

President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

What a wonderful meeting we had in January! It was great to have 6 new members and guests attend New Member Orientation before the meeting, plus we had a couple of other guests at the meeting. And it's always great to see so many members show up on a cold night (especially when the car doesn't start later). A friendly welcome to Connie who joined at the meeting and was installed along with Tara, Barb, and Katie. It was nice to see most of the 11 renewals participating in the 2nd trimester renewal ceremony.

Congratulations to December Member of the Month - Sharon! January Member of the Month was Ille and New Member of the Month was Lisa – congrats to both of them for their contributions! Awards for 2nd trimester were presented for the following:

- Member of the Trimester: Jennifer & Ille (tie)
- Board Member of the Trimester: Dawn, Sara R, and Nancy (tie)
- New Member of the Trimester: Danna
- Internal Project of the Trimester: Chapter Newsletter – Dawn
- External Project of the Trimester: Little Free Library/Garage Sale – Dawn & Barb Be
- Social/M-event of the Trimester: State Fair Food on a Stick – Nancy & Glorie

Congratulations to all of these ladies for all they do!

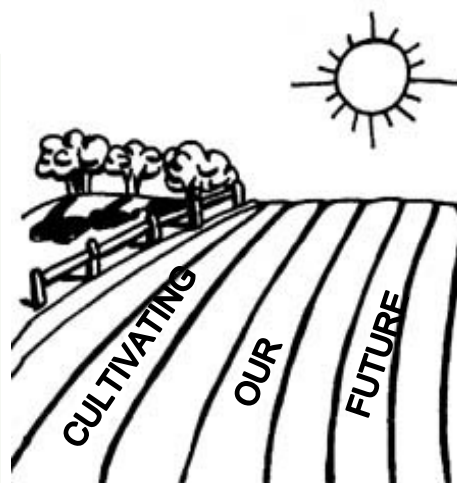
My sincere appreciation for January meeting helpers:

Invocation–Dawn, Benediction–Arlis, Pledge–Barb Bo, Creeds–Lauren D & Mercedes, Hostesses–Dawn, Lauren H, & Julie, Greeter–Dawn & Lauren H.

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

Bowlerama – Ille/Sara R
Food Shelf Raffle – Arlis/Danna
Cook-off Feed – Dawn/Lauren H
Spring Kids Party – Ashley/Sarah S
Impromptu Socials – Barb B (bingo) and Dawn (Applebees)

Congratulations, Ille, winner of the Fun on the Farm drawing for the Women of Today bag and contents! Very deserving for all you have accomplished.



Festive Winter Events:



Board Meeting - Jan 17th
at Dawn's



Family Day - Jan 27th at
Resurrection Church
from 6-9 pm



USWT Blizzard Chal-
lenge Tea Social - Jan
30th at Glorie's



Bingo at The Hideout -
Jan 14th, 21st and 28th
(play bingo at 2pm)



Caribou Social - Jan 21st
at 10 AM



Next chance for shirt
orders in February

Miscellaneous Farm Stuff!



**Fun on the Farm for
2nd Trimester!**

**The winner of this
FABULOUS bag was
Illeana
Miller!!!**



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

Caribou Coffee Social

January 21st, at 10:30 am.



**Please meet us at the Caribou by Target for
coffee and chatting with other members.**



Tea Time

Monday, January 30

6:30 pm

Glorie's house

6690 Edmonson Ave NE

Membership Monday for 3rd Trimester features a tea time social. Please join us in our effort to get to know more of our fellow Women of Today members on a personal level.

Brush up on your British, mate. It's less than a fortnight from now. If you're knackered after working all day, come relax with us. We don't want this to turn into a damp squib. We hope it will be the bee's knees!

Bring your tea cup and your favorite tea, or try one of ours. We'll have extra cups and teas to share.

Bring a half dozen cookies or small bars. We'll pretend they're crumpets.

Bring your creativity - and craft supplies - for a fun project. (Glue gun, tulle, feathers, flowers, etc.). We'll have supplies if you don't.

This will be a great event and ALL are encouraged to attend. PLUS, you'll get your name entered into the drawing for our Membership Challenge!

Please RSVP to Glorie or Nancy by Friday, Jan. 27th.

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Barb Bo.-6

Jen A.-9

Dawn-13

Cindy-15

Karen-19

Tammy-28

Susie-30



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Coins collected in
January totaled
\$96.58 !

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.

Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Report

August, 2016

Checking Balance as of 12/31/16: \$1,521.82

Savings Balance as of 12/31/16: \$5,151.55

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.

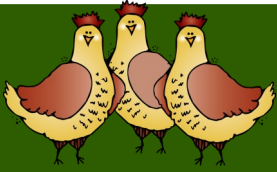
Anyone turning in a check requisition forms please turn it into the chairman of the project before turning it into the treasurer. Please have all forms filled out completely.



Growing by the Minutes: Michelle

(Cat's Logo)

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

Ille-Thank you for putting together the bags with our shirt orders.-Danna

Trina-Appreciate all the photos you take during the meetings.-Danna

Susie P-Welcome to the Monticello Women Of Today-I look forward to getting to know you.-Danna

Barb B-So happy to see you at the meeting and happy you joined our chapter. Excited to get to know you-Danna

Katie- welcome to our chapter-Looking forward to getting to know you-Danna

Tara-Welcome to Monticello Women Of Today- Looking forward to getting to know you-Danna

Connie-welcome! Excited to get to know you-Danna

Debby-Thanks for co-chairing Christmas party games with me (I know I'm late but better late than never!)-Danna

Cat-Thank you for nominating me for presidential pin, so honored-Danna

Lauren H.-So nice to see you at the meeting-Dawn

Connie- So excited to see more of you and to volunteer with you again.-Dawn

Tara-Thanks for coming to the meeting over your break!-Dawn

Rhonda-Nice chatting with you at Bingo Concessions.-Dawn

Nancy, Glorie, Danna- Congrats on the Presidential pins!-Dawn

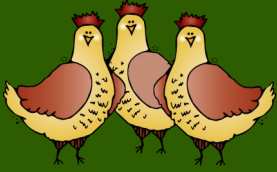
Sara R-Congrats on the U.S. pin!-Dawn

Danielle-sorry you couldn't make it to the meeting, rest up.-Dawn

Kayla-I love my birthday gift, it is awesome! Thank you!-Dawn

Welcome to all the new members-Dawn

Thank you to the members who voted for me and/or the projects I chaired, for 2nd Trimester Awards. -Dawn



Hen Party Happenings

Connie, Barb, Katie, and Tara: Thanks much for being a part of our chapter. It was nice to install you and make it official! (Cat)

Morgan, Kiki, and Lisa: I'm so glad that you came to our Women of Today meeting and checked us out. Please let me know if you have any questions. (Cat)

Trista: Excellent job in taking over the Community Connections LPM position! What a great effort on the collection for Bridge for Youth – it will be fun to add that to the donations at convention. (Cat)

Kayla: Hope you had a great visit with your special guy over the holidays! Thanks so much for collecting donations again for Breaking Free – it will be much appreciated. (Cat)

Teresa: Sure hope your leg keeps healing and you will be moving around better. What a trooper you are ! (Cat)

Oneka & Desiree: Thanks so much for helping Sara out with bingo at the Hideout! It's fun to have you both helping out with things. (Cat)

Lauren H: It was so good to see you at the meeting and hear you laugh. Thanks for bringing Morgan and for all your help. (Cat)

Dawn: Thanks for all your help at the meeting. I am really thankful for having such a good friend when my car wouldn't start after the meeting. Thanks for sticking around and letting us use your jumper cables too. Extremely grateful! (Cat)

Torrey: Fun idea that you had with the Penny Wars for March of Dimes. Can't wait to see what the totals are! (Cat)

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING-Thurs. 1/5/17 Methodist Church

Members present: Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Illeana Miller, Julie Marchand, Barb Berndtson, Sarah Sundine, Debby Manthei, Krisie Garvin, Mercedes Turner, Rhonda Eckhart, Ashley Blaha, Jennifer Lewis Kannigiet-er, Sara Rocksted, Trina Hedquist, Kay Schroden, Karla Brandt, Susie Payne, Kelsey Hamel, Stacy Cardinal, Danna Bromaghin, Lauren Henderson, Glorie Balfanz, Connie Fink, Lisa Waterworth, Dawn Hendricks, Barb Boeck, Trista Kleinsteuber, Teresa Doose, Lauren Doose, Sharon Scholl, Tara Eckhart, Arlis Thielke, Katie Thielen

Call to Order: 7:05 pm by President Cathy Shuman

Invocation: Dawn

Pledge: Barb Boeck

MNWT Creed: Lauren D

Guest(s): Morgan Henderson, Kiki Rogers, Lisa Hager

Orders of the Day/Quorum:—34 members/Quorum established

Ice breaker: Lisa- In one word what is your favorite color?

On Time Drawing:Kay

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

SECRETARY: Michelle Kocak Jones "Growing by the Minutes"

Minutes Approval: December minutes approved

Thank you notes received: Robin Crowe- Parent Night Out recipient

Bd. Mtg. Motions: none

2nd tri drawing for reports- winner: Debby

Report thank yous to: Nancy, Cat, Glorie, Debby, Ille, Dawn, Sharon, Linda, Barb Be

TREASURER: Linda Buchmann "We Reap What We Sow"

Checking balance: \$ 1521.82

Savings balance: \$ 5151.55

Mid-year budget review and donations will be discussed at Jan. Bd. Mtg.

PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Out to Pasture"

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge-winner: Jennifer/take an incentive if you have POA with you

ONTO Flower Sales-will be at Winter State-order forms passed, \$2 per flower includes personal note & delivery

Nominating Committee-Dawn, Jennifer, Pam P. for board positions 2017-18-clipboard passed to sign up for board and LPM positions

PRESIDENT: Cathy Shuman "Cultivating Our Future" Cat's 2nd tri gifts presented by PP

Member of the Month: Dec-Sharon, Jan-Ille

New Member of the Month: Jan-Lisa

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

Board meeting: TUE 1/17, 6:30 at Dawn's

2nd trimester awards-Member- (tie): Jennifer, Ille; Bd Member-Dawn, Sara, Nancy; New member- Danna; Internal Project-

Newsletter-Dawn; External Project-Little Free Library/Garage Sale-Dawn, Award for assisting-Barb Be; Social/M-event-State Fair

Food on a Stick-Nancy and Glorie

Mid-year evaluation-survey results to be discussed at bd mtg

Fun on the Farm game: 2nd tri incentive drawing for WT bag & contents-winner: Ille

Tri 3 Fun on the Farm (Feb-Apr)-info by email

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

Bingo at Hideout FR 12/3- Ille and Sara called bingo. Barb Be, Dawn & Mike, Tammy came to play bingo

Hideout Bingo, Sat. 1/7-1/28- only through January

Winter District mtg FR 12/2-Rice- Attended by Kay, Sara, Cat, Ille, Julie. Pres. Pins awarded to Danna, Glorie, Nancy, US Pin to Sara for State Delegate; Awards to Monticello for 1st tri: 100% retention, Growth +5, Gold Chapter, Friendship Day

District Bylaw Review FR 12/30-Ille-Chatters in Monticello. Kay, Ille and D5 DD Barb Zeroth attended review. Recommendations were sent by Cat, Shelli S (from Rice), Cindy U (from St. Cloud)

District Holiday Party 1/14-River City Extreme, 7pm, sign up passed

District board mtg 3/24-TBD

District 5 Spring Mtg- 4/21-TBD

Winter State Convention- Jan 27-28, Signed up to attend: Sara, Lisa, Julie, Cat, Teresa, Trina
Firefly Sisterhood Buckets of Sunshine collection- jar passed to collect money for breast cancer

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

Renewal Ceremony: Arlis, Trista, Michelle, Trina, Glorie, Nancy, Sarah, Julie

New Member Orientation-FR 1/5 at 6:00 before general mtg. w/Kelsey, Stacey, Connie, and perspective members Morgan & Kiki hosted by Cat, Glorie, Nancy

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

Caribou Coffee Social-1/21, 10am

Cookie Exchange FR 12/3-Linda/Mercy-NR

Membership challenges-#1: attend one social or activity each month Jan-Mar. Will have name put in drawing for a prize at Apr. mtg. Also, talk to someone new-suggest sitting by someone you don't know at a general mtg. #2-members who hold a membership social will have name in drawing for a prize of \$25. Check with MVP so events do not conflict.

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 member installation: Barb Boeck, Katie, Tara, Connie

NEW BUSINESS: Bowlerama 2/24-chairs: Ille, Sara, Member/Partner Appreciation-no chair, Food Shelf Raffle-chairs: Arlis, Danna, Cook-off Feed-chairs: Dawn, Lauren H, Spring Kids Party-chairs: Ashley, Sarah

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Ille/Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter provide \$125 for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship nominee banquet

M/S/P (Dawn/Kelsey) I move the Monticello chapter purchase a welcome gift for the new Hutchinson Women of Today chapter with a budget of \$25

M/S/P (Sara/Ashley) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$50 for the Firefly Sisterhood Buckets of Sunshine

M/S/P (Dawn/Barb Bo) I move the Monticello chapter increase the State Ways and Means fundraiser budget by \$50 and purchase a book of MNWT raffle tickets

M/S/P (Glorie/Katie) I move the Monticello chapter partner with the Community Center for an outside winter event on 2/4 from 2-5pm providing cookies, cider and hot cocoa with a budget of \$50 (Mercy, Sarah and Lisa offered to chair event)

M/S/P (Sara/Trina) I move the Monticello chapter support Illeana Miller for the position of Living and Learning State Program Manager

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop"

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

DVA-Trina-NR

Little Free Library-Dawn-has been installed and has books. Thank you card signed and will be sent to Parks Dept. Dawn currently has 4 totes of books so no additional are needed at this time

Parent's Night Out-Michelle-To date 19 names have been received. Our 3rd winner of 4 is Mellisa Johnson. 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 Feb. Mtg.

Fall Craft Show Booths FR 11/5-Sharon/Annette-Held at MCC, over 1700 in attendance. Total receipts: \$3215, expenses totaling \$1423.27, with net profit of \$1791.73. Thanks to those who helped tape floors: Pam P, Barb Be, Rhonda, Arlis, Trina, Lana

Spring Craft Booths-Sharon/Ille- 3/11-Postings seeking vendors posted on FB, mass email to past participants. 27 confirmed registrations. Home-based limited to 6 vendors

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. Dessert sign up at Feb. mtg

Family Day- 1/27-Jennifer, Oneka- Game night at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6-9pm, bring appetizer/dessert to share, all ages invited

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

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb Be-Platters: 12/7 Cat and Ed, Steve and Barb, Debby met for lunch; will meet 1/13 @ 11:45. RSVP 24 hrs. Ahead if attending; Sneakers: online info under MCC website

Penny Wars-bags passed to collect money

Focus-read, vegetable-cauliflower-Torrey

Women's Day-Sarah, Pam B-TBD

Youth of Today: Trista Kleinsteuber "Budding Blossoms"

Bridge for Youth-Barb/Trista-Assists homeless/in-crisis youth/teens in metro area. Transmittal completed for submission at Winter State along with all items donated at a value of \$257

MHS Scholarship-Michelle-NR

Kids Christmas Bingo-FR-Lisa/Trina/Arlis-12/17-Held 11am-2pm, served 243 people, profit of \$480

Christmas Bingo Concessions-FR-Dawn, Linda-12/17- report in Feb.

Operation Valentine-2/19, Ille/Michelle/Trina-event 5-7pm. Helpers from 4-8pm At Best Western. Set up/activities for 50-75 youth. Committee meeting TBD

Breaking Free: Kayla Kleinsteuber "Heading to the Stable"

Trimester sales: Debby- cards: \$8

Personal Care Products/Fuzzy Socks-Kayla-transmittal completed for submission at Winter State along with all items donated at a value of \$520. Thanks to Tara for donating tonight.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!"**Ways & Means: OPEN "The Cash Cow"**

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$96.58 dep. in bank. Sponsors are Jennifer L-K, Schlenner-Wenner, Dan Olson

Lucky Buck- January-Dawn, raised; \$72, winner: Teresa, Feb-Arlis

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

Certifications- to Lisa or Cat: 4 STEPS completed at orientation today

Funshine: Torrey Brown "Down by the Creek"

Birthdays: Barb Bo-6, Jen-9, Dawn-13, Cindy-15, Karen-19, Tammy-28, Susie-30, Stacy-6/27, Kelsey-6/30

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

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

Deadline: submit articles, pics, recipes, & Hen Party Happenings to Dawn by 1/13

Nov. Contributions: Cat, Nancy, Glorie, Michelle, Linda, Kayla, Barb Be, Sara

Nov. Logo finders: Oneka, Barb Bo, Ashley, Barb Be, Pam B, Debby, Karen

Dec. Contributions: Cat, Nancy, Glorie, Michelle, Linda, Ille, Debby, Julie, Ashley, Barb Bo

Dec. Log finders: Kay, Kelsey, Ashley, Oneka, Debby

Tri Drawing for newsletter participation

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

Project folders- get from Pam P.

Awards Nomination OYA Honoree-Ille, Cat- Zack Turner will be awarded \$500 scholarship at convention

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

Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam B-NR

Membership Mondays on FB-Trina-none for Dec.

Chapter shirt orders-Ille-delivered at tonight's mtg

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

Thank You Hosts: Dawn, Lauren H, Julie

Thank you greeter: Dawn

February Hosts: Sharon, Kay, Maribel

Benediction: Arlis

USWT Creed: Mercy

Adjourn at 9:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary