

President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

It was a rockin' Christmas Party and meeting at Michelle's house! Thanks to the many members and guests that came and brought food for the potluck. It was really fun to listen to all the laughter and happy voices. A big welcome to Stacy and Kelsey who came for the fun and joined that night. They were installed as new members along with Susie who joined at our November Caribou M-event. We look forward to seeing Connie again at our January meeting.

Congratulations December Board Member of the Month – Sara! (December Member of the Month to be announced in January.) Thanks for those that brought donations for Bridge for Youth and Breaking Free!!

Thanks to the following December helpers:

Party fun – Danna and Debby

Invocation – Danna

Benediction – Linda

Pledge – Oneka

Creeds – Susie and Michelle

Coins for a Cause – Debby \$111.65 deposited

Thanks to all those who renewed for 2nd trimester. A renewal ceremony will be held at one of the next meetings.

A huge thank you to all you amazing women that step forward to chair and help with projects. Upcoming project chairs:

Kids Christmas Bingo – Lisa/Trina/Arlis

Christmas Bingo Concessions – Dawn/Linda

Women's Day – Sarah/Pam B

Family Day – Jennifer/Oneka

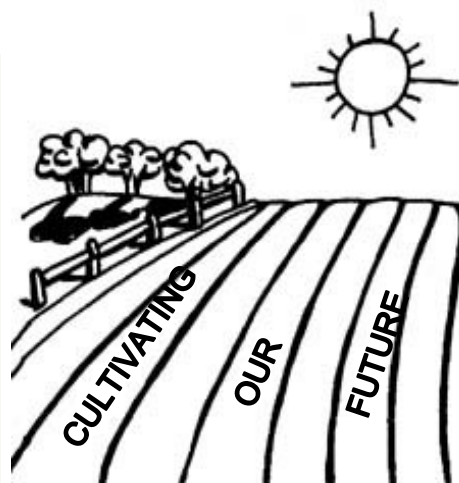
Operation Valentine – Ille/Michelle/Trina

Spring Craft booths – Sharon/Ille

Spring Craft concessions – Lana/Kay

Chapter Logo apparel - Ille

Don't forget – January meeting is the last chance at winning the Women of Today bag and contents. Also, Trina will be taking member pictures before the mtg.



Holiday Events:

Board Meeting - Dec 15th at Sara's

Rivers of Hope gift wrapping - Dec 16th at noon

Christmas Bingo & Concessions - Dec 17th @ Middle School

Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year!

Enjoy the blessings of the season as you celebrate with family and friends.



Miscellaneous Farm Stuff!

Fun on the Farm for 2nd Trimester!

The fabulous black & white striped bag could be yours at the January meeting! It will be your last opportunity to register for chances to win the drawing for the bag and contents. Please make sure to register when you check in at the meeting because the drawing will take place during my report at the meeting.



Not a picture of the actual bag, but be assured, it is **AWESOME!**
(Cat's Logo)

Outstanding Awards Nominations

Our chapter submitted 3 nominations for the MNWT outstanding awards. Zackary Turner was nominated for Outstanding Young Adult, Tanner Schroeder was nominated for Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges, and Michelle KJ was nominated for Outstanding Women Who Impact in the area of Youth Outreach. Youth of Today State Program Manager Ille confirmed that Zackary Turner was selected as an honoree for the Winter State Outstanding Awards Banquet. Ille is working with the state awards committee to submit additional information for the presentation. A huge thank you to Michelle for writing up the submission for Tanner and to Barb (and Michelle) for helping with the write up for Michelle. Tanner and Michelle were not selected as honorees for this year's banquet.

Thank you for your vote on the motion to partner with the Central Minnesota Noon Optimist Club to conduct bingo at the Hideout on the 1st Saturday of each month. It was approved and on Saturday, Nov 26th, Sara, Ille, Barb Boeck, and Cat received training on conducting bingo according to MN gaming laws. We actually helped run the bingo and learned how to fill out the forms. Thanks to Sara and Ille who volunteered to run bingo on Saturday, Dec 3rd at The Hideout, with bingo starting at 2 pm. I heard that some other members came too, although there weren't too many customers present to play bingo.

Our chapter receives a \$100 donation each time we conduct bingo, per the arrangement with the Hideout and the Optimist Club.



Trina - 9

Lauren D. - 17

Lana - 27

Annette - 28

Pam B. - 28



Thank you to our
Sponsor's-

- ♦ **Schlenner
Wenner & Co.**
- ♦ **State Farm
Insurance-
Dan Olson**
- ♦ **Linda
Buchmann-
Coldwell
Banker Burnet**
- ♦ **Lewis
Kannegieter
Law, Ltd.**

Coins collected in No-
vember totaled
\$111.65!

MEMBERSHIP

ORIENTATION

On Monday, Nov. 21st, six new members attended Orientation at Caribou Coffee - Karen Moores, Barbara Boeck, Oneka Jenkins, Katie Thielen, Teresa Doose, & Lauren Doose. Conducting the orientation were Glorie, Cat & Nancy. We spent over an hour reviewing and explaining information, and each new member completed their STEP 1 Certification form. Also, Ille came with samples and ordering instructions for new WOT apparel and other items.

New member orientation!

**6:00 pm before the
January general meeting.
1-5-2016**

Everyone welcome!



NH Tree Decorating -- On Saturday Nov 26 Ille and Sara R met at Caribou at 9am for a quick little social time then moved onto decorating the tree in the front entryway from 10am-1130am. It is a red and gold woodland theme tree this year with all lights working on the tree!! Thank you to Oneka. For donating ornaments. And also to Torrey, who asked Marshalls to donate ornaments!



Miscellaneous Information!

Big Sis/Little Sis -- If you are interested in being a mentor to our newer members please let Illeana know as soon as possible. A handout will be going around explaining what it means to be a big sis.

**I ♥ MY
LITTLE
SISTER**

**Wanted: Big Sis
for new Chapter
Members!!**

What is a Big Sis?

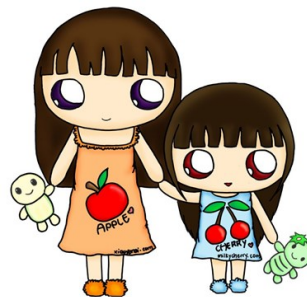
The job of a Big Sis is to mentor a newer member to the chapter. This could mean sitting next to her in the meeting, attending new member orientation with, co-chairing a project together, etc.

Why should I be a Big Sis?

Who wouldn't want to be one!! You create a bond with this member and show her that she isn't alone after signing up. While you may not know all the answers, it can be a learning experience for both parties.

Time Commitments?

You put into it as much as you get out of it. Like everything in our chapter, it is up to you to see how involved you are. We just ask that if you do take on being a big sis, that you commit to that person for at least a year.



Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Report

August, 2016

Checking account balance as of 11/30/16 is \$515.34

Savings account balance as of 11/30/ 16 is \$3931.55

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.

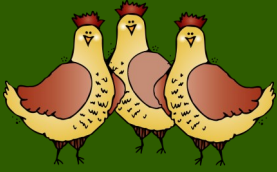
The treasurer is unable to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2016-2017 budget.

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.



Hen Party Happenings

Michelle and Kayla - Thanks for opening your home for our Christmas celebration. –Debby

Barb - Thanks for stepping-up-to-the plate and fixing the acrylic on the Coins for a Cause. –Debby

Dawn - You go, girl. The newsletter is awesome. –Debby

Cat - We appreciate all your efforts in keeping WT an active chapter. –Debby

Jennifer and Lisa - Thanks for holding the Certification Night. –Debby

Trina - Great job on our social media. –Debby

Sharon - Thanks for designing the header for Coins for a Cause. –Debby

Danna - Thanks for heading up the Christmas games with me. –Debby

Thanks to all the participants of our Christmas games. It is always nice to hear good belly laughs. –Debby

Ille - Great job on the WT wearables! We will all be decked out. –Debby

Michelle: Thank you so much for opening your home for the Christmas meeting and party. It was really enjoyable and your home was decorated so nice. (Cat)

Michelle: I so appreciate the time and effort that you put into the write-up for Tanner (for Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges) and for yourself (for Outstanding Women Who Impact). I have to say I was disappointed that neither of those were selected as honorees, although they were wonderful entries. You are such a fantastic volunteer in the school and in our community – many thanks for everything you do. (Cat)

Susie, Stacy and Kelsey: So glad to have you as members of our chapter. I'm glad it worked out to install you at the Christmas meeting and I look forward to getting together again. (Cat)

Jennifer and Oneka: Thanks so much for your willingness to co-chair Family Day. It will be fun to see what you come up with. (Cat)

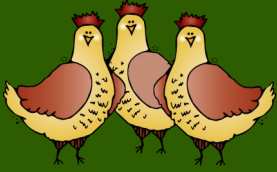
Tammy: I miss seeing you – when can we go for coffee or lunch? Merry Christmas, my friend! (Cat)

Mercedes: Looking forward to seeing Zackary and your family at the Winter State awards banquet. Congratulations to Zak for being selected for a scholarship. (Cat)

Barb Boeck: It was fun to see you at the Senior Center luncheon. You are now an official "Silver Platter" diner with the rest of us. (Cat)

Connie: Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting. Hope you have a peaceful and Merry Christmas. (Cat)

Tara: Nice picture with Santa in the newspaper (from the Lions Pancake Breakfast). Looks like you are enjoying your royalty experiences. It will be fun to see you at the January meeting! (Cat)



Hen Party Happenings

Thanks to Arlis, Lisa and Trina for a successful Kids Christmas Bingo. You rocked it. -Julie

Thanks to all the members and nonmembers that helped at the Christmas Bingo. You all did a great job. You also brought joy to children in Monticello. I loved the smiles on their faces. -Julie

Michelle- thank you for hosting the wonderful Christmas party! - Ashley

Danna and Debby- thank you for planning the games and activities for the party! - Ashley

Welcome to all of the new members! It is exciting to see that we are growing! - Ashley

Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming to me! -Ashley

Dawn- thank you for all of your hard work on the newsletter! - Ashley

It is awesome to see how hard everyone works and all of the time you ladies give. Great work, everyone! - Ashley

I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas. -Barb Boeck

Thanks to Barb B for taking my food and toiletry items to Christmas party. -Barb Boeck

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, Dec. 1, Michelle Kocak Jones' house Members present: Kayla Kleinsteuber, Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Illeanna Miller, Julie Marchand, Barb Berndtson, Sarah Sundine, Linda Buchmann, Debby Manthei, Karen Moores, Danielle Enberg, Krisie Garvin, Mercedes Turner, Rhonda Eckhart, Ashley Blaha, Jennifer Lewis Kannigietter, Sara Rocksted, Trina Hedquist, Kay Schroden, Karla Brandt, Oneka Jenkins, Susie Payne, Kelsey Hamel, Stacy Cardinal, Danna Bromaghin, Lauren Henderson

Call to Order: 8:01 pm by President Cathy Shuman

Invocation: Danna

Pledge: Oneka

MNWT Creed: Susie

Guest(s): Connie Fink, Desiree Weigel

Orders of the Day/Quorum:—28 members/Quorum established

Service Hours Book- at greeter table/passed during meeting

Christmas Fun: Debby, Danna

SECRETARY: Michelle Kocak Jones "Growing by the Minutes"

Minutes Approval: November minutes approved

Thank you notes received: none

Bd. Mtg. Motions: none

Report thank yous to: Nancy, Cat, Glorie, Debby, Ille, Lisa, Trista, Kayla

TREASURER: Linda Buchmann "We Reap What We Sow"

Checking balance: \$ 515.34

Savings balance: \$ 3931.55

PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Out to Pasture"

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge-none held at Dec. Mtg.

ONTO Flower Sales-will be at Winter State

Nominating Committee-Dawn, Jennifer, Pam P. for board positions 2017-18

PRESIDENT: Cathy Shuman "Cultivating Our Future"

Member of the Month: Dec-wait until January

Board Member of the Month: Dec-Sara

Next meeting: 1/5, 6:30pm at CUMC (Methodist Church)

Board meeting: Thur 12/15, 6:30 at Sara's

2nd trimester awards-Survey Monkey will be coming

Mid-year evaluation-survey Monkey will be coming

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

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

Winter District mtg- 12/2 in Rice, carpool at 5, \$6/per person

District Bylaw Review- decide date on 12/2

Bingo at the Hideout-12/3, 1st Saturday of the month, 23 members voted yes

Winter State Convention- Jan 27-28, Signed up to attend: Sara, Lisa, Julie, Cat, Teresa, Trina

Firefly Sisterhood Buckets of Sunshine collection- no report

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

Caribou Coffee M-event-FR- 11/19, Jennifer, Barb Be, Sharon, Lauren D, Teresa, Barb Bo, Arlis, Ille, Rose, Lauren H, Maddie attend-
ed Guests: LJ, Kenzie Turner. Welcomed new member Susie Payne

"On the Trail with WT" M-event-FR-Glorie-11/7, Hosted by Glorie & Nancy, Best Western @ 6:30pm-played Farkle, made trail mix.
In attendance: Julie, Karen, Pam P, Barb Be, Torrey, Arlis, Cat, Rhonda, Lauren D, Teresa, Cindy was working and helped out. Wel-
comed 4 guests, 2 (Katie Thielen and Barb Boeck) who became members

Craft Show Membership Table-11/5-FR-Linda, Michelle-Manning the table: AM: Danna, Arlis; PM: Karen, Glorie

New Member Orientations- Nancy-11/21, 6:30 Caribou; Karen, Barb Bo, Oneka, Katie, Teresa, Lauren D attended with Nancy and
Glorie sharing WT information. Each new member completed STEP I Certification Form. Ille there with WT samples/apparel and
ordering instructions

1/5 at 6:00 before general mtg.- next new member orientation

Big Sis/Little Sis-Ille-flyer passed in interested in mentoring newer member

Cookie Exchange, 12/3-Linda, Mercy-gave report that event is tomorrow
Caribou Coffee Social-none in December

2nd TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Glorie, Nancy, Shelly, Lana, Trina, Trista, Michelle, Cindy, Sarah, Arlis, Tammy, Madyson

New member installation: Kelsey, Stacy, Susie

NEW BUSINESS: Family Day- Jennifer to chair

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Barb Be/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter use \$115 earned from Riverfest Ambassadors and \$200 earned from Riverfest Duck Adoptions for a total of \$315 to go towards our \$500 Monticello High School Scholarship

M/S/P (Nancy/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter raise the budget line for member discounts with a budget of additional \$150 to \$250 total from budget line # 172.

M/S/P (Nancy/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter add a \$25 membership basket budget per craft show with a budget of \$25 for 2016-17 from budget line #176 (new budget line).

M/S/P (Barb Be/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$250 to the Monticello Senior Citizen Center for their bingo machine with a budget of \$250 from budget line #900.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop" LPM reports due 1/2

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

DVA-Trina-no report

Little Free Library-Dawn-no report

Fall Craft Booths -FR- Sharon/Annette- 11/5-no report

Parent's Night Out-Michelle-To date 19 names have been received. Our 2nd winner of 4 is Robin Crowe. She will receive \$50 in gift cards for dinner and a movie and a \$25 check to caregiver of choice. Next drawing will be held at the Jan. Mtg.

NH Tree Decorating- FR- 11/26, Sara and Ille met at Caribou, 9am for social then tree decorating at nursing home from 10-11:30, decorated tree in front entry with red/gold woodland theme. Oneka and anonymous person donated ornaments from Marshalls.

Rivers of Hope gift wrap-Cat- 12/16 at noon

Spring Craft Booths-Sharon/Ille- 3/11-no report

Spring Craft Concessions-Lana/Kay- 3/11-no report

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

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb Be-Platters: RSVP 24 hrs ahead; Sneakers: online info under MCC website

Penny Wars-not held at Dec. Mtg.

Focus-steps, vegetable-brussel sprouts-Torrey

Women's Day-Sarah, Pam B-no report

Youth of Today: Trista Kleinsteuber "Budding Blossoms" (will keep theme)

The Bridge for Youth-Barb/Trista-Assists homeless/in-crisis youth/teens in metro area. Items being collected for Winter State at Nov, Dec, Jan mtgs. Total donations received at Dec. Mtg. From Barb Be, Cat, Nancy, Michelle, Susie, Debby, Julie, Trista included coats, hats, socks, shirts, gift cards, underwear, toothbrushes, duffle bags, leggings for a value of \$257.00

MHS Scholarship Criteria Committee-Criteria has been submitted to Supt. Johnson

Kids Christmas Bingo-Lisa/Trina/Arlis-12/17-Held 11am-2pm, Volunteers needed: 2 callers, 1 greeter, 7 collecting money, 1 toy table (Cassie Carlson has volunteered for toy table), door prizes every ½ hr, kids encouraged to bring food shelf item for a free bingo card. Need someone to shop for about 60 toys with mix of girls, boys, neutral, appropriate for ages 3-11

Christmas Bingo Concessions-Dawn, Linda-12/17- need 10 helpers

Operation Valentine-Ille, Michelle-no report

Breaking Free: Kayla Kleinsteuber "Heading to the Stable"

Trimester sales: none for Dec. Mtg.

Personal Care Products/Fuzzy Socks-Kayla-items collected at the December meeting will be donated at Winter State Convention. Michelle, Cat, Oneka, Nancy, Glorie, Debby, Kayla, Barb Bo donated 460 products and 18 pr. socks for a total value of \$495.00

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!" LPM reports due 1/2

Ways & Means: OPEN "The Cash Cow"

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$111.65 raised and deposited 11/28

Lucky Buck- January-Dawn, Feb-Arlis

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

Certification Night-FR-Nov-Jennifer/Lisa-11/14, 7pm, Kjellbergs

Funshine: Torrey Brown "Down by the Creek"

Birthdays: Trina-9, Lauren D-17, Lana-27, Pam B/Annette-28

Birthday Secret Sis-Torrey-Bring January gifts to general mtg.

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

Deadline: submit articles, pics, & Hen Party Happenings to Dawn by 12/9 Nov. Contributors- ?

Newsletter Challenge drawing-participants: ?

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

Awards Nomination Committee-Ille/Michelle/Kay/Cat/Barb/Sarah- Outstanding Young Adult: ZacKary Turner was chosen as honoree. Will be acknowledged at Winter State with \$500 scholarship. Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges: Tanner Schroeder, Outstanding Women Who Impact (Youth Outreach)-Michelle Kocak Jones. Michelle and Tanner were not selected.

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

Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam B-NR

Membership Mondays on FB-Trina-notify Trina if you want anything posted, pics taken at Jan. Mtg.

Chapter shirt orders-Ille-Website is live, closing 12/4 for first round of orders, Ille at Caribou on 12/4 at 10am to assist with ordering and trying on samples

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

Thank You Hosts: Everyone

January Hosts: Dawn, Lauren H, Julie

Benediction: Linda

USWT Creed: Michelle

Adjourn at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary