

President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

I'm so excited at how well our cultivating is going! We have new members springing up and getting involved. Welcome to Rhonda and Tara Eckhart and Karen Moores who joined at our super fun State Fair Food on a Stick M-event. Karen was installed at our September meeting. Another M-event guest, Theresa Doose came to our September meeting with her daughter Lauren and they both joined that night. Yahoo!

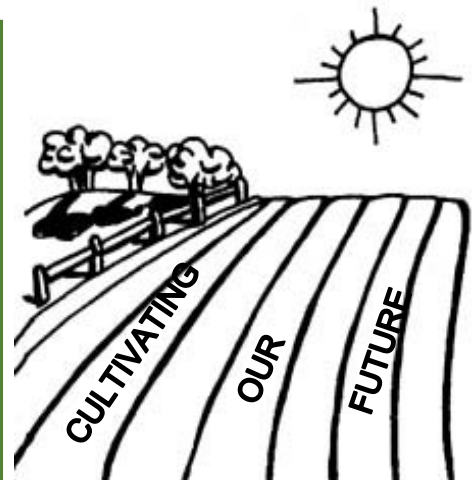
Congratulations to Jennifer who received Member of the Month for September. Congratulations to Membership Vice Presidents Glorie and Nancy for being named Board Members of the Month for September. First trimester awards were voted by the membership and presented at the meeting: Member of the Trimester – Kayla; Board Member of the Trimester – Barb & Glorie (tie); Internal Project of the Trimester – Member Mondays on Facebook (Trina); External Project of the Trimester – Kids Kitchen (Michelle); and Social/M-event of the Trimester – Silly Supper (Sarah S).

Thank you to Living & Learning SPM Cindy Umland and DPM Trina Hedquist for providing an informative presentation at our September meeting. Think about filling out your certification forms.

Thanks Nancy for hosting the Lucky Buck which was won by Kay (\$54 raised). Thanks to meeting greeter, Debby, and hostesses, Sara R, Linda, and Jennifer. The invocation and benediction were given by Kay and Debby.

I'm looking forward to convention, and my banner turned out fantastic, thanks to Rose! It will be fun to see what happens at convention and bring back some awards to share.

We have some busy days ahead with Women of Today Week and community projects. Thanks to all who are giving their time and talents to help and participate.



Fall Harvest Events:

New Member Orientation -
Sept 12

Board Meeting - Sept 13
(Nancy's)

Caribou Coffee - Sept 17

Women of Today Week - Sept
18-24 (check the website
for activities taking place)

Black Sheep Mystery Tour -
October 21-24

State Delegate

Fall Convention

Will be held at Craguns Resort in Brainerd. Come join me for a fiesta September 16-18th. We will dance the night away on Friday and on Saturday we will have our general business meeting and banquet.



SILENT
AUCTION

Fall Convention Art Auction!

There will be an Art Auction at fall convention. For example if you have any paintings, pottery, mosaics etc. please see me and I will bring it to state to be auctioned off if you wish to donate. I do believe the money raised goes towards the State.

MEMBERSHIP



State Fair on a Stick was a success!

We had a ticket booth to sign up for door prizes. A fortune teller who looked very familiar. But every prediction came true!

There were 5 games for everyone to try. Pitching Pennies, Playing Hoops, Ping Pong Balls, Bean Bag, and a Putting Green. All members attending brought food on a stick.

There was a lot of food, everyone was so creative and we voted for Best of the Fair. Jennier LK won the prize!

The door prizes were \$5 off membership dues. One member(Ille) and one prospect (Rhonda Eckhart) won that prize. There was also a prize drawn between all the new members joining that night for another \$5 off. Karen Moores won that prize.

Many prizes were given out to those who won at games. If you won a game you got a ticket that would be drawn for prizes.

We also had members from the Rice Chapter participate. They wanted to join in on the fun. It was a pleasure to have them with us.

Best of all we have 3 new members. Karen Moores, Rhonda Eckhart and our Miss Congeniality Tara Eckhart. Welcome to all of you and we can't wait to get to know you better.

15 members, 6 prospects and 5 board members from the Rice Chapter attended.

Kay, Barb, Pam P, Cat, Sarah S, Nancy and Glorie helped with games and set up. Othere members attending Dawn, Trina, Arlis, Illeana, Jennifer LK, Sara R, Torrey and daughter, Debby, Nancy, Trina, Cat, Debby and Jennier LK brought guests.



New member orientation is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at 630pm. We will be meeting at Caribou by Target.

Cat, Nancy and Glorie will be there to meet you. Everyone is welcome. Even if you have been a member for a while and want to know more about Women of Today. Have you ever wondered what CIP stands for or MVP or IVP etc? Why do we talk about minutes or forms for the treasurer? Why do we have a State Delegate? Come to this for more information.

We want to invite anyone who has never been through orientation to join us. We are especially inviting our newest members Danna, Ashley, Karen, Rhonda and Tara. If you can not join us this time we will be scheduling others at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP

The following members are up for renewal for 2nd Trimester.

Please submit your renewal dues to Nancy or Glorie as soon as possible. We need your payment no later than the November general meeting to allow us time to meet the Early Bird Renewal deadline.

Glorie B., Nancy F., Shelly G., Lana G., Trina H., Trista K., Michelle KJ., Cindy M., Sarah S., Arlis T., Tammy T., Madyson T.

(Names in **Green** have paid their dues, THANK YOU!)

On Saturday August 20th, Glorie, Cat and Jennifer met at 10:00am for coffee and fun. All of the time was taken up by Glorie taking advantage of all of Cat and Jennifer's expertise and advice for the upcoming M Event. At 10:30am Nancy texted Glorie with orders from the workers at the garage sale. Cat and Glorie delivered the goodies and we all had fun socializing while the garage sale was going on. Women shopping at the garage sale asked about Women of Today and took information with them. The workers at the garage sale were Dawn, Sara R, Kay, Nancy.



Please join us at Caribou by Target at 10:00am on September 17th for coffee and socializing.

Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Report

August, 2016

Checking balance as of August 31, 2016 \$870.77 .

Savings balance as of August 31, 2016 \$ 1136.55 .

Treasurer has check requisition forms and receipt forms available if needed. There are copies on the website 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 unable to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2016-2017 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.



Growing by the Minutes: Michelle

This is a big thank you to those who emailed reports to me before the meeting or submitted them on the NEW forms at the meeting. It is a tremendous help when it comes time to recording the minutes. With so much information, and my distractibility, I need all the help I can get.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING

Breaking Free

This is our 3 year Priority Project. I am looking forward to adding some fun things in the newsletter, pertaining to this area! For now here is a bit about what Breaking Free is....

Breaking Free was established in October 1996, by Vednita Carter, Founder and President, as a non-profit organization serving women involved in systems of abuse, exploitation, and prostitution/sex trafficking.

87,839 pounds of food was distributed this summer, with 230-250 kids being served each week!!! Thanks to all who helped out.

-Michelle



A HUGE THANK YOU to every member who contributed either donated items, time, or both! This is a combined list of those members; Nancy, Cat, Linda, Rose, Pam P., Rylee, Pam B., Kay, Dawn, Michelle, Bonita, Jennifer LK, Julie, Sharon, Sarah S., Jen A., Barb B., Torrey, Sara R., Ashley, Debby, Melanie, Lauren, Glorie, and Annette. That is more than 50% of our chapter participating in this fundraiser! I am over the moon to announce that we raised \$467.87! We exceeded the \$400 goal for purchasing the Little Free Library. However, the price of the Library did go up a bit from \$209.95 to \$225.00, (\$15.05 more). That brings the total spent on the Little Free Library and shipping to \$314.00. I will keep you up to date on the arrival date, beautification date(s) and installation date. Thank you for helping to make this happen so quickly!

An extra special Thank you to Barb B. She helped many, many hours to make this sale a success!



Soon, we will have our very own Chapter Little Free Library!



Mercedes-15

Trista-27



\$61.71 in change
was collected from
Coins for a Cause
this month.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING



BLACK SHEEP

MYSTERY TOUR

OCT 21, 22, 23, & 24

Keep in mind this **IS NOT THE 3RD WKND**

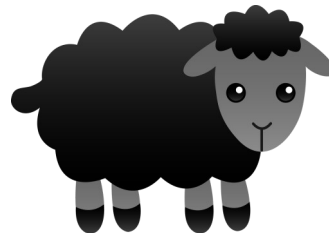
BUT THE 4TH WKND OF OCT.

A sign up sheet was passed at the August general meeting. Here is a quick run down of the new set up.

A non-refundable check/deposit for 1/2 the price (\$40.00) has guaranteed your spot on the sign up sheet. If ewe have a change of plans & can find someone to take your 'spot' they will pay ewe the 40.

*It is MEA weekend so think about leaving early Friday- last year 12 of us left 9am.

*If ewe wish to stay over Sunday night too, please do. Check out Mon 11 am.





Hen Party Happenings

Dawn: Super job on the garage sale. It was so awesome to raise enough money to purchase a Little Free Library. (Cat)

Nancy and Glorie: State Fair Food on a Stick was fantastic! How creative and the games were really fun. It was so neat to see all the wonderful food on a stick items that members brought. (Cat)

Pam P: You did a wonderful job as the Fortune Teller. I was thrilled to find my fortune come true! (ha-ha) Thanks for adding to the fun. (Cat)

Linda: It's been nice working with you on Treasurer stuff. You will do an awesome job this year. (Cat)

Jennifer: Thanks so much for getting the website administration up and running again. We are so glad to have your talents to help us out. (Cat)

Karen: I'm so looking forward to doing some things together. I sure missed you when you left the City so it will be nice to see you more often. (Cat)

Rhonda and Tara: Thanks for joining our chapter and I look forward to having some fun times together. (Cat)

Teresa and Lauren: It was great having you come to our meeting – and then join that night! I can't wait to get to know you better. Hope we can go to the game night together. (Cat)

Welcome to all of your new members, I look forward to getting to know you -- Mercedes

Looking forward to all of the events coming up and getting back after a busy summer away -- Happy Fall Y'All - Mercedes

Dawn -- great job on the newsletters- great way to stay connected - Mercedes

Thanks to everyone who voted for me for Member of the Trimester! -Kayla

Annette- It was good to see you at the meeting. Haven't seen you for a long time.- Rose

Trina- Great Idea on Throwback Thursday and all the PR you are generating.- Rose

New Members.. there are so many of you chicks that our new to our hen house, Hope to get to know all of you better.-Rose

To All Old Members, hang in there, Life is better on the Funny Farm- Rose

Cat- It was fun to work on the banner with you and to learn all the secrets of the Black Sheep Mystery Tour. Rose

Barb- Looking forward to the Black Sheep Mystery Tour, now that Cat has disclosed all her secrets. I can be bribed not to tell anyone- Rose

Lauren- come back to the meeting, WE MISS YOU ! -Rose

Kayla-You are ROCKING the Breaking Free LPM position! Great job! -Dawn

Lauren H.- I need to come over and finish my fire. Let me know when a good time for you is. -Dawn

Cat-Keep up the great work Madam Pres! -Dawn

Karen, Rhonda, Tara, Theresa, and Lauren D.-Welcome to our chapter, I look forward to getting to know you all better-Dawn

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 at Methodist Church

Members present: Kayla Kleinsteuber, Sara Rocksted, Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Kay Schroden, Arlis Thielke, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Rose Goettl, Illeana Miller, Julie Marchand, Glorie Balfanz, Barb Berndtson, Dawn Hendricks, Sarah Sundine, Trina Hedquist, Jennifer Lewis-Kannegieter, Linda Buchmann, Debby Manthei, Karen Moores, Annette Schaufler

Call to Order: 7:04 pm by President Cathy Shuman

Invocation: Kay

Pledge: Karen

MNWT Creed: Sarah

Guest(s): Lauren and Teresa Doose, Oneka Jenkins, Kathy Hansen (STMA WT), Cindy Umland & Mary Hansen (St. Cloud WT), Jennifer's son, Pete

Orders of the Day/Quorum: Dawn– 21 out of 46 members/Quorum established

Icebreaker: Linda- "In one word, describe your summer"

On Time Drawing: Ille

Guest Speakers: LL SPM Cindy Umland and LL DPM Trina Hedquist

Service Hours Book- at greeter table

SECRETARY: Michelle Kocak Jones "Growing by the Minutes"

Minutes Approval: August minutes were approved with correction of Kay's last name (spelling).

Thank you notes received: Monticello Help Center for Kid's Kitchen, DD5 Barb Zeroth

Bd. Mtg. Motions: none

Trimester drawing for reports: winner-Dawn

TREASURER: Linda Buchmann "We Reap What We Sow"

Checking balance: \$ 870.77

Savings balance: \$ 1136.55

Expense vouchers/receipts/transmittals-emailed today

Financial Audit- on 8/27 Committee: Linda, Jennifer, Lauren met with Cat. Recommendations: Check date on req. form should match check register, Coins for a Cause dep. to be documented on green sheets, savings records organized by qtr., WT restricted from making donations to individuals (per MN rules for nonprofits)

PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Out to Pasture"

Approved bylaw & policy changes (motion below)

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge- game held at monthly mtgs-winner: Sarah

Parli Reminders-will do in Oct.

ONTO shirts- order forms passed

PRESIDENT: Cathy Shuman "Cultivating Our Future"

Member of the Month: Sept- Jennifer

Board Member of the Month: Sept- Glorie and Nancy

Trimester Awards: Member-Kayla, Bd Member-Barb & Glorie (tie), Int. Project-Member Mon. On FB, Ext. Project-Kid's Kitchen, Social/M-event-Silly Supper

Next meeting: 10/6 6:30 social, 7:00 general meeting at United Methodist Church-Halloween costumes

Board meeting: Tue. 9/13, 6:30 at Nancy's

Fun on the Farm game: 2nd tri incentive drawing for WT bag & mug, promoting attendance

Chapter banner- Thank you to Rose for making banner

STATE DELEGATE: Sara Rocksted "Let's Go Cow Tippin"

Fall District Mtg- FR-8/18 at Resurrection Church, 6:30-meal, 7:00-mtg. Attended by: Arlis, Nancy, Julie, Lisa, Sara, Sarah, Ille, Cat, Torrey, Dawn, Barb, Kay. LPM of Tri for Breaking Free- Kayla, Member of Tri-Kayla, Project of Tri-Trina for FB Monday's. Lucky buck winners- Lisa, Ille, Conv. Drawing-Sara, door prizes-Kay, Nancy, Ille, Sara. Received growth +2 & early bird.

Dist. Mtg. Host- FR-Barb, Dawn, Torrey- 29 attendees (2 no-shows), Took in \$155, spent \$95

MNWT Foundation Retreat- 10/15-16-info on MN website

Team Ortho Monster Dash- 10/29-Sara will check into volunteering from website

Flyers Concessions-Pam B-Next event 9/17. Sharon, Arlis and Dawn will chair

Fall State Conv/Art Auction-9/16-18, Cragun's in Brainerd-Sara, Sarah, Julie, Cat, Michelle, Trista, Kayla will attend. Art item donations for Cheryl L. Anderson Scholarship from Rose, Trista & Kayla, Cat

Nat'l mid-year- 10/7-9 in Kansas City, MO

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Flesch, Glorie Balfanz "Welcome to the Funny Farm"

Renewal Ceremony- 100% retention!

Aug. Caribou social-FR- 8/20, Glorie, Cat, Jennifer attended. Took coffee to garage sale volunteers & visited at Dawn's.

Caribou Coffee Social-9/17, 10:00am

Mama Mia Movie Memorial Social-FR-Pam, Barb- in memory of Barb McNabb 8/25, 6:30 at Best Western. Attending: Dawn, Kay, Debby, Nancy, Torrey, Cat, Jennifer, Barb, Pam P, former member Joyce Elliot. FB memories will be shared with John McNabb.

Tri 1 M-event-FR- State Fair on a Stick, 8/29- Resurrection Church at 6:30. Jennifer won creative prize for food on a stick, \$5 off membership to Ille, Rhonda Eckhart (prospect), \$5 off new member drawing to Karen Moores. Karen, Rhonda, Tara Eckhart joined. Helping w/setup/games: Kay, Barb, Pam P, Cat, Sarah, Nancy, Glorie. Other members attending: Dawn, Trina, Arlis, Ille, Jennifer, Sara, Torrey/daughter, Debby. 6 prospects and 5 Rice Chapter members also attended.

Black Sheep Mystery Tour-Barb/Cat- 10/21-24, sign up w/envelope for dep. passed, 13 of 18 spots filled

Friendship Day-FR-Nancy-Bertram Park walk on 8/8 at 6:30. Attended by: Glorie, Nancy, Lana, Cat, Cindy, Pam P, Rylee

"Sister Act" Social-Sharon-9/24 @ Paramount, St. Cloud- let Sharon know if interested

Door Knocking- 8/22- Kay, Jennifer in Jennifer's neighborhood. Prospective member, Oneka Jenkins

New Member Orientation-Nancy/Cat/Glorie- 9/12, 6:30pm Caribou by Target

2nd TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Glorie, Nancy, Shelly, Lana, Trina, Trista, Michelle, Cindy, Sarah, Arlis, Tammy, Madyson Early bird deadline is Nov 15th

New member installation: Karen

NEW BUSINESS: Parents Night Out, Craft Show Membership Table, MNWT Webinars (9/6,11/1)

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Dawn/Barb) I move the Monticello chapter approve the bylaws and policy updates as presented at the August general meeting.

M/S/P (Illeana/Kayla) I move the Monticello chapter participate in Party for a Purpose on 9/24 providing woman power for the event at the VFW.

M/S/P (Trina/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter help with the ROH Domestic Violence Gala on 9/24 pending need.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop"- thank you for LPM state report and LPM of the Trimester: Kayla There were 668.25 hours with 152 volunteers for 1st trimester

Community Connections: Barb for Caitlyn Broekemeier "It's Time for a Barn Raising!"

Domestic Violence Awareness-Trina-NR

Farmers Mkt booth-Sara/Lisa/Torrey/Trina/(Cat)-NR

Little Free Library garage sale-FR Dawn/Sara/Nancy- 8/18-20, 9am-6pm, @ Dawn's. Donation of items, time or both included: Nancy, Cat, Linda, Rose, Pam P, Rylee, Pam B, Kay, Dawn, Michelle, Bonita, Jennifer, Julie, Sharon, Sarah, Jen A, Barb, Torrey, Sara, Ashley, Debby, Melanie, Lauren, Glorie, Annette. \$468.87 raised, exceeding \$400 goal. With shipping, total cost is \$314.

Adopt-A-Highway-Cat-rescheduled to 9/24, meet at 8:30am at Eastview lot-watch for email

Fall Craft Booths - Sharon/Annette- 11/5- 50% booths filled (32 spaces), 10% (7 spaces) for home-based businesses to offer sold out show, one so far showcasing freezer meal solutions, continue to advertise online, through social media, arts/crafts show websites

Blazin' thru Bertram-Cat- 5K-9/10, 7-11am, members to assist w/set up, registration, handing out snacks

Timberdash 5K- 10/1-Carpool from MCC to Maria State Park, leaving at 7:30am to help with cheering, hot cocoa station. Members signed up to help are Kay, Bonita, Lauren, Dawn, Sharon, Cat.

Women's Wellness: Torrey Brown "Out of the Briar Patch"

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb B- Platters: 9/8, Sr. Center-RSVP 24 hrs in advance, Sneakers: find events online at MCC

Focus(task at hand)/vegetables(carrots)-Torrey

Youth of Today: Barb for Melanie Aucapina

2016-17 MHS Scholarship raffle-Barb- proceeds toward WT \$500 Scholarship, purchase \$5 chips for chance at casino giveaway (note; Sun-Thur stay), chips sold at Aug, Sept, Oct mtgs. Drawing at Oct. mtg.

Kid's Kitchen-FR-Michelle-WT partnered w/ food shelf, Connect 5, area churches distributing food to kids ages 2-17 each Mon. from 10:30-12:30 & 5:30-7:30 from 6/13-8/15 at MHS. 87,839 lbs of food dispersed to 230-250 kids weekly. Members volunteering: Debby, Dawn, Michelle, Kayla, Cat, Trina, Krisie, (son Christian), Lana, Arlis, Sarah, Annette for a total of 78 hours

Mental Health Community Involvement-Mercedes-NR

Kids Week- 8/14-20-FR-Barb-Challenge sent to complete 5 activities w/kids, thanks to Pam B for email

Halloween Kiddie Parade-Ille/Trina/Danielle-NR

Breaking Free: Kayla Kleinsteuber "Heading to the Stable"

Trimester card sales-Debby-\$22 raised + \$10 for earrings = \$32 total

Blanket making Social-FR-Kayla- 8/10, 6:30, Kayla's, 7 blankets made by Michelle, Trista, Kayla, Cat, Barb, Sara, Debby, Kay, Nancy, Danna, Sharon, Sarah (her boys, Jakob & Matteus) to be donated to Breaking Free at fall state.

Personal Care Products-Kayla-134 items were donated at July/Aug. meetings with a value of \$175. Thanks to Michelle, Danna, Sharon, Torrey, Lana, Cat, Nancy, Debby, Arlis for items to be brought to fall state.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!" LPM of Trimester: Dawn

Ways & Means: Lauren "The Cash Cow"

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$61.71 collected from well for August.

Lucky Buck- Sept-Nancy-raised \$54, winner: Kay; October-Annette

Car Flags Fundraiser-Dawn for Pam P-ready for painting

Living & Learning: Lisa Waterworth "Grow Where You are Planted"

PEP course-Pam P/Pam B-Herbs Health: "Taking a Step Outside Your Door" -postponed Certifications-Sarah & Ille completed LL, Pers. Dev., Health/Wellness certifications & sent to SPM Cindy in Aug.

Funshine: Torrey Brown "Down by the Creek"

Birthdays: Mercedes-15, Trista-27

Birthday Secret Sis-Torrey-Sept. gifts

PALS- Anoka Chapter-would like game night at Pres. Stephanie's in late Sept or Oct.- Torrey will send email to establish interest.

Newsletter: Dawn Hendricks "I Hear You Cluckin' Big Chicken"

Deadline: submit articles, pics, & Hen Happenings to Dawn by 9/9- Aug submissions- Sarah, Cat, Barb, Rose, Kayla, Michelle, Arlis

Newsletter Challenge drawing-winner: Debby, Trimester incentive for newsletter: Pam P.

Records & Recognition: Pam Peterson "Manure Happens...So Let's Record it!"

Project folders-Pam P-Let Pam know of any Project of Tri nominations, complete final project reports

Shed Cleanup-FR-Barb/Pam P-8/25 impromptu style, list of items emailed to members- Note: change # on tote if large # of items are used, look at list before buying items

Public Relations: Trina Hedquist "Guess What, Chicken Butt"

Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam B-updated after Aug. mtg. Jennifer working on update to website admin.

Membership Mondays on FB-Trina-Arlis & Rose featured in August.

Chapter shirt bids-Ille/Sharon/Rose/Nancy - committee met 8/27 to discuss bids received, meeting in Sept. to find local vendor, goal for Oct. mtg. to have final pricing/shirt order forms

Day at the Diamond-9/11- no tickets left

WT Week-Ille/Trina-9/19 6pm-walk by river-Ellison Pk. playground, 9/20-watch chick flick, 9/22 7pm-Applebee's happy hr., 9/23 District Scavenger Hunt, 9/24 10am Caribou, 9/25-Monticello scavenger hunt-clues emailed on 9/18 to those wishing to participate

Helping Hands: Michelle ©, Kayla Barb B.-no requests

Good & Welfare: Oct 16th –benefit for Danielle at VFW

Thank You Hosts: Sara, Linda, Jennifer

Thank You Greeter: Debby

October Hosts: Arlis, Annette, Sharon

Benediction: Debby

USWT Creed: Cat

Adjourn at 9:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary