting. Project report forms identify what information is needed in reports. Please keep reports short and concise at meetings and submit an interesting and detailed report to the newsletter.

Thank you, Grill Friends, for getting emailed and written reports to me before the meeting this month! I received 13 emails with reports which is awesome! Members who provide their written report before the meeting receive an incentive. In July Sarah S, Pam B, Mercedes T, Michelle KJ, Trista K, Nancy F, Dawn H, Cat S, Arlis T, Pam P, Ille M, Linda B, and Glorie B received sparklers to celebrate the 4th of July and the brightness their reports bring to our meetings. Keep those awesome reports coming, ladies!

Challenge for the August Meeting: Any members who send me an email or text before 5pm on August 6 stating where in the Policies of Monticello Women of Today information can be found regarding (1) when name badges must be worn, and (2) the action the Secretary may take when name badges are not worn at general meetings, will be entered in a drawing for a prize. Email your response to hensquad@live.com or text Lauren at 763-226-8871. Please remember to wear your name badge to all general meetings. If you forget, you may be asked to deposit \$.25 in a BBQ sauce jar! That's not a bad thing though, we will put any quarters collected to good use!

Walk-n-Roll

On Saturday June 13th the Monticello Women of Today had a booth at Walk-N-Roll. Our booth was manned by Sara Wiitala, Debby Manthei and Linda Buchmann. The weather was beautiful and that made for a great turn out! We offered the kids that came by our booth a chance to play the bean bag toss game and almost all took of up on it! A piece of candy was given to kids who played the game. We also had brochures on hand to give to women who were interested in learning more about us. It was a great community event and the Women of Today was a part of it!



Craft Show Orientation-Cat S.

Thanks to the members that attended the orientation on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 pm at my house. Annette, Sara W, Sharon, Pam P, and Linda shared information and learned about running the craft show booths. A great suggestion came out of our discussion and we will be putting together a How-to Manual on the craft show Operations.





The View Book Club

The next book for The View is “**Benny & Shrimp**,” a story about a couple that meet when they share a bench in a cemetery. It’s a short 209 pages and looks to be an interesting and quick read.

The View Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 12th** at my house at **7 p.m.**

Bring your book along as the kit is due back the morning of **August 13th.**

Riverfest Duck Adoptions

Thanks to those that took shifts for Duck Adoptions for Riverfest. Our chapter put in a total of 27 hours with the help of Cat, Linda, Kay, Mercedes, Arlis, and Lana.



Project Packets

Project Packets: If you are looking for a project folder for a project that you are chairing, please contact me and I can check the R&R crate to see what we have. I also have final report forms to write up your project when it is finished.

Riverfest Pie Eating Contest

Ok so our awesome President Dawn Hendricks participated in a pie eating contest for Riverfest. It was held on July 9th at around 6-6:30 PM at Pioneer Park, Monticello MN. Several of our Chapter members showed up to cheer Dawn on. She did a wonderful job! It was a great day to be out and about!



Breaking Free-Putting out the Fire

SPM Brenda Kennelly will be doing two projects at Fall State. **WARM**

STARTS: Please start collecting donations of all new/lightly used winter clothing items: Hats, mittens, shoes, boots, wool socks, socks, winter coats, sweat shirts, blankets, etc. Look for a trailer to be in the parking lot at Cra-gun's as you report to the Fall State Convention. She will take all donations Friday evening and Saturday morning. These donations will be going to a garage to be sorted and hung so we can

deliver them to the women and their families throughout October and November when it starts to get cold outside. If you would like to donate please bring items to the August and September meetings and I will get them to Fall State.

Remember I will also need a value of the items to do a transmittal. The other project **PACKING UP** Hygiene Products for the Women. Breaking Free has groups that hit the streets and talk with

women about Breaking Free from this life. During these outreaches they offer the Women a packet of hygiene products so they can either clean up in a rest room or take back to their room with them. These packets mean the world to these women. The SPM will have the products at Fall State and a room will be assigned to help pack the products up. If you are planning on going to Fall State please consider helping out with this project.

The View Final Report

The View Final Report-On June 10th The View was held at Dawn's house. We discussed the book, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas." Those in attendance were, Nancy, Mercedes, Cat, her sister Jane, Debby, Linda, Barb B., Pam P. Sarah S., Kay, and Dawn. My house was bursting with amazing ladies! The couch was sure snuggly. 😊 We talked about the book, and there was snacks and lemonade served.



Geocaching Social

On June 27th, seven members headed to The Quarry Park in Waite Park; Lauren, Lana, Pam P., Rylee, Trina, Nancy, and Dawn. When we arrived, a few set up their phones with the Geocaching app. There was a crash course in what we were doing (maybe too crashy?) It was a busy day at the Quarry, the weather brought out the swimmers, cliff divers, and path walkers. But WE were there on a secret mission! We were there to locate hidden gems among the beautiful scenery, to find the hidden little openings among the canopy of trees; we were there for treasure hunting. And treasures we found! We started our adventure with a find where the paths split. This was a fun find that I thought was gone. They moved the sign (HINT!) that the cache lives in and I was bummed thinking it was gone, but alas it was just relocated! YEAH! Then we continued on our way along a path, taking slight detours from the main "road" and finding some fun, hidden caches. Chatting, laughing, and quite a few photos were taken, of us and of the beauty that nature holds. We stopped and had lunch, then Trina, Lana, and Nancy headed home. The rest of us Lauren, Pam P.

Rylee and Dawn, weren't quite done yet. First we made sure that an elderly gentleman found his wife! Good deed...CHECK! Then we took the path that led us the opposite direction. Our first find was a scary one, right Lauren? Rylee was brave, (or she was voted...we will never tell!) she handled it for us! 😊 We found 2 more then headed back to the car. We made one more stop on the way out of the park for one last find. We met "Pete" at this cache! He was such a sweet, laid-back kind of guy! We said goodbye to Pete and then headed home. I think a good time was had by all. I know I was excited to add a few to my list of "Finds". But more so I enjoyed being with friends and teaching them something new. Thank you for spending the day with me ladies! If there is enough interest, I would do this again, either as a MWT event, or otherwise. My goal is to get to 200 finds before the summer is done, I am currently at 150, let me know if you want to go out sometime. Dawn



Flaming Treasurer Report

Checking Account Balance as of 07/02/2015 is \$921.19

Savings Account Balance as of 07/02/2015 is \$2134.13

Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website to copy also. On website, go to member info, then to forms for members. Dues may be paid in installments with the full payment due by the member's anniversary date. The treasurer is not able to

reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2015-2016 budget.

Anyone turning in a check requisition forms please turn it into the chairman of the project before turning it into the treasurer.

Please have all forms filled out completely. Financial Audit was done but the committee had additional questions so it will be completed July 6, 2015. The Budget Report for May 2015

was printed incorrectly. I hope to have it fixed and will put out an email that it is fixed and anyone that would like a copy I will email it to them. Minnesota Women of Today Treasurer Shirley Halgrimson prepared information about transmittals. It is meant to be shared with everyone so we can all understand what they are. We are still in the process of getting all of the board members that can sign checks set up with the bank.

Coins For Cause/Wellness Walk

Wellness Walk

We've had some new participants join us lately. Great to have you along Dawn, Lauren, Mercedes, Trina. The Wellness Walk is being promoted to prospective members now too. Hopefully some of them will show up on the last Monday of each month, and get to know us in a casual setting. Thanks for the great idea Mer-

cedes & Trina.

Coins for Cause

The coins deposited on 6/29 totaled **\$58.14**. This is more than last month. I'd like to update the display to draw more attention to it, possibly adding something colorful on top or a large neon list of the sponsors, etc. I'm open to ideas.

We have advertising contracts from 5 businesses for a total of \$675. This is down from last year's \$975. I hope to do a second mailing to other businesses and generate more ad income. If anyone would like to volunteer to make calls or visits to any businesses, please let me

Parade Float

Sara W., Ille, Debby and Dawn will meet on, July 6th to get started and hopefully finish up most of the prep work for the float.

The weather looks to be typical parade weather; hot, hot, HOT! Well we can look at it this way, the parade is going along with this year's theme too! Watch the Riverfest parade on Sunday, July 12th to see the fun float we have put together! (Pictured left... Illeana and the soon to be smoked pig-don't worry its not real)



Flyers Concession Stand

On Saturday, July 11, we held our first Flyer's Concession stand at the RC Grassfield in Brooklyn Park. Those volunteering were Pam P, Barb B, Annette S, Caitlyn B, Cassie Carlson and Pam B. We left Monticello about 9:30am and wouldn't you know it – we ended up in a traffic mess on Hwy 94. So with Pam P's expert backroad skills, we exited at Albertville and scooted around the traffic. We finally made it to our destination at about 10:20. We quickly got set up and got busy. With tongs in hand, Annette cooked up some yummy burgers and dogs, keeping Barb busy at the register. The rest of us bundled the meals, handed out beverages and kept the tables stocked. And we managed to squeeze in a little old fashioned socializing – no texting! We cleaned up and were ready to head out at 2pm. We had a great time watching the guys fly and witnessed some sad endings. The wind was to blame we were told. We ended up pulling in \$158.75 and \$11 in tips. Minus the purchases of \$63.37, we made \$95.38. Thank you to all the volunteers!



Monticello Royalty Program

The Monticello Royalty Program would like to thank the Monticello Women of Today for their many years of sponsoring our Miss Congeniality Award, which is announced during coronation on Riverfest Sunday! The definition of this prestigious award is that it "reflects the respect and admiration of your peers, who vote for the most congenial, charismatic and inspirational participant." We are excited to say that our 2015-16 Miss Congeniality is Madyson Turner (daughter of Mercedes and Tom Turner)! We are proud to announce our 2015-16 Monticello Royalty! 2015-16 Miss Monticello and Miss Congeniality Madyson Turner, 2015-16 Monticello Princess Jade Ye, 2015-16 Monticello Princess Mackenzie Stein. The connection between the Monticello Women of Today and the Monticello Royalty Program has become a strong one over the years!! Having the presence of volunteer "mentors" involved with different aspects of the Monticello Royalty Program opens the eyes of these young ladies to what they can do for and in their hometown community! The important "seed of volunteering" is planted and we hope it will flourish with each young lady as they continue with their future plans beyond the Monticello Royalty Candidate Experience!!



On Wednesday, May 20th, representatives of the Monticello Women of Today spoke to the Monticello Royalty and Candidates on the Importance of Volunteerism. President Dawn Hendricks and members Glorie Balfanz, Linda Buchmann, Sarah Sundine and Lauren Henderson shared the history of Monticello Women of Today, their experiences volunteering at different events and the "perks" of personal growth and friendships gathered along the way! On Tuesday evening, July 7th, Women of Today members, Kay Schroden, Illeana Miller and Barb Berndtson were hostesses at the Monticello Royalty Program's Red Carpet Gala and Judging Reception held at River City Extreme's Monti Ballroom.

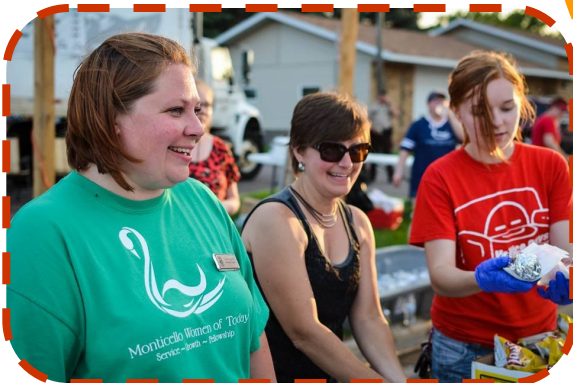
Thank you all for your continued support of the Monticello Royalty Program and for all you do in and for the Community of Monticello!!

Riverfest Dance Concessions



Our chapter ran the concession stand at the Riverfest Dance on Saturday, July 11th. The Fabulous Armadillos played as we kept the crowd fed. We grilled River dogs (beef hot dogs), packaged them, and sold them along with nachos and cheese, chips, cookies, candy, water and pop. We brought in a total of almost \$3,000. In order to pull this off, we had a lot of help from chapter members, family members, and friends. We had a great time and the weather was really good (only one tiny shower).

Thanks to those that gave their time and talents to another successful fundraiser: Mercedes & Tom; Dawn, Mike & Lyndsey; Maribel & Mike; Sharon; Cassie Carlson; Pam B & Andrea (it was fabulous having you around again); Debby; Lauren; Nancy & Mike; Lana & Mark; Annette; Arlis; Cindy Michaelis (looking forward to having you as a member); Pam P & Mark; Ille & Robb; Cat & Ed.



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, July 2, 2015, at CUMC

Members present: Glorie B, Barb B, Karla B, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Rose G, Lauren H, Dawn H, Ille M, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Arlis T, Mercedes T

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. by President Dawn Hendricks

Invocation: Dawn H **Pledge:** Lauren H **MNWT Creed:** Nancy F

Guest(s): USWT MVP Cindy Umland, Mary Hansen, St. Cloud WT, Torrey Brown, Jessica Stolz

Orders of the Day/Quorum: Ille M - 15 out of 40 members/Quorum established.

Icebreaker: Which describes you best: An old fashioned, reliable charcoal grill; a modern, efficient gas grill; or a relaxing, carefree campfire?

On Time Drawing: Glorie B

Pass Service Hours Book

GUEST SPEAKER: Cindy Umland, USWT MVP presented a Membership Orientation and issued challenges; we need to find a purple cowboy hat for her.

SECRETARY: Lauren Henderson "Saucy Grill Friends"

Motion slips/report forms: are available in a white binder, along with paper, pens and supplies. Reminders about motions and reports given. Minutes Approval: June minutes were approved.

Thank You notes: Jim Johnson, Superintendent Monticello Public Schools, for our donation to the Back Pack Program; Michelle Hertwig, Rotary Club of Monticello, for our support of the natural playground at Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Board Motion 6/17: M/S/P (Lauren H/Ille M) I move that Monticello Women of Today support Cathy Shuman if she decides to take the USWT Secretary position.

TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz "Spicy Hot"

Checking balance: \$921.19 Savings balance: \$2,134.13 Reminders: given for dues installment option, check requisitions/receipts, reimbursements and transmittals. Financial Audit/Dawn – 6/24 at Dawn's house; attended by Nancy F, Pam P, and Dawn H; there were additional questions and the committee will meet with Glorie B on 7/6; final report will be given in August. The Budget Report for May was printed incorrectly; corrections will be made and emailed. MNWT Treasurer prepared information on transmittals to share with all members. Still getting board members set up with the bank to sign checks.

PAST PRESIDENT: Ille Miller "Follow the Smoke"

Bylaw Review (FR): 6/18, 6:30 at Caribou; Attended by Ille M, Dawn H, Lauren H, Glorie B; proposed changes to Bylaws and Policies, highlighted in yellow, were emailed to members; we will be voting on changes at the August meeting; contact Ille M with concerns.

PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Where There's Smoke There's Fire"

Member of the Month: will be given at August meeting Board Member of the Month: Lauren H

Next meeting: 8/6, 6:30 Social/7:00 meeting at CUMC. Board meeting: 7/23 6:30 pm at Sarah S's

STATE DELEGATE: Sarah Sundine "Savor the Flavor"

District Orientation (FR): 6/25 in Sartell. Attended by Lauren H, Dawn H, Illeana M, Pam P, Annette S, Cathy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, and Sara W. The District Board was installed followed by round table orientations. Fall District Meeting 8/14 at Landmark Center in Staples/Motley.

USWT National Convention (FR): 6/12-14 in Fargo, ND. Attended by Cathy S, Sarah S, and Dawn H. 2015-2016 USWT President Joyce Harpster was elected. Awards: Health & Wellness Certificates - Illeana M, Cathy S, Lauren H, Michelle KJ, Sharon S, Sarah S, Pam P, Rylee P and Mercedes T; Personal Development - Trista K, Lauren H, Illeana M, and Cathy S; STEP IV - Cathy S; First Timers - Dawn H and Sarah S; Monticello received Year End Growth +2, Growth +2 3rd trimester, and All American Chapter; US Presidential Pin – Cathy S; 2014-2015 Outstanding Local Officer – Lauren H.

Fall State Convention: 9/18-20 at Craguns in Brainerd; RSVP deadline 8/21 for room reservations with non-refundable deposit. Foley Dissolution/Last Supper (FR) was attended by Illeana M, Pam P, Annette S, and Sarah S at The Other Bar in Foley. District Board Meeting 7/17 6pm at Chatters in Monticello, followed by Bylaw Review at 7:30. State Committee Meetings 7/25 in Monticello.

District Shirts – Ille M/Sara W are taking orders ONTO Shirts – Sarah S is taking orders

MEMBERSHIP: Mercedes Turner, Trina Hedquist “There’s Always Time for S’more Fun”

Early Bird: due 7/15 Social Geocaching (FR)/Dawn - 6/27 at the Quarry in Waite Park; 7 caches found; attended by Lauren H, Lana G, Pam P, Rylee P, Trina H, Nancy F, and Dawn H.

Caribou 6/20 (FR)/Mercedes T – Attended by Mercedes, Tom and Zackary T, Dawn and Mike H, Debby M, Cathy S, Trina H, Lauren H, Rose G, and Sarah S. Next Caribou is 7/18. Game Night Social/Mercedes T- 7/18, 3-6pm, Back-yard Games and Fun at Mercedes’ house; pool will be open; families included.

St. Croix Boat Cruise: 8/8 no report Mystery Tour/Barb B – sign up and pay \$40 deposit at July meeting Membership Wellness Walk (FR) 6/29 – Mercedes, Trina and Nancy met at Pioneer Park to greet perspective members and walk with the Monticello Walking Group. Membership Wellness Walks will be held the 4th Monday of each month.

1st TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Melanie Aucapina, Barb Berndtson, Pam Broekemeier, Linda Buchmann, Maribel Cruz-Longley, Lauren Henderson, Kelsey Holker, Bonita Klein, Kay Schroden, Sara Wiitala

Invitation to Join: Torrey Brown was installed

NEW BUSINESS: Fall Craft Show Booths – Sharon S and Annette S; Women of Today Week 9/20-26 Pam P, chair, plan to make car flags; WT Week Proclamation – talk to Mayor/new city clerk; Make a Difference Day 10/24 – Barb B, chair; Out and About Night 7/9 - Dawn; Friendship Day 8/3 – Mercedes T/Trina H; Webinar 7/7 – 6-7pm at Cat S’s house.

MOTIONS: M/S/P (Lauren H/Kay S) I move that Monticello Women of Today support Sarah Sundine if she decides to take an SPM (State Program Manager) position.

M/S/P (Illeana M/Kay S) I move that Monticello Women of Today participate in Party For A Purpose on 9/26 by volunteering at the race and after party.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Michelle Kocak-Jones “Smokin’ Hot and Sassy”

LPM Fast Starts due 8/1 1st Trimester Reports due 8/22.

Community Connections: Trista Kleinstuber “Chillin’ & Grillin’”

Domestic Violence Awareness/Kay S –no report Riverfest Dance Concessions/Cat S - 7/11, 10-12 people needed for set up and 2 shifts, including members, family, friends; grill and package hot dogs to sell with snacks and pop; chips and cheese will be served this year as suggested by Michelle KJ.

Riverfest Pie Eating Competition 7/9 at 6 or 6:30; Dawn H will compete; wear your chapter shirt as this is our Out and About event; bringing a friend qualifies us for the 2020 by 2020 “Investing in Membership” week activity. Walk N Roll (FR) On 6/13 our booth was manned by Sara W, Debby M, and Linda B; offered bean bag toss game for kids and gave brochures to women interested in our organization.

Adopt-A-Highway/Kay S – waiting for City to mow ditches, then will schedule date

Riverfest Ambassadors/Trina H, Mercy T – 7/12 passing out water Riverfest Duck Adoptions/Cat S – We earn hours toward a donation to our chapter by working shifts for duck adoptions; 2 hour shifts available; sign-up sheet passed around.

Women’s Wellness: Sara Wiitala “Feel the Burn”

Wellness Walk/Nancy – New walkers Dawn, Lauren, Mercedes, and Trina joined Nancy and Glorie. The last Monday of each month the wellness walk will be promoted to prospective members.

Food Shelf Bags/Trista K – no report Insane Inflatables (FR)/Pam P – 5k Course and Obstacles at Powder Ridge in Kimble, MN on 6/6, 1pm. Team consisted of Rylee P, Sarah S, Glorie B, Dawn and Zoe H, Pam and Jacob P. Mike H was our photographer; Erik S picked up registration packets on Friday.

Self Defense Course/Glorie B – 8/20, 5:30 pm at Glorie's house, instructor Brent Balfanz, bring water and dress comfortably, daughters welcome.

Youth of Today: Melanie Aucapina “The Lemonade Stand”

Red Carpet Gala/Kay S/Linda B/Ille M – 7/7, 6pm, River City Extreme Kid's Week/Trina H – 8/16-22 no report All Night Grad Party (FR)/Trina H – 6/5, 8pm to 11pm – no report; report in August.

Breaking Free: Arlis Thielke “Putting out the Fire”

Warm Starts – collecting donations of new/lightly used winter clothing at Fall State Convention

Packing Up Hygiene Products – SPM will have products to be packed up at Fall State Convention

Card Sales/Debby M – no report

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Linda Buchmann “On Top of Old Smokey”

Living & Learning: Pam Peterson “It Only Takes a Spark”

The View (FR)/Dawn – 6/10, 6:30pm, at Dawn's house; Nancy F, Mercedes T, Cat S and her sister Jane, Debby M, Linda B, Barb B, Pam P, Sarah S, Kay S and Dawn H discussed *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*.

The View/Cat S - 8/12, 7pm at Cat's porch, *Benny & Shrimp* PEP Course: Herbs, Health, and You - Pam B/Pam P – 7/21 6:45-9pm at Best Western; instruction on use of herbs in your kitchen cabinet; sign-up sheet passed around; RSVP by 7/18

Funshine: Debby Manthei “Come on Lady, Light Your Fire”

Birthdays: none in July 1st Trimester Birthday Breakfast 8/1, 9am, Cornerstone Cafe

PALS (Eden Prairie) – no report

Newsletter: Sara Wiitala “Hot Off The Grill”

Deadline: submit to Sara W by 7/10

Records & Recognition: Cat Shuman “Heat It Up”

Craft Show Orientation (FR)/Cat S 6/23, 7pm at Cat S's house; attended by Annette S, Sara W, Sharon S, Pam P, and Linda B; shared information and learned about running the craft show booths; How-To manual will be prepared. Shed Cleanup/Pam P, Barb B, Kay S – no report

Project Packets/Cat S – Project Packets are being updated; now kept in portable crate. See Cat to get the folder for a project you are chairing.

Public Relations: Ille Miller “Burnt Offerings”

Website/Cat S – Recently updated and includes board members' themes; considering improvements; need to add a group photo. Founders Day/Mercy T – 7/2 Trivia game winners: Dawn H, Rose G

Parade Float/Dawn – Sara W, Ille M, Debby M and Dawn H will meet 7/6 to decorate the float; parade is on 7/12.

Marketing Approval/Ille M will be ordering new business cards, membership brochures and a new pop-up banner from Majirs! with swan for brand logo. Discussion of Cat S putting document for media request form on website. Bench/Sarah S, Pam P, Dawn H – getting materials to re-do the bench.

Day at the Diamond/Ille – 8/20; if you do not have a check for payment Ille will send information to you via email.

Chapter Shirts – Ille will take orders for hoodies, t-shirts and tank tops with swan logo next month; checking other vendors for pricing.

Ways & Means: Annette Schaufler “Up In Smoke”

Coins for a Cause/Nancy – deposited \$58.14 on 6/29. Planning to update the display to draw more attention. Advertising contracts with 5 businesses totaling \$675 is down from \$975 last year. Planning a 2nd mailing. Committee will be organized to improve display; combine with new marketing by Ille.

Flyers Concessions/Pam B – 7/11, 9:30-2:30, Carpool from Resurrection Lutheran at 9:30 to Grassfield RC Club in Brooklyn Park; attending: Barb B, Cassie Carlson, Pam and Caitlyn B.

Fundraiser Catalogs/Annette – Yankee Candle and Cherry Dale. Waiting for new catalogs.

Lucky Buck/Arlis - Winner: Dawn H. \$40 raised.

Helping Hands: Cat Shuman, Glorie Balfanz, Pam Peterson – Send cards to Barb M and Danielle E
Good & Welfare

Thank you Hosts: Barb B, Mercedes T, Nancy F **Thank you Greeter:** Lana

August Hosts: Trina H, Michelle KJ, Trista K

Benediction: Kay S

USWT Creed: Illeana M

Adjourn at 9:29pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Henderson, Secretary



Smoke Signals

- Dawn - great job planning and executing the float-Debby M
- Cat and Illeana - great job organizing the Riverfest food stand, always a great pay back– Debby M
- Team WT - great job volunteering at Riverfest. I know we make a huge difference in the Monticello community– Debby M
- Mercedes - congrats on being the mom of Miss Monticello –Debby M
- Dawn great job as Prez you are a hot plate of awesome-Mercedes
- Ille nice presentation at the last meeting for PR-Mercedes
- Torrey welcome to the chapter. Can't wait to get to know you better-Mercedes
- Barb thanks for being Torrey's big sis-Mercedes
- Trina great fun at the parade handing out water -Mercedes
- Cat/ille Riverfest concessions was a smooth operation lots of fun and hard work but well worth it -Mercedes
- Annette thanks for all of your hugs and support during royalty week -Mercedes
- Everyone thank you for all the kind words and support during cori stil. And Riverfest. -Mercedes
- Glorie - You have done a fabulous job as Treasurer and I especially like the suggestions you made about mentoring for that position. - Lauren
- Dawn - You are running meetings and handling motions like a pro! So proud of you! - Lauren
- Rylee - It was great to see you! Enjoy your fun summer job up North! - Lauren
- Dawn and all the geocachers - Dawn, thanks for planning a great outing; and everyone who attended, thanks for making it so much fun! - Lauren
- Cat - Congratulations on receiving your USWT Pin! You deserve it! - Lauren
- Ille - Nice job keeping the district orientation interesting and on schedule! - Lauren
- Cat - Thanks for hosting the Webinar! I'm glad I attended, learned something, and that we can work on sharing some of the info with the chapter. - Lauren
- Barb B - I love seeing you when I pop into Goodwill for some bargain hunting! I hope your back is feeling better. - Lauren
- Bonita - It was wonderful to visit with you at church and I appreciated hearing your perspective on our new pastor. It gave me more to think about - thank you for that! - Lauren
- To the 13 Grill Friends who provided emailed and written reports before the July meeting: Sara S, Pam B, Mercy T, Michelle KJ, Trista K, Nancy F, Dawn H, Cat S, Arlis, T, Pam P, Ille M, Linda B, and Glorie B - Thank you very, very much!!! Keep up the great reporting!!! - Lauren
- Sara – Super great job on the newsletter – I love reading them!! (Cat)
- Torrey & Lori – welcome to our Women of Today chapter. Looking forward to getting to know you better. (Cat)
- Barb B – Thanks so much for planning the Mystery Tour with me each year. Do you think we should look for a place with indoor plumbing? (Cat)
- Ille – Had such a good time chairing the Riverfest Dance Concessions with you. Grillin' the dawgs was great! (Cat)
- Karma – Miss seeing you – hope all is going well! (Cat)
- Mady T – Congratulations on receiving the honor of Miss Monticello!!! And so proud that you were selected as Miss Congeniality. (Cat)
- Sandy – Hope you are feeling better and look forward to seeing you at one of our next meetings. (Cat)
- Cindy Michaelis – Thanks so much for coming to help with the Riverfest Dance Concessions. It was great having you there with our crew!! (Cat)
- Trina & Mercy – Great job on chairing the Parade Ambassadors – sure made a lot of people happy to get that water at the end of the parade route! (Cat)
- Mercedes: Thank you so much for giving my report for me. –Sarah S.
- Dawn: Thank you for driving to the District Orientation. –Sarah S.
- Lauren: Congratulations on your Outstanding Officer Award, that is awesome!!! –Sarah S.
- Pam P, Barb B, Annette S and Caitlyn B - thank you gals for volunteering at the Flyer's Concession - it was awesome to hang out with you all! -Pam B
- Sara W - you are the best and so patient with my lateness! You know what I'm talking about. -Pam B
- Lauren H - Thanks for sending out the chapter events. That is so helpful and keeps me updated. -Pam B
- Dawn H - wonderful job on the float - you smoked it girl! -Pam B
- Barb B - It was nice chatting the other night and getting to see the cows! Brought back a lot of memories from my childhood. -Pam B