

Hot Off the grill

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President Dawn... “Licensed to Grill”

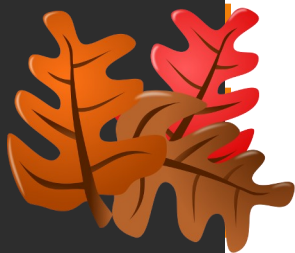
Hello fellow members!

What a great turnout there was at the October meeting! Lots of fun costumes. Thank you for being the fun, entertaining group that you are. Convention was an exciting weekend; they are always fun, but it is different when you go representing our chapter. Hearing all that we accomplished together; Presidential Pins, Medallions, Fired Up DPM's, One-A-Month Club, truly makes me proud to be a member of this chapter. Standing in that hallway waiting, listening to the chapter's being called in for the Success march, not hearing our name being called until it was either us, or our PALS chapter Eden Prairie, that would be in 1st or 2nd place. My heart was racing! I am so proud of us to receive 2nd place. I know that we did, and DO an exceptional job of being a well-rounded chapter; we learn for other chapters during visitations, learn about ourselves as we complete certifications, we are prepared for meetings, and work with our community. That is what “success” is all about, and we are a very successful group. I also see that you are proud of who we are as a chapter, you are telling your friends and family members, sharing this great experience with them. I would like to say welcome to our newest members; Amanda, and Cindy. I can't wait to get to know you ladies better, and I wonder what great things you will bring to our chapter!

Dawn



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



A flame from our State Delegate

Fall Convention was held on Sept 18-20 in Brainerd at Cragun's resort. It was so much fun with eight of us attending. Cathy, Illeana and Sarah drove up on Thursday night so we could be there for the executive council meeting on Friday. The rest of the crew (Sara W, Dawn, Lauren, Arlis & Annette) met up with us on Friday night.

On Friday night DD Illeana hosted the district party in our room. We had so much fun that we even recruited a couple women from northern Minne-

sota to show an interest in the organization.

We celebrated a lot of success for Monticello on Saturday at the banquet and then had fun at the party Saturday night.

Members dressed up for the Oktoberfest themed party and the State IVP and EVP had a jail set up to raise money for scholarships. Needless to say every Monticello member was in jail at least once!

There were many memories made and great times had by all. We hope to have another success at Winter State. Below is the list of awards received at convention:

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- Founders Day Incentive
- Fast Starts: Sarah S (State Delegate), Cathy (R&R), Illeana (PR), Dawn (President), Arlis (Breaking Free), Sara W (VW), Lauren (Secretary), Glorie (Treasurer), Annette (I), Sara W (Newsletter), Pam P (LL), Trist (CC), Pam P (Dist Membership), Michelle (EVP), Cat (Dist IVP), Sarah S (SPM), Illeana (DD)
- PR Challenge: Illeana
- Outstanding LPM (Breaking Free): Arlis
- Monticello: Growth +3,
- One a Month Club, 75% Retention \$20 Membership Rebate for 3 new members
- Living & Learning Certification: Debby
- Personal Development: Sharon, Mercedes, Sarah S, Rylee, Michelle, Pam P
- Award of Excellence for PR
- Baskets Won: CMVP 1st Tri – Dawn, PR Project Fair – Cathy
- SUCCESS: 2nd Place overall & Pop Division 5 winner
- Fired Up DPM: Cathy S (RR) & Arlis (YT)
- Presidential Pins: Linda B
- Medallions: Dawn (Pres) & Illeana (DD)

Visitations

Both Dawn & Sarah S will be attending the President / State Delegate retreat on 10/10 & 10/11 at True Friends. We are looking forward to connecting with other Presidents and State Delegates from around the state and hopefully learn a few new things.

Elk River Visitation: Currently looking at 10/8 for a visitation. We have six members signed up, however I have not got a response

from the e-mail tried sending a request on Facebook.

Sauk Rapids had several events coming up. If you are interested in attending either of the events below please let me know.

Tuesday, October 20th they are doing a Scavenger Hunt in Sauk Rapids starting at Jimmy's Poor House, (6:30 pm) When you bring a friend that night you will receive a prize. Please have on

your walking shoes as we will be walking 3 – 5 blocks and ending up at Jimmy's at 7:30 pm. Please text Judy Moldenhauer with any questions. **Monday November 2nd** is a Wine and Cheese Membership night. Time is 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, at Mantra downtown St Cloud across from the paramount, more information will be sent out for this event

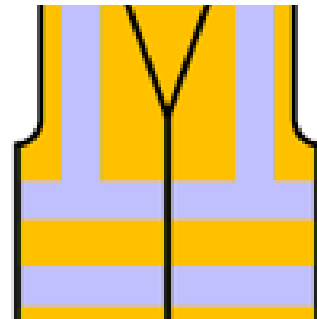




Volunteer Opportunity

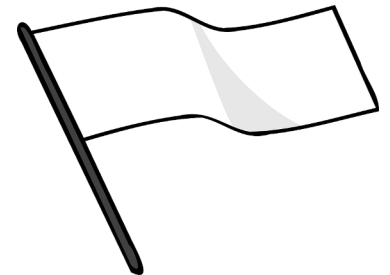
Oct 31st we will be volunteering with Team Ortho at the Monster Dash. We need 15 members to help with water station #2 at mile marker 5 for the 10 mile run. If interested please let me know we currently have eight members signed up so we need a few more. We will not need to

leave at 4:30 in the morning this time! It is in St. Paul and we need to be there from 7-11. This is a great way to help off-set convention rooms as the chapter will be raising \$500 at this event.



WT Flag Fundraiser

We are still planning on doing the WT Flag Fundraiser but the project is on hold due to the flag holders being on back order. We are going to look into another option for the flag holders, but they may end up being more expensive – cutting into profits.



BBQ and Bonfire Social

The Family BBQ & Bonfire Social was held on Saturday, Sept 26th at Shuman's. Cat grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and members brought a dish to share for the picnic. The bonfire was enjoyed by all that stayed – sure felt good when the evening cooled down. Pam P

brought little smokees and they were a hit for grilling over the fire. Thanks to everyone that came over: Ed & Cat, Sara W, Barb & Steve B, Torrey & Kinsley, Linda & Micky, Rose, Lauren, Dawn, Bonita, Debby & Joel, Ille, Pam & Mark P, and Kay & Leo.



Adopt a Highway

Thanks to Dawn, Mike, Zoe & Lynsie; Nancy; Cindy Michaelis; Lana; and Ed & Cat for helping clean our road section for the Adopt-a-Highway program. We met at Resurrection

Church at 8:30 AM on Saturday, Sept 12th and divided into 4 groups to take different

parts of the road. We finished by 9:45, in plenty of time to go to Caribou for the coffee social.

MNWT First Tuesday Webinar

Dawn, Barb B, and Cat attended the First Tuesday webinar on October 6th at Cat's house. This was a session on "Success System" put on by R&R SPM Sarah Sundine. Sarah did a great job with the information that she presented and

questions that were asked. Upcoming webinars on October 13th and December 8th will be part of the "Investing in Membership" series to be hosted by State Membership Vice President Debby Benke.





RECORDS & RECOGNITION — “Heat it Up with R&R”

Congratulations to SPM Sarah S for a great forum on Success submissions that she hosted at Fall State convention. Success points for 2nd trimester are worth 50 points for any of these

(up to 100 points): 1-submit a

nomination for OYA, PDC, or Women Who Impact awards; 2-sell 2 books of MNWT raffle tickets; 3-donate \$50 to OYA, PDC or Women Who Impact awards; or 4-sign 2 members during “Investing in Membership” weeks and

submit dues by Early Bird.

PROJECT CHAIRS: If you are chairing a project, please let me know and I can check the Records Crate to see if there is an existing project folder.



Flaming Treasurer Report

10/01/2015 Monticello Women of Today Meeting Treasurer Report

Checking Account Balance as of 09/30/2015 is \$691.39

Savings Account Balance as of 09/30/2015 is \$3399.90

Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website to copy also. On website, go to mem-

ber 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. Computer has been fixed and

works really well. Excel and Word have been updated for no cost to organization. Thank you to Dawn Hendricks and her husband Mike. Doug Ly-seng has been sent a gift card to Home Depot for his time fixing the treasurer computer. Please stop by treasurer table to look what is available there. Budgets and forms are there for you to use.

Coins For Cause/Wellness Walk

WELLNESS WALK for September - 7 participants totaled 13.75 hours.

Deposited \$37.15 on 10/1/15 from coin in the well.

Received 2 new contracts, from Alive Lutheran Church (\$200) and Dr. Steve Exsted (\$175). Total advertisements in the past 4 months is \$1,250

Thank you to Michelle Kocak-Jones for Dr. Exsted's support! The display is updated with these additional advertisers and with our new Women of Today business cards.



Women of today week

We had a glitch in our original WT Week plans. The flag holders for the WT Car Flags we were planning on making went on back order. So we shot from the hip and asked members to attend WT events, wear their WT shirts and badges, talk to other WT members, & talk to friends about WT. We added a special Movie Night Social and went to see "A Walk in the Woods". It was attended by: Melanie, Nancy, Krisie, Lana & Mark, Dawn, Pam & Mark, Kay, & Arlis. Thank you to the members that sent their completed WT Challenge in: Nancy, Krisie, Lana, Lauren, Dawn & Pam P.



MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, October 1, 2015, at CUMC

Members present: Glorie B, Barb B, Caitlyn B, Pam B, Torrey B, Linda B, Danielle E, Nancy F, Lana G, Rose G, Trina H, Lauren H, Dawn H, Bonita K, Kayla K, Trista K, Michelle KJ, Jennifer LK, Debby M, Ille M, Pam P, Annette S, Kay S, Cathy S, Sharon S, Sarah S, Arlis T, Mercedes T, Sara W

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

Invocation: Arlis T Pledge: Sharon S MNWT Creed: Cat S

Guest(s): Gloria Triebwasser (Danielle); Cindy Michaelis; Kathy Hansen/STMA WT; Joni Pawelk and Mary Ellen Wells, CentraCare, Bounce Back Project

Orders of the Day/Quorum: Ille M –28 out of 44 members/Quorum established.

Icebreaker: “As a child, what treat did you look forward to getting the most while Trick or Treating?”

On Time Drawing: Lana G Pass Service Hours Book

Guest Presentation: Bounce Back Project, Mary Ellen Wells and Joni Pawelk, CentraCare

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: September minutes were approved.

Thank You notes: none. Pass jar for fee if not wearing nametag.

TREASURER: Glorie Balfanz “Spicy Hot”

Checking balance: \$691.39 Savings balance: \$3399.90 Reminders: given for dues installment option, check requisitions/receipts, reimbursements and transmittals. Budgets and forms are available on the Treasurer table. Computer has been fixed and is working well; Excel and Word have been updated at no cost; thank you to Dawn and Mike H; a gift card was sent to Doug Lyseng for fixing the computer.

PAST PRESIDENT: Ille Miller “Follow the Smoke”

ONTO Shirts: bright orange with State President logo; \$12; order from Ille M.

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

Board Member of the Month (Sept.): Mercedes T Member of the Trimester: Sara W

Member of the Month: Cathy S Board Member of the Month (Oct.): Linda B Next meeting: 11/5, 6:30 Social/7:00 meeting at Super 8. Board meeting: 10/21, 6:30 pm at Trina H’s house.

STATE DELEGATE: Sarah Sundine “Savor the Flavor”

President/State Delegate Retreat 10/10-11 at True Friends; Dawn H and Sarah S will be attending.

Fall State Convention (FR): 9/18-20 at Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd; attended by Cathy S, Illeana M, Sarah S, Sara W, Dawn H, Lauren H, Arlis T and Annette S. Awards: Founders Day Incentive; Fast Starts – Sarah S/State Delegate, Cathy S/R&R, Ille M/PR, Dawn H/President, Arlis T/Breaking Free, Sara W/Women’s

Wellness, Lauren H/Secretary, Glorie B/Treasurer, Annette S, Sara W/Newsletter, Pam P/Living & Learning, Trista K/Community Connections, Pam P/District Membership, Michelle KJ/EVP, Cathy S/District IVP, Sarah S/SPM, Ille M/DD; PR Challenge – Ille M; Outstanding LPM – Arlis T/Breaking Free; Monticello – Growth +3, One a Month Club, 75% Retention, \$20 Membership Rebate for 3 new members; Living and Learning Certification – Debby M; Personal Development – Sharon S, Mercedes T, Sarah S, Rylee P, Michelle KJ, Pam P; Award of Excellence for PR. Baskets Won: CMVP 1st Tri – Dawn H; PR Project Fair – Cathy S. SUCCESS: 2nd Place overall; Pop Division 5 winner. Fired-Up DPM: Cathy S/R&R, Arlis T/Youth of Today. Presidential Pin: Linda B. Medallions: Dawn H/President, Ille M/DD. Elk River Visitation 10/8; waiting for a response from Elk River. Sauk Rapids has events coming up; sign up in binder if interested. Monster Dash – 10/31, 7-11am; need 15 people to hand out water.

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

Mystery Tour/Cat S, Barb B – 1 spot is open; bring camp chair and fishing pole. Membership Wellness Walk (FR): 9/28, no prospective members; Next 10/26. Family BBQ/Bonfire (FR)/Cat - On 9/26 at Cat’s house; attended by Ed and Cat S, Sara W, Barb and Steve B, Torrey and Kinsley B, Linda and Micky B, Rose G, Lauren H, Dawn H, Bonita K, Debby and Joel M, Ille M, Pam and Mark P, Kay and Leo S.

Caribou 9/12 (FR)/Trina H – 10am-12pm; report will be given in November. Next Caribou is 10/10, 10-12. Big Sis/Little Sis – We are fully matched. Email Mercy or Trina if you are interested. Membership Table/Glorie – 11/7, help is needed to be at the table.

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: Cindy Michaelis was installed.

NEW BUSINESS: 28th Chapter Birthday: Sara W, Sarah S, Jennifer LK; Nursing Home Tree Decorating: Trina H, Sara W; Christmas Meeting/Party: Michelle KJ; Christmas Toy Bingo: Trina H, Cat S, Sharon S.

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Michelle KJ/Barb B) I move that Monticello Women of Today participate in and donate \$200 to Job Skills Day on Tuesday December 1st.

M/S/P (Glorie B/Ille M) I move that Monticello Women of Today participate in FYCC No Tap Bowling Tourney January 30, 2016, with a Women of Today Team participating.

October Emphasis Month: Records and Recognition (MN); Buckets of Sunshine (US); Extensions (US); Domestic Violence Awareness (US).

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

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

Domestic Violence Awareness/Trina H – will present something at next meeting.

Fall Craft Show Booths Sharon/Annette - 11/7; 41 booths are booked; advertised on Craig’s List, 8 radio

stations; flyers printed; need help with taping. Timberdash Water/Kay S – 10/3, carpool 8:45am at MCC: Kay S, Bonita K, Dawn H, Lauren H. Parents Night Out/Michelle KJ – 6 names have been received; drawing will be in November. Adopt-A-Highway (FR)/Cat S – We met at Resurrection Church 9/12, 8:30am, and divided in to 4 groups for road clean up; attended by Dawn, Mike, Zoe and Lynzie H, Nancy F, Cindy Michaelis, Lana G, Ed and Cat S; went to Caribou for social time. Next clean-up will be after Spring thaw. Party for a Purpose (FR)/Ille - 9/26, 5-7pm at the VFW, Dawn H, Ille M, Lauren H helped verify wristbands and collect money for meals. Food Shelf Bags/Kayla K – Please bring hair products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary supplies to the November and December meetings for donation. Buckets of Sunshine/Ruff Start Rescue/Lauren H - \$69.62 was raised through the pet photo contest at Fall State Convention; Bosco was the winner of the photo contest. Thank you incentive given to Linda B and Josie for participating.

Women's Wellness: Sara Wiitala "Feel the Burn"

Wellness Walk/Nancy – 7 participants totaled 13.75 hours. Stress Reliever – danced to Sugar.

Make A Difference Day/Barb B – Wish lists have been emailed to members; collecting items through 10/25.

Youth of Today: Melanie Aucapina "The Lemonade Stand"

Halloween Kiddie Parade/Lauren H - 10/24 at MCC; we will be purchasing candy to pass out and will pass out business cards and Fall Craft Show flyers. Hat Drive – Danielle E and Ille M will be collecting hats through next week; they will be delivered to Children's Hospital, date TBD.

Breaking Free: Arlis Thielke "Putting out the Fire"

Card Sales/Debby M – no report. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser – 10/14 is Tip Night; 7 members, possibly 3 more, will work two shifts; wear chapter shirt, name tag and comfortable shoes.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Linda Buchmann "On Top of Old Smokey"

LPM of Trimester: Sara W

Living & Learning: Pam Peterson "It Only Takes a Spark"

The View/Lauren H – the books will not be available from the library until 10/14; date will be scheduled for November. Webinar/Cat S - 10/6 promptly at 6pm at Cat S's house; topic is Success System put on by Sarah S, R&R SPM; all members are welcome. Impromptu Competitions/Pam P – Ille M competed at Fall State Convention.

Funshine: Debby Manthei "Come on Lady, Light Your Fire"

Birthdays: Lauren H 10/5; Pam P 10/27.

Newsletter: Sara Wiitala "Hot Off The Grill"

Deadline: submit to Sara W by 10/9.

Records & Recognition: Cat Shuman "Heat It Up"

Congratulations to SPM Sarah S for hosting a great forum on Success at Fall State Convention. Project Folders are in the Records Crate. Mid-Year Evaluations are due 11/6.

Public Relations: Ille Miller "Burnt Offerings"

Website/Cat S and Pam B – no report. Women of Today Proclamation (FR)/Linda B – On 9/14 Mayor Stumpf and the Monticello City Council made a proclamation declaring the week of 9/20-9/26/15 Women of Today Week in Monticello. Members attending the City Council meeting: Dawn H, Linda B, Cathy S, Michelle KJ, Trista K, Lana G, Pam P, Nancy F, Glorie B, Ille M, Maribel CL and Gabby. Dawn H accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and City Council. Women of Today Week (FR)/ Pam P – The flag holders were on back order; instead we attended WT events, wore WT shirts and badges, talked to other WT members and friends about WT; held a Movie Night Social attended by Melanie A, Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana and Mark G, Dawn H, Pam and Mark P, Kay S, and Arlis T. Thank you to Nancy F, Krisie G, Lana G, Lauren H, Dawn H and Pam P for completing the WT Challenge.

Chapter Shirts/Ille – Ausco printed new shirts and will process orders at any time.

Bowlerama/Ille – 10/23, 6:15 pm River City Extreme; we have 3 teams; see Ille M if interested.

Ways & Means: Annette Schaufler "Up In Smoke"

Coins for a Cause/Nancy F – deposited \$37.15 on 10/1; two new contracts, one with Dr. Steve Exsted; \$1,250 for year. State Fundraiser Yankee Candle/Cherrydale/Annette – New catalogs will be displayed in November; email will be sent. Flyers Concessions/Pam B – Concessions were held twice; incentives given to members who helped. Women of Today Flag Fundraiser/Pam P – on hold due to flag holders being on back order. Mosaic Fundraiser/Lauren H – Sign-up sheet passed around for making a mosaic pot or stepping stone. Dates and times TBD. Lucky Buck/Trina H. Winner: Bonita K. November: Sharon S.

Helping Hands: Cat Shuman, Glorie Balfanz, Pam Peterson

Good & Welfare

Thank you Hosts: Trina H, Ille M, Danielle E Thank you Greeter: Kay S

November Hosts: Sarah S, Sara W, Jennifer LK

Benediction: Ille M USWT Creed: Pam P

Adjourn at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Henderson, Secretary



Smoke Signals

Ille- Congratulations on your Medallion! You are doing a great job as our district director. -Dawn H.

Lana-Congrats on the news of a new addition to your family!-Dawn H.

Linda-You earned that Presidential Pin! You are a great addition to our chapter.-Dawn H.

Sarah-Thank you for your help so far this year!-Dawn H.

Cat, Sarah, Annette, Arlis, Sara, Ille, and Lauren-I enjoyed convention with all of you!-Dawn H.

Lauren-MUNZEE!-Dawn H.

Sarah-You did a great job with on the Success webinar. Never had a doubt. ;-)-Dawn H.

Sara-I have enjoyed hanging out with you. Stillwater was fun!-Dawn H.

Kay, Bonita, and Lauren-Timberdash was fun! Glad we got to ride with the strapping young lad and not, speedy!-Dawn H.

Michelle-I hope that you are mending quickly, what a great cake your friend made for you. -Dawn H.

Barb and Cat-Thank you for planning our Mystery Tours!-Dawn H.

Cathy — Thanks for your help at convention. It made it a lot easier as my first time attending exec council. -Sarah S.

Illeana & Cathy — Thanks for riding up to convention with me. It worked out great getting there the night before.-Sarah S.

Illeana, Cathy, Dawn, Sara W, Lauren, Arlis & Annette — Thanks for attending convention, it was so much fun. I hope you will be there with us at Winter State!-Sarah S.

Dawn — I have learned an important lesson, I cannot keep up with you!-Sarah S.

Mystery Tour Ladies — I can't wait for a weekend away with everyone. Thanks Barb and Cathy for planning this every year it is one of my favorite events.-Sarah S.

Jennifer — It was great seeing you at the meeting. Hope to start seeing more of you, you are missed! Also, thanks for signing up to host with Sara and I at the November meeting.-Sarah S.

Dawn — Congratulations on receiving the Presidential Medallion for President!! You so deserved it!! — Pam P

Ille — Congratulations on receiving the Presidential Medallion for DD!! So excited for you!! — Pam P

Linda — Congratulations on receiving a Presidential Pin!! Thanks for everything you do! — Pam P

Cat & Barb — You rock — just saying J! — Pam P

Barb M — Thoughts and Prayers with you always!! - Pam P

Lauren — Where's the next shopping spree? Tee hee — Pam P

Rylee — Congrats on the three new jobs. Have fun and don't work too hard! - Love, Mom

Cindy — Welcome to the Monticello Women of Today!! So glad you decided to join. I have enjoyed talking with you on the Monday walks. — Pam P

Michelle — Hope you are recovering fast! — Pam P

Rose — Great Costume! I really didn't recognize you at first! — Pam P

Danielle — Prayers that your procedures go well!! — Pam P

Sara — Great job on the newsletters as usual. It was nice to chat after the meeting. You take care!! — Pam P

Krisie - Your Invisible Woman costume was out-of-sight! (okay - that was bad! :/) - Pam P

Sara: You really are a "Rock(sted) Star" and I wish you the best as you move forward. (Cat)

Mady: Hope all is going well at the "U" for you. Enjoy your sorority life! (Cat)

Karen G, Sandy S, Shelly G, and Lori T: Would love to see you sometime soon. Please stop by at a meeting or one of our events. (Cat)

Danielle: Great job on the hat collection project! I love your enthusiasm. What joy you bring to us! (Cat)

Ille: Congratulations on all of the district awards at convention. We sure appreciate your leadership of District 5 — great job!! (Cat)

Dawn: Awesome first trimester! Looking forward to more fun and success ahead. (Cat)