

# Hot Off the grill

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## President Dawn... “Licensed to Grill”

Hello Ladies!

Our year is flying by and it seems to be a whirlwind. I sometimes have to stop and catch my breath, please tell me I am not the only one that feels that way! Thank goodness November has been quieter. It has given me a chance to regroup and hopefully some others have had a chance to do the same. We are heading into the season of holidays, this month Thanksgiving and next month (for our house) Christmas! Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for what we have. I am thankful to have such a large group of friends, I really do enjoy our time together, whether we are working on a project, road tripping to another chapter for a visitation, or just getting together and enjoying each other's company. In November we had the Fall Craft Show, and it was a HUGE success! Thank you to Annette and Sharon for all the work they put into planning and organizing it. You ladies are an awesome team! Member of the Month for November is Danielle Enberg, and the Board Member of the Month is Sarah Sundine. Thank you both for all that you are doing for our chapter!

Dawn



**“Where There’s  
Smoke There’s Fire”**

## A flame from our State Delegate



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## Winter State Convention

1/29-1/31 at the Double Tree Hotel in Minneapolis with a Gilligan's Island theme; hotel rooms need to be reserved by 1/8; cost \$80; we will have a drawing to give two members a \$10 credit and 1<sup>st</sup> timers get a \$10 credit; hotel rooms should be \$20 for the weekend

## Visitations

Brooklyn Park Visitation (FR) Attended by Dawn H, Cathy S, Sarah S on 10/13.

Champlin Visitation – 11/16, 7pm, carpool 6:15 Eastview.

District Meeting/Social 12/4 at Rice Lions Building; sign-up sheet passed around.





## Don't Lose Sight of What's Really Important in Life

Author Unknown

**The most destructive habit:** Worry.

**The greatest joy:** Giving.

**The greatest loss:** Loss of self-respect.

**The most satisfying work:** Helping others.

**The ugliest personality trait:** Selfishness.

**The most endangered species:** Dedicated leaders.

**The greatest natural resource:** Our youth.

**The greatest "shot in the arm":** Encouragement.

**The greatest problem to overcome:** Fear.

**The most effective sleeping pill:** Peace of mind.

**The most crippling disease:** Excuses.

**The most powerful force in life:** Love.

**The most incredible computer:** The brain.

**The worst thing to be without:** Hope.

**The deadliest weapon:** The tongue.

**The two most power-filled words:** I can.

**The greatest asset:** Faith.

**The most worthless emotion:** Self-pity.

**The most beautiful attire:** A smile.

**The most prized possession:** Integrity.

**The most contagious spirit:** Enthusiasm.

# Pizza Ranch Fundraiser-Breaking Free

Pizza Ranch Tip Nite for Breaking Free was held October 15, 2015 from 4:30 to 8:00PM. I want to thank Lana, Lauren, Dawn, Bonita, Debby, Annette, Cathy S and Sarah S for bussing tables. Also thank you to Kay for helping me with being a greeter. We earned \$245.00 from gross sales and \$87.67 from tips. For a gross donation of \$322.67 for Breaking Free. I also want to thank the members and their families that came and supported our Priority Project.



## Random Act of Kindness-Lana G.

Mowing the neighbor's lawn next door on a nice, sunny day w/a little wind, made picking up leaves a bit tricky. Our leaves tend to fall under & around their pine trees so I like to help w/fall clean-up. Last week I was across the street @ other neighbors raking up leaves. It's been a beautiful autumn!



## Random Act of Kindness— Sara R.

My Random Act of Kindness was....

I picked up a coffee mug and chocolates in San Francisco and gave it to one of my favorite Caribou employees.

The past few months have been tough for me and she has always started my day

off bright with great service and a smile. She had no idea who I was or what was going on with my life. But she always made sure to ask how I was doing.



## MNWT Webinar

The next First Tuesday webinar will be December 8th with a session from the "Investing in Membership" series which will be led by MN state staff members. The session begins at 6:30

PM at Cat Shuman's house. Please let me know if you plan to come. You should be at my house no later than 6:15 if you would like to attend.



## Random Act of Kindness: Rose G.

Date : Friday 6th

I ran up to Coburns in Big Lake as I had to return some items I overbought for a weekend bonfire and also to pick up a few groceries. It was one of the cold days where I didn't really want to go anywhere.

When I pulled into my parking spot I saw a young man who was working outside putting some items together from the back of a truck.

When I came back outside after finishing my shopping, the young man was still there and I saw the license plate was Texas so I assumed he must be cold.

I told him if he wanted to walk over to Caribou with me I would buy him a drink of his choice. He said he only wanted coffee but I convinced him to get something more flavorful as he had never heard of or been in a Caribou before. Being he didn't want to take advantage of my generosity, he said he wanted a small, but I convinced him a medium would be better so he stay warm longer. He ordered a Turtle Mocha.

He said nothing like this had ever happened to him before for kindness of strangers so he was quite stunned and he is from Arizona with his partner who is putting in new Lottery computers.

I would of done a selfie with him, but I didn't want him to think I was some crazy woman as he was pretty cute.

He did think I was mexican so that is probally while he followed a stranger, thinking we were of the same nationality, but as we conversed he had friends in the military stationed in Japan.

For some people this may remind them of a Black Sheep Mystery Tour story. but this is my Random Acts of Kindness Story and I'm sticking to it.



## Random Act of Kindness- Cathy S.

I'm taking a Caribou coffee to one of the Office Max employees that has been so helpful to me during the past 4 months

# Flaming Treasurer Report

**Checking Account Balance** as of 11-01-2015 is \$732.08

**Savings Account Balance** as of 11-01-2015 is \$3480.08

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.

## Wellness Walk

Six members participated in the walk during October for a total of 13.5 hours.



## Coins for Cause

Total coins deposited on 10/5 is \$59.81. We received 2 new contracts in October: Dr. Steve Exsted - \$175, Alive Lutheran Church - \$200

### Our Sponsors:

Schlenner Wenner & Co.  
State Farm Insurance - Dan Olson  
A + Taxi  
Linda Buchmann - Coldwell Banker Burnet  
U-Save Auto Rental  
Live Laugh & Bloom Floral  
AmericInn Motel  
Alive Lutheran Church  
Steven T. Exsted, OD

## **MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, November 5, 2015, at CUMC**

**Members present:** Melanie A, Barb B, Torrey B, Karla B, Pam B, Linda B, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Shelly G, Rose G, Trina H, Lauren H, Dawn H, Kayla K, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Jennifer LK, Debby M, Ille M, Pam P, Sara R, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sharon S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by President Dawn Hendricks

**Invocation:** Rosemary G      **Pledge:** Jennifer LK      **MNWT Creed:** Michelle KJ

**Guest(s):** Joe Happe, Monticello Food Services, Backpack Program; Anoka Women of Today Chapter: Bonnie Waller, Nancy Dvoracek, Stephany Nikolaus

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:** Ille M – 24 out of 45 members/Quorum established.

**Icebreaker:** “What is your favorite Thanksgiving meal food?”

**On Time Drawing:** Nancy      **Pass Service Hours Book**

**Guest Presentation:** Joe Happe, Monticello Food Services, Backpack Program: requesting \$500 to purchase gift cards for Caring Closet which provides clothing to teenagers in need, and birthday cake/frosting.

### **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: October minutes will be approved in December. Thank You note from Nan Records, Monticello Schools Special Ed Director for our donation to Job Skills Day. Pass jar for fee if not wearing nametag.

### **TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz “Spicy Hot”**

Checking balance: \$732.08      Savings balance: \$3480.08      Reminders: given for dues installment option, check requisitions/receipts, reimbursements and transmittals. Budgets and forms are available on the Treasurer table.

### **PAST PRESIDENT: Ille Miller “Follow the Smoke”**

Nominating Committee: See Ille M if you are interested in being on the committee. Gift presented to Dawn H.

### **PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks “Where There’s Smoke There’s Fire”**

Member of the Month: will be presented in December      Board Member of the Month: Sarah S

Mid-Year survey: available to complete at meeting or on-line.      Next meeting/Christmas Social: 12/3, 6:30pm at Michelle KJ’s house.      Board meeting: 11/18, 6:30 pm at Kjellberg’s; hostess – Ille M.

### **STATE DELEGATE: Sarah Sundine “Savor the Flavor”**

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District Board Meeting 11/13, 6:30pm, at Caribou in St. Cloud; carpool 5:45 MCC; sign-up sheet passed around.      Champlin Visitation – 11/16, 7pm, carpool 6:15 Eastview.      District Meeting/Social 12/4 at Rice Lions Building; sign-up sheet passed around.

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

Mystery Tour (FR)/Cat S, Barb B – We traveled to Emily MN 10/16-19 and had 17 members through Sunday with 7 staying until Monday.      Membership Wellness Walk (FR): 10/26; no prospective/new members; next 11/30.      Caribou 9/12 (FR)/Trina H –

10am-12pm; attended by Dawn H, Lauren H, Anne H, Ille, Rob and LJ M, Kay S, Bonita K, Linda B, Jennifer LK, Trina H, Arlis T, Annette S, Sarah S, Mercy T, Nancy F, Sharon S, Lana G.      Caribou 10/10 (FR), 10-12; attended by Annette S, Lauren H, Sara R, Dawn and Lynzie H, Kay S, Cat S, Glorie B, Rose G, Barb B, Nancy F, Ille and LJ M, Trina H, Anne H, Bonita K, Lana G. Next Caribou 11/14.      Big Sis/Little Sis –Email Mercy or Trina if you are interested in mentoring a newer member; more Big Sis volunteers are needed.

Membership Table/Glorie – 11/7, Rose G and Michelle KJ will be at the table 9am-12pm and Dawn H and Mercedes T will be there 12-3pm.      Bounce Back Project M-event/Mercy T – 10/21, 5:30, in coordination with the Bounce Back Project presentation; members were asked to wear chapter t-shirts and invite prospective members; attended by Mercedes T, Barb B, Dawn H, Rose and Denny G, Nancy F, Cathy S, Lana G, Krisie and Christian G, Maribel and Gabby CL, Glorie B, Debby and Joel M; Mercedes T invited a guest, Christine Castillo, and her daughter Annabella.      28<sup>th</sup> Chapter Birthday Social (FR)/Sarah S – Cake and trinket for each mem-

ber and guest; played trivia game and winning team was Barb B, Cat S, Trina H, Rose G and Tammy T who each got a pair of socks.

**2nd TRIMESTER RENEWALS:** Glorie B, Nancy F, Shelly G, Lana G, Trina H, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Karma M, Sandy S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Tammy T.

**Invitation to Join:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** 28th Chapter Birthday; Toys for Tots: Cat S; Cookie Exchange: Melanie A; Family Day: Trina H; Women's Day: Sarah S, Ille M; Spring Craft Show Booths 3/12: Cat S, Lana G; Spring Craft Show Concessions: Sharon S, Dawn H; Food Shelf Raffle: Arlis T, Cat S

**MOTIONS:**

**M/S/P** (Sarah S/Lauren H) I move that Monticello Women of Today purchase a book of raffle tickets.

**M/S/P** (Ille M/Michelle KJ) I move that Monticello Women of Today extend the PR budget an additional \$42 to cover the cost of banner and business cards.

**M/S/Defeated** (Ille M/Nancy F) I move that Monticello Women of Today participate in the Clouds Choir on Friday 12/11 at 6:30 pm at the Mall of America.

**M/S/P** (Cat S/Pam P) I move that Monticello Women of Today submit an application for a MNWT Foundation chapter grant to repair our park bench.

**M/S/P** (Barb Berndtson/Pam P) I move that Monticello Women of Today donate \$500 to the Caring Closet (part of the Backpack Program) through Joe Happe with Monticello Food Services.

**November Emphasis Month:** Women's Wellness (MN); Parliamentarian (US); Health & Wellness (US).

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING:** Michelle Kocak-Jones "Smokin' Hot and Sassy"

**Community Connections: Trista Kleinsteuber "Chillin' & Grillin'"**

Domestic Violence Awareness/Trina H – no report. Fall Craft Show Booths Sharon/Annette - 11/7, advertising opportunities identified. Floor Taping 11/6 – We cannot use tape on the new floor and will determine how to mark booth spaces. Timberdash Water (FR)/Kay S – On 10/3 Kay S, Bonita K, Dawn H, Lauren handed out water to 5k race participants; this project was a fundraiser completed with Kindred Crisis Nursery. Food Shelf Bags/Kayla K – Thank you to Arlis T, Lana G, Debby M, and Cat S for donations; bring donations to December meeting. Buckets of Sunshine/Ruff Start Rescue/Lauren H – An email was sent to members about RSR's "Give to the Max Day" on 11/12; RSR will have an online silent auction 11/30-12/7; we will be collecting supplies for RSR to donate at Winter State convention; a list of requested items will be emailed to members. Nursing Home Tree/Trina H, Sara R 11/28 – reporting in December. Parents Night Out/Michelle KJ – 20 entries received; November winner: Kris and Monica Schwickerath. Job Skills Day/Michelle KJ – 12/1, 8:30-11:30, at Buffalo Evangelical Church; Cat S, Dawn H, and Tammy T have volunteered to help.

**Women's Wellness: Sara Rocksted "Feel the Burn"**

Wellness Walk/Nancy – Six members participated during October for a total of 13.5 hours.

Stress Reliever – no report. Make A Difference Day (FR)/Barb B – Thank you to all who made a difference with the Wright County Crisis Nursery. Our Lucky Buck raised \$52 along with 3 Wal-Mart cards totaling \$30, 3 packages of diapers and 5 packages of wipes.

**Youth of Today: Melanie Aucapina "The Lemonade Stand"**

Halloween Kiddie Parade (FR)/Lana G - 10/24 at MCC from 10am-noon; Lana G and Lauren H handed out candy to about 350 kids, and business cards, brochures and Fall Craft Show flyers to women.

FYCC Bowling/Glorie – If interested in bowling on 1/30, 12pm, see sign-up sheet or notify Glorie.

Hat Drive (FR)/Danielle E, Ille M – no report. Christmas Toy Bingo/Trina – 12/19, 11-2, at a new location, Monticello Middle School; concessions will be served; proceeds go to Monticello Food Shelf.

**Breaking Free: Arlis Thielke "Putting out the Fire"**

Card Sales/Debby M – \$9 this month. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser (FR) – Pizza Ranch Tip Night was held 10/15, 4:30-8pm. Lana G, Lauren H, Dawn H, Bonita K, Debby M, Annette S, Cathy S, and Sarah S bussed tables and Kay S and Arlis T were greeters. We earned \$245 from gross sales and \$87.67 from tips, for a gross donation of \$322.67 for Breaking Free. Other members and



families supported this event by eating at Pizza Ranch that night.

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

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

The View/Lauren H – We are meeting 11/19, 7pm, at Lauren H’s house to discuss the book Housekeeping. Webinar/Cat S – The next webinar will be 12/8, 6:30 pm, at Cat S’s house; please arrive by 6:15; the topic is “Investing in Membership.” Certification Night/Pam P – 11/10, 6:30pm, at Caribou by Target. Personal Enrichment Program/Pam P, Pam B – “Using Essential Oils” will be held in early December.

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

Birthdays: Kay S 5<sup>th</sup>; Caitlyn B 8<sup>th</sup>; Arlis 15<sup>th</sup>; Nancy 24<sup>th</sup>; Torrey 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Newsletter: Sara Rocksted “Hot Off The Grill”**

Deadline: submit to Sara R by 11/13. Challenge: Do a random act of kindness to someone you do not know and send a story and picture to Sara R.

**Records & Recognition: Cat Shuman “Heat It Up”**

Project Folders – Folders of project ideas and information are available in the R&R Crate.

**Public Relations: Ille Miller “Burnt Offerings”**

Website/Cat S and Pam B – no report. Bowlerama (FR)/Ille – On 10/23 we had 3 teams participate in the Chamber Bowlerama: Sarah S, Erik S, Mercy T, Tom T, Danielle E, Chris M, Dawn H, Ille M, Nancy F, Lana G, Kay S, Glorie B.

**Ways & Means: Annette Schaufler “Up In Smoke”**

Coins for a Cause/Nancy F – deposited \$59.81 on 11/5; we received 2 new contracts in October: Dr. Steve Exsted, \$175 and Alive Lutheran Church, \$200. State Fundraiser Yankee Candle/Cherrydale/Annette – Waiting for information from a new SPM. Women of Today Flag Fundraiser/Pam P – We have found another option for the flag holders that were on back order. Mosaic Fundraiser/Lauren H – On 11/4 Dawn H and Linda B attended a mosaic art session at Lauren H’s house; \$40 was raised for Ways & Means; more sessions will be scheduled. Lucky Buck/Sharon S – Winner: Kay S. \$60.00 raised.

**Helping Hands: Cat Shuman, Glorie Balfanz, Pam Peterson**

**Good & Welfare**

**Thank you Hosts:** Sarah S, Sara R, Jennifer LK      **Thank you Greeter:** Cat S

**December Hosts:** POTLUCK at Michelle KJ’s

**Benediction:** Debby M

**USWT Creed:** Sarah S

**Adjourn** at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Henderson, Secretary



# Smoke Signals

Shelly: It was fantastic seeing you at the November meeting. Hope you can make it to the Christmas party! (Cat S)  
Sandy S, Lori T, Karen G - We sure miss you and would love to see you at a meeting or other event. Hope you are all doing well. (Cat S)  
Mady: Hope all is going well at the U. I bet you keep super busy. Keep studying - you will do well! (Cat S)  
Annette & Sharon: Great job on the Fall craft show!! I heard lots of good things. (Cat S)  
Sara R.-Just a friendly reminder.....you got this! (no smoke included) -Dawn  
Linda-it was fun doing the mosaics with you, I enjoyed learned more about you. -Dawn  
Torrey-Thank you for coming with us to the Champlin visitation, it was fun, AND adventurous.-Dawn  
Sarah S.-Holy cow woman....slow down! It is a good thing we didn't all end up in the pokey!!! ;) -Dawn  
Barb B.-I am glad you went with to the Champlin visitation. You sure are a popular lady! -Dawn  
Lauren-Thank you for helping me to create such a beautiful masterpiece! -Dawn  
Trina-I am looking forward to the Kid's Christmas Bingo. -Dawn  
Sharon-I am excited to work the concessions with you; you are a fun lady. -Dawn  
Melanie-Thank you for helping me with the google calendar. -Dawn  
Cat & Barb - Huge thanks for such a fun Mystery Tour weekend w/the gals!! A great get-away experience!-Lana  
Torrie - Good to visit w/you on the Black Sheep weekend. It was a fun weekend! -Lana  
Tammy - Good to see you @ general meeting. Speedy recovery wished for you! -Lana  
Danielle - Come back to meeting & bring your sweet grandmother. -Lana  
Rylee - You are missed. I know it was hard to choose Crookston vs. MWT! -Lana  
Pam - Peace & prayers to you & family. -Lana  
Sarah S - Prayers for you & family in the loss of Erik's grandmother. -Lana  
Jennifer - Bring your boys back to general meeting. They are so cute! -Lana  
Lauren - Your mosaic creations are so beautiful. I especially liked the black sheep piece! -Lana  
Glorie - Congratulations on Bryce & Amanda's marriage!! -Lana