

## President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

Thanks to SPM Sherry Boike for sharing information about Breaking Free with our group (and for Jeny and Jessica from Coon Rapids for tagging along). Our experiment with the new agenda layout went pretty well so we'll try that again in March. I'm promoting another Fun on the Farm drawing for this last trimester. Every member can participate by Planting Peace (Feb), Cultivating Kindness (Mar), Growing Goodness (Banquet), and Harvesting Happiness (April). The drawing will take place at the May meeting.

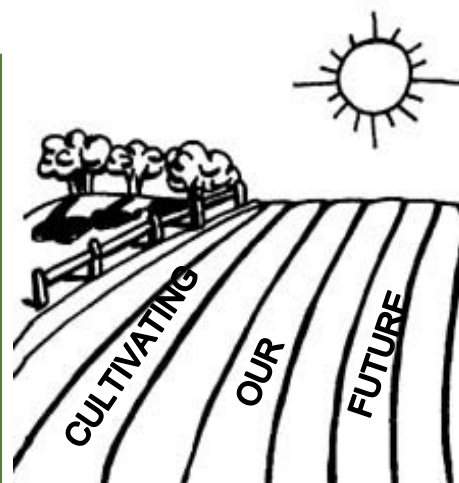
Congratulations to February Member of the Month Sarah S and New Member of the Month Barb Boeck – thanks for your contributions! My sincere appreciation for February meeting helpers: Invocation–Ashley; Benediction–Sarah S; Pledge–Maribel; Creeds–Kelsey & Danielle; Hostesses–Sharon, Kay, & Maribel; Greeters–Lauren H & Barb Bo. And thanks to those that signed up to help in the coming months.

It's fantastic to see all the wonderful things our chapter accomplishes. Thanks to the chairs for upcoming events:

Bowlerama – Ille/Sara R  
Women's Day Swap Meet – Sarah S/Pam B  
Spring Kids Party – Ashley/Sarah S  
Impromptu Socials – Dawn, Ashley, Ille, Torrey, Julie  
Operation Valentine – Ille/Michelle/Trina  
Spring Craft Show, Concessions & Membership Table – Sharon/Ille & Lana/  
Kay & Glorie/Connie  
Food Shelf Raffle – Arlis/Danna

Thanks to all our hard work and successful fundraisers. We are making donations to the following organizations:

Kindred Family Focus (Crisis Nursery) - \$100  
CentraCare Nursing Home (activities) - \$100  
Work Skills Day - \$200  
MNWT OYA Scholarship fund - \$50  
Monticello Friends of the Library - \$100  
Timber Bay - \$100  
Community United Methodist Church - \$200  
Resurrection Lutheran Church - \$200  
Angel of Home (animal rescue) - \$50  
Ruff Start Rescue - \$50  
Rivers of Hope - \$100  
Women's Vet Initiative (WW SPM) - \$100



### Festive Winter Events:



Board Meeting - Feb 16<sup>th</sup>  
at Michelle's



Caribou Social - Feb  
18th at 10 AM



Operation Valentine -  
Feb 19th at Best

Western



Swap Meet - Feb 24 at  
CUMC, 6:30 - 9 pm



Bowlerama - Feb 24 at  
River City (6-9pm)



Spring Kids Party -  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at MCC pool



Remember to buy/sell  
your Foodshelf raffle  
tickets!



## SPRING CRAFT SHOW CONCESSIONS!

SATURDAY MARCH 11TH, AT THE MONTICELLO COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN

8AM-4PM

PLEASE DONATE A DESSERT AND VOLUNTEER FOR A 2-3 HOUR SHIFT TO SELL FOOD IN THE KITCHEN.

CO-CHAIRS: LANA GILBERTS/KAY SCHRODEN

### Food Shelf Raffle

#### Arlis T and Danna B – Co Chairs

January 28, 2017 Danna B and I met at Caribou coffee at 11:30 AM to organize the Monticello Women of Today Food Shelf Raffle. We discussed what business' we were going to ask for donation and split the list up. So far we have received donations from Papa Murphy's, Chatters, Von Hanson's Meats, Hawk's Sports Bar and Grill, Applebee's, Loch Jewelers, Russell's on the Lake, Rancho Grande, a quilt has been donated and an afghan. I have filled out the paperwork and emailed Kwik Trip and Grand Casino Mille Lacs for donations and am waiting to hear from them. Women of Today members please remember that if you are handy at doing crafts we will take donation from you as well. Raffle tickets have been purchased, printed, thanks to President Cat, and are in books of 10 to sell. So if you want tickets to sell or would like to purchase please come and see me. We need to sell, sell, sell our goal is to sell all 400 tickets.

**Raffle Tickets!**

**GET YOUR**

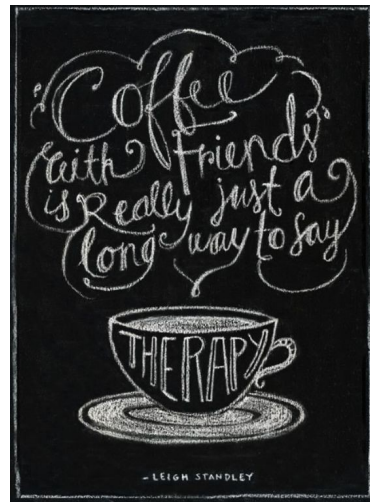
**Raffle Tickets!**



**On Monday January 30th, we held a Membership Tea at Glorie's house to participate in Impact Monday and the Blizzard Challenge. The activities were a British work definition icebreaker and making a "fascinator", a headpiece made with flowers, birds, feathers, tulle, etc. There were many flavors of tea available and members brought their version of "crumpets" for our tea party. There were several prizes given away including two \$5 off membership coupons. Attending were, Barb Be, Barb Bo, Debby, Pam P, Rhonda, Connie, Torrey, Cat, Jenifer, Teresa, Lauren D, Oneka, Sarah S, Glorie & Nancy.**

**We had a great turnout for our Caribou Social on Saturday, Jan. 21st. The following members were there:**

**Oneka, Stacy, Barb  
Bo, Lauren D, Barb  
Be, Rose, Tammy,  
Lauren H, Dawn, Ille  
(and LJ), Pam P,  
Torrey, Kay and Cat.**



## What?- Coffee

## Where?-Caribou

**When?- Saturday,  
February 18th.**

10:00 am

Library Photo @11:00

Coffee, friends, and  
laughter!



**A quote by**

**Elizabeth Andrews:**

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; They have the HEART."**

**-Ashley Blaha-**







I will be collecting personal care items at the March and April meetings for Breaking Free. Especially in need of deodorant, socks and underwear (for both women and children).

Thank you!

-Kayla

**Monticello Women of Today's Little Free Library,  
conveniently located next to their bench!**





**Bonita -7**

**Lori-7**

**Glorie-19**

**Rylee-23**

**Onkea-24**



Thank you to our  
Sponsor's-

- ♦ **Schlenner  
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Law, Ltd.**

Coins collected in  
February totaled  
\$56.98!

## MEMBERSHIP



### CHALLENGE #1:

**Co Membership VPs Glorie and Nancy would like to challenge each member to attend at least one social or activity a month during January, February and March. For each time you attend we will put your name into a drawing for a prize. The drawing will be held at the April general meeting. During these months we would also challenge each member (new and experienced) to talk to someone you have never talked to before and or you have't talked to in a long time. Please make this effort. You will benefit from it. Put your shyness away for the new year and get to know your fellow Monticello Women of Today. One suggestion is to sit next to someone you don't know at a general meeting. Goal let's get to know each other!**

### CHALLENGE #2:

**Each member that plans and holds a Membership Social (check with Glorie and Nancy so we do not plan everything on the same day) will be put in a drawing for a great prize. We have earned \$50 already and will get another \$50 at Winter Convention for our growth in Membership and holding M events. We are very lucky to belong to such a vibrant chapter. We will be using \$25 of this money for the prize. Please consider holding a social. If you need ideas we have a lot for you to choose from.**

# ***Be the Difference***

*Minnesota Women of Today  
Membership Award  
Presented to*

*Monticello*

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*For*

***In-Chapter Extension***

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*2nd Trimester 2016-2017*



  
Jane Hanson, State President

  
Julie Marchand, Membership Vice President

# ***Be the Difference***

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Membership Award  
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***Monticello Women of Today***

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*For*

***Growth + more than 5***

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*2nd Trimester 2016-2017*



  
Jane Hanson, State President

  
Julie Marchand, Membership Vice President

# ***Be the Difference***

***Minnesota Women of Today  
Membership Award***

*Presented to*

***Monticello***

*For*

***75% Retention***

***2nd Trimester 2016-2017***



  
Jane Hanson, State President

  
Julie Marchand, Membership Vice President

*We would like to congratulate our chapter and thank you for helping Monticello Women of Today earn these awards. It's truly been a group effort to grow our chapter so much this past year. We lit the spark, members caught fire, and several of you brought in new members. This shows the strength of teamwork!*

*We're an awesome chapter because of each and every one of us!*

***Glorie & Nancy***

## DONATIONS:

**Kindred Family Focus \$100**  
**Centra Care Nursing Home (ear marked for activities) \$100**  
**Work Skills Day \$200**  
**MN Women of Today Outstand Young Adult Scholarship \$50**  
**Friends of the Library \$100**  
**Timber Bay \$100**  
**Community United Methodist Church \$200**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church \$200**  
**Angels of Hope (animal rescue group) \$50**  
**Ruff Start Rescue \$50**  
**Rivers of Hope \$100**  
**Women's Vet Initiative \$100**

**TOTAL-\$1,350.00!**



### Treasurer Report

August, 2016

Checking Balance as of  
 1/31/17: \$2,284.92.

Savings Balance as of  
 1/31/17: \$4,886.55.

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.

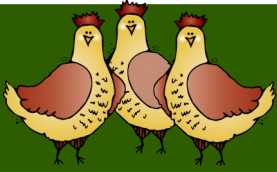
Anyone turning in a check requisition forms please turn it into the chairman of the project before turning it into the treasurer. Please have all forms filled out completely.



### 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

Sarah S.-Thank you for taking the time to be a big sister for Stacy, Katie and me! We appreciate it! - Ashley

Way to go to all of the ladies who we recognized with certificates and awards at convention! You rock! - Ashley

I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful group of ladies. Thank you and welcome to all of the newer members! - Ashley

Danna-We missed you at the meeting and hope you are feeling better! - Ashley

Connie: So glad to have you in our chapter! Thanks for signing up to co-chair the Membership Table at the Craft Show with Glorie. (Cat)

Danielle: Hoping all is improving with your health so you can get back on the transplant list. I'm pulling for you and keeping you on my prayer list. (Cat)

Sara: Sounds like you had a great vacation up north! Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. (Cat)

Rose: I am so missing you. Hope you can join us at some of the fun socials that are coming up! (Cat)

Kelsey, Trina, Sara, Ille, Julie, Sarah, and Mercy: It was a great time at Winter convention and so glad to have you all there for convention and the banquet. (Cat)

Sharon, Ille, Lana, and Kay: Thanks for all your hard work getting ready for the Craft Show booths and concession stand. Greatly appreciate your time and efforts. (Cat)

Coffee/Library Photo Group-Thank you for such an awesome turnout for coffee and the Library photo.-Dawn

Shout out to Ed Shuman for taking the photo-Dawn \*Please pass along Cat. :)

Trina-Thank you for the candid photos. You are really good at photos. :) -Dawn

Cat-The new agenda looked and flowed well! Nice job!-Dawn

Rose-I miss your face.-Dawn

Lauren H.-Thank you for helping me spark my stone back to life.-Dawn

**MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING-Thurs. 2/2/17 Methodist Church**

**Members present:** Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Illeana Miller, Julie Marchand, Barb Berndtson, Sarah Sundine, Krisie Garvin, Mercedes Turner, Rhonda Eckhart, Ashley Blaha, Trina Hedquist, Kay Schroden, Karla Brandt, Kelsey Hamel, Stacy Cardinal, Lauren Henderson, Glorie Balfanz, Connie Fink, Lisa Waterworth, Dawn Hendricks, Barb Boeck, Sharon Scholl, Arlis Thielke, Kayla Kleinstein, Linda Buchmann, Pam Peterson, Danielle Enberg, Maribel Cruz-Longley

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

**Invocation:** Ashley

**Pledge:** Maribel

**MNWT Creed:** Kelsey

**Guest(s):** Gabby (Maribel's daughter), Jeny Ohr, Sherry Boike, Jessica Schultz-all from Coon Rapids Chapter

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:**—30 members/Quorum established

**Ice breaker:** Lisa- favorite technology brand

**On Time Drawing:**Nancy

**Service Hours Book-passed and Fun on the Farm (greeter table)**

**Guest Speaker:** Sherry Boike, Breaking Free SPM

**SECRETARY: Michelle Kocak Jones "Growing by the Minutes"**

Minutes Approval: January minutes approved

Thank you notes received: none

Bd. Mtg. Motions: none

Report thank yous to: Nancy, Glorie, Debby, Ille, Dawn, Sharon, Linda, Barb Be, Sarah S, Arlis

**TREASURER: Linda Buchmann "We Reap What We Sow"**

Checking balance: \$ 2284.92

Savings balance: \$ 4886.55

Mid-year donation list: Kindred Family Focus \$100, Centra Care Nursing Home-activities dept \$100, Work Skills Day \$200, MNWT OYA Scholarship \$50, Friends of Library \$100, Timber Bay \$100, CUMC \$200, RLC \$200, Angels of Hope-animal rescue \$50, Ruff Start Rescue \$50, Rivers of Hope \$100, Women's Vet Initiative \$100

Mid-year budget review will be discussed at Feb. Bd mtg

**PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Out to Pasture"**

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge-winner: Barb Be

Nominating Committee-officer elections in March

**PRESIDENT: Cathy Shuman "Cultivating Our Future"**

Member of the Month: Feb-Sarah

New Member of the Month: Feb-Barb Bo

Next general meeting: 3/2, 6:30pm at CUMC (Methodist Church)

Board meeting: Thur 2/16, 6:30 at Michelle's

Year End Awards Banquet-4/29-River City Extreme-Cat, Barb Be, Debby to plan

Tri 3 Fun on the Farm (Feb-Apr)-see email and handout

**STATE DELEGATE: Ille for Sara Rocksted "Let's Go Cow Tipping"**

Hideout Bingo FR-1/21- Barb Be- run by Cat & Barb Bo; attended by: Lauren, Oneka, Torrey, Dawn & Mike, Barb & Noah, Pam P & Mark, Krisie & Christian, Kay & Leo. Over the 4 Saturdays in January this project raised \$400 toward convention rooms

Impromptu Bingo-1/7 at Hideout run by Sara, Oneka, Desiree. In attendance: Sarah, Jennifer & Josh, Ille & Rob, Torrey, Debby & Joel, Barb Be & family, Daniel & Cheryl, Noah & Chris. Joel won the door prize given by Barb.

District Holiday Party 1/14-FR-River City Extreme, 7pm, attended by Ille, Sarah, Sara, Trina, Annette, Arlis, Kelsey

Winter State Convention- Jan 27-28, Attended by: Cat, Julie, Ille, Sara, Sarah, Trina, Kelsey Awards: Presidential Pins-Michelle, Trina Pres. Medallions-Ille (YT SPM), Cat USWT Pins-Dawn, Cat, Epic Award-Ille, Cat Other awards: 75% retention, Growth ++5, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Success, Project of the Tri-PR WT Week

Tri3 visitation-Hutchinson-watch for info

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

Big Sis/Little Sis-Ille-Let Ille know if interested in being a big sis to a newer chapter member-asking for a one yr. commitment

USWT Blizzard Challenge-Tea Social FR- 1/30 for tea and hat making. In attendance: Barb Be, Barb Bo, Debby, Pam P, Rhonda, Connie, Torrey, Cat, Jennifer, Teresa, Lauren D, Oneka, Sarah, Glorie, Nancy

MVP and Impromptu Social Challenges-2/18 VFW Karaoke Social @ 5pm-Ashley, Ille chairs

Caribou Social- 1/21 members in attendance: Oneka, Stacy, Barb Bo, Lauren D., Barb Be, Rose, Tammy, Lauren H, Dawn, Ille, Pam P, Torrey

Caribou Coffee Social-2/18-Dawn-10am coffee, 11am pic @ Little Free Library location. Tim Hennagir from the Monticello Times has been contacted to take the picture but haven't heard from him yet

3rd TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Jen, Karla, Danielle, Krisie, Rose, Dawn, Jennifer, Debby, Ille, Pam P, Rylee, Annette, Sharon, Cat, Mercy, Lisa **Early Bird Deadline: March 15th**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member/Partner Appreciation-no chair, Craft Show Membership Table 3/11-chairs- **Glorie/Connie**

**MOTIONS:**

**M/S/P** (Michelle/Kayla) I move the Monticello chapter participate in Work Skills Day on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Henry's Church

**M/S/P** (Michelle/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter assist with the Kids Kitchen food distribution on Mondays beginning 6/12 through 8/14

**M/S/P** (Linda/Barb Be) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$130 of the Toy Bingo Concessions profits to the MHS Scholarship with the rest going to the food shelf as planned

**M/S/P** (Linda/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter approve the donation list sent to the membership via email on 2/2/17 with a budget of \$1350.

**M/S/P** (Mercy/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter support Illeana Miller for an executive council position

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop" LPM of Tri-Torrey**

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

DVA-Trina-NR

Parent's Night Out-Michelle-To date 20 names have been received. Our 4th winner of 4 is Lorena Serrano. She will receive \$50 in gift cards for dinner and a movie and a \$25 check to caregiver of choice. Spring Craft Booths-Sharon/Ille- 3/11-57 booths confirmed, volunteers for floor taping 3/10, 8-9pm, sign up passed

Spring Craft Concessions-Lana/Kay- 3/11- need volunteers for 3 hr. Shifts between 8am-4pm. Please donate a pan of your favorite dessert (pies, cake, bars, cookies, brownies, etc) for the fundraiser.

Food Shelf Raffle-Arlis,Danna-1/28 met at Caribou. Donations so far: Papa Murphy's, Chatters, Von Hanson's, Hawks, Applebees, donated quilt and afghan; Loch Jewelers will be donating, Kwik Trip and Grand Casino Mille Lacs have been emailed for donations. Will also accept crafts from members. See Arlis if interested in tickets. Goal is to sell 400.

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

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb Be-Platters: 1/13 Barb Be and Steve lunch at the center; 2/16 will meet @ 11:45. RSVP 24 hrs. ahead if attending; Sneakers: online info under MCC website

Penny Wars-Jan/June winners, \$100 raised **for March of Dimes**

Focus-exercise, vegetable-broccoli-Torrey

Women's Day Swap Party-Sarah, Pam B-2/24 at CUMC, 6:30-9pm-bring new or like new items and shop for free- ideas include jewelry, lotions, cookbooks, etc; RSVP on signup-remaining items to Goodwill

Bowlerama-Ille, Sara-2/24, 6-9pm at River City Extreme, \$30 per bowler paid day of event, teams of 4

**Youth of Today: Barb Be for Trista Kleinsteuber "Budding Blossoms"**

MHS Scholarship review-Michelle-\$500 due 2/16 to scholarship fund, info passed for those interested in reading scholarship essays on 5/3 at 6:00pm MHS

MHS Scholarship/Cook Off-Dawn, Lauren-TBD

Operation Valentine-2/19, Ille/Michelle/Trina-Helpers from 2-8pm At Best Western. Shifts of 2-5p and 5-8pm Set up/activities for 50-75 youth. Committee meeting held 1/25 Michelle, Ille, Rose, Danna attended

Spring Kids Party-3/4-Ashley, Sarah- 11:30-1:30 swimming at Comm. Center, first 8 kids registered will be paid for by WT

Bingo Concessions FR-12/17-Dawn, Linda-Members who volunteered in addition to chairs: Oneka, Annette, Rhonda, Mercy, Mari-bel, Gabby, Jennifer, Peter, Lynzie. Total raised: \$760.50, expenses: \$183.93, profit: \$576.57 to be donated to Monticello Food Shelf.

**Breaking Free: Kayla Kleinsteuber "Heading to the Stable"**

Trimester sales: Debby-NR

Personal product Collection-Kayla- will put info in newsletter about collecting new socks/underwear, deodorant, sponges, new wash clothes/towels

**INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!" LPM of Tri-Torrey**

**Ways & Means: OPEN "The Cash Cow"**

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$56.98

Lucky Buck- Feb-Arlis-raised \$50, winner-Cat; March-Sara

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

PEP course rentals-Lisa-can do so online at MNWT website

**Funshine: Torrey Brown "Down by the Creek"**

Birthdays: Bonita-7, Lori-7, Glorie-19, Rylee-23, Oneka-24, Connie- 10/26

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

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

Deadline: submit articles, pics, recipes, & Hen Party Happenings to Dawn by 2/10

Jan Contributions: Cat, Debby, Nancy, Glorie, Linda, Kay, Michelle, Danna

Jan. Logo finders: Arlis, Kay, Danna, Sharon, Barb Be, Nancy, Oneka, Debby, Kelsey, Torrey

Newsletter Challenge drawing- winner-Kay

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

Project folders- get from Pam P. Remember to write up final reports for folder

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

Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam B-updated

Membership Mondays on FB-Trina-posted at noon Mondays, gained 100 likes so far this yr, send WT pics to Trina for video

Chapter shirt orders-Ille-samples at meeting, can order online

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

**Thank You Hosts:** Sharon, Kay, Maribel

**Thank you greeter:** Lauren H, Barb Bo

**March Hosts:** Mercy, Sarah S, Danna

March greeter needed

**Benediction:** Sarah

**USWT Creed:** Danielle

**Adjourn** at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary