

President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

What a productive, albeit short, meeting we had in March! I think our experiment with the new agenda layout is working. Just a reminder about another Fun on the Farm drawing for 3rd 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 March Member of the Month Barb Be and New Member of the Month Ashley – you both rock! Many thanks for those that stepped forward to help with the March meeting: Invocation & Benediction–Sarah (filled in for Mercedes); Pledge–Stacy; Creeds–Nancy & Lana; Hostesses–Mercedes, Sara, Danna; Greeters–Debby & Connie.

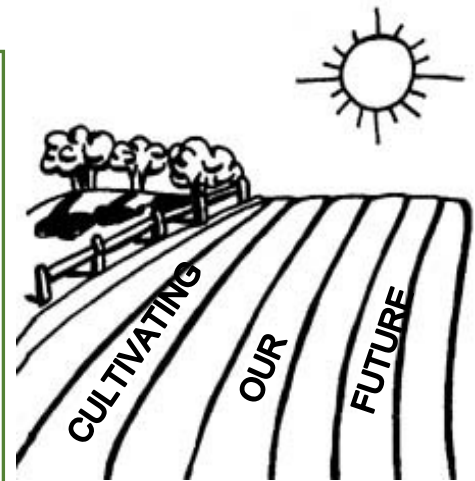
Special congratulations to the chairs and workers that were involved with the Spring Craft Show on March 11th. The show went very well with vendor booths chaired by Sharon & Ille and concession stand chaired by Kay & Lana. Many thanks to Glorie & Connie for chairing the membership table and for Arlis who sold food shelf raffle tickets.

It has been a lot of fun attending all the impromptu socials. Thanks to those that are organizing them:

Bingo at the Hideout – Barb Be
La La Land movie – Nancy
VFW Karaoke Social – Ashley & Ille
Caribou/Library Picture Social - Dawn
Out & About Pasta Buffet – Torrey
VFW Fish Fry Social – Debby
Purse Bingo – Sharon & Arlis
Beauty & The Beast movie – Julie
What You Love... - Trina
Big Sis/Little Sis Social – Ille

Please support Breaking Free this 3rd trimester with donations of socks, underwear, deodorant, and other personal care products, which can be brought to our chapter meeting. Thanks to LPM Kayla for taking charge of these collections.

Special thanks to Dawn who led the nominating committee this year. Kudos for the time and work recruiting officers for next year – Dawn, Pam P, & Jennifer.



Board Meeting - March 16th at Barb's



Caribou Social - Mar 18th at 10 AM (and raffle drawing)



Chamber Presentation - Mar 21st @ River City Extreme - 11:15



New Member Orientation - Mar 23rd @ Caribou - 6:30 pm



Fish Fry @ VFW - Mar 24th



Purse Bingo - Apr 1st @ Friendly Buffalo - 11:15 lunch; 1:30 bingo



Year End Awards Banquet - Apr 29th @ River City Extreme

Kid's Spring Party!

A total of 15 members and family attended the Spring Kid's Party swimming event at the Monticello community center on Saturday March 4th. The kids enjoyed splashing and swimming together! Thank you to Debby and Joel, Stacy C, and Torrey for bringing along your kids and grandkids! - Ashley and Sarah S.



FAMILY DAY WAS HELD ON JANUARY 27TH AT RESURRECTION CHURCH. JENNIFER, JOSH, PETE, AND SAM, ONEKA AND HER FRIEND DESIREE, STACY, NICK, AND MASON, DAWN, MIKE, LYNZIE AND HER FRIEND, AND KAY AND LEO ATTENDED. WE PLAYED SOME GAMES, ATE SOME FOOD, AND HAD A LOT OF FUN.

Raffle Tickets!

GET YOUR

Raffle Tickets!

Food Shelf Raffle

Arlis T and Danna B – CoChairs

The next page is a copy of the items that are going to be raffled off at Caribou Coffee by Target March 18th at 10:30 am.

Tickets will be sold at the Craft Fair this Saturday March 11 at Monticello Community Center from 9 to 3.

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY
2017 FOOD SHELF RAFFLE

Kwik Trip - \$25.00 Gift Card
Quilt - Valued At \$75.00
Cornerstone Café - \$25.00 Gift Card
Papa Murphy's - (2) Free Pizza Cards
Asian Café - (2) \$5.00 Gift Certificates
Loch Jewelry - Freshwater Pearl Triple Strand Bracelet
Kwik Trip - \$25.00 Gift Card
Applebee's - \$10.00 Gift Certificate
Hawk's Sports Bar & Grill \$20.00 Gift Certificate
Afghan
Russell's on the Lake - \$25.00 Gift Card
Von Hanson Meats - \$15.00 Gift Certificate for Sausage
Kwik Trip - \$25.00 Gift Card
Chatters - \$15.00 Gift Card
Bob & Judy's Farm Market - \$20.00 Gift Certificate
Belde Chiropractic - Gift Basket Valued At \$115.00
Rancho Grande - \$15.00 Gift Certificate
Asian Café - (3) \$5.00 Gift Certificates
Kwik Trip - \$25.00 Gift Card
Applebee's \$10.00 Gift Certificate
Papa Murphy's - (2) Free Pizza Cards
Homemade Flower Pot



BIG SIS LITTLE SIS ROUND UP

Hello ladies! With so many great new smiling faces we have around we are happy to announce that we have a Big Sis/Little Sis matchups ready to roll out. As new members are added so will our list of Bigs and Littles. Please let me know if you have any questions at all. Be on the lookout at our April meeting for a flyer just for you Big and Little Sisters. If you missed a chance to sign up and would like to, just let me know and I will add you to the list.

Big Sister/Little Sister:

Sarah Sundine & Stacy Cardinal
 Illeana Miller & Lauren Doose
 Glorie Balfanz & Teresa Doose
 Kay Schroeden & Rhonda Eckhart
 Lisa Waterworth & Tara Eckhart
 Illeana Miller & Karen Moores
 Sarah Sundine & Ashley Blaha
 Mercy Turner & Danna Bromaghin
 Cat Shuman & Barb Boeck
 Nancy Flesch & Connie Fink
 Trina Hedquist & Kelsey Hamel
 Jennifer Lewis Kannegeiter & Oneka Jenkins

DQ® Fundraiser

Monticello Women of Today - Bridge for Youth

**Tuesday, March 14
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

10% of sales will be directly donated to Monticello Women of Today - Bridge for Youth!!



Hosted by

Monticello DQ
1110 State Hwy 25
(763) 295-0133



www.fourteenfoods.com

Here is the flyer for the upcoming fundraiser. Please share with everyone you know and also, Trina, please add to our WT FB page. Please remind people they must mention Women of Today or Bridge for Youth when ordering so we receive the 10% going toward the charity. Thank you all for your support!

Trista

VFW FISH FRY SOCIAL

- ▶ Monticello Women of Today
 - ▶ Bring Your Family
 - ▶ Friday, March 24th at 6:00 pm
- ▶ RSVP coopycob@hotmail.com or 320.310.7714
- ▶ Co-Chairs: Debby Manthei and Barb Boeck



FRIDAY FISH FRY



Serving
4:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday Nights
02-17-17 to 04-14-17

Adults
Fish Dinner
\$11 including tax
Fish & Shrimp Dinner
\$15 including tax
Children 10 and Under
Fish Dinner
\$6 including tax
Fish & Shrimp Dinner
\$10 including tax

All you can eat FISH.
The Dinner also includes:
Cook's Choice
Alternate Entrée,
Potato, Vegetable,
Cole Slaw, Dinner
Roll and Dessert

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WOMEN'S DAY SWAP TIL YOU DROP!

The Women's Day Swap til you Drop event was held last Friday Feb 24th at CUMC. There were 11 members present: Barb Bo, Barb Be, Sara R, Sarah S, Debby, Stacy, Lauren, Torrey, Connie, Pam P and Sharon. Michelle, Trista and Kayla were not able to attend but donated items to the event. In total we had 176 items for everyone to shop from and it was a lot of fun. It was fun to see how people actually swapped their items. I got an awesome purse from Debby that was from Turkey and she got a purse that I had received for Christmas! After everyone was done shopping we packed up the balance of the items and Barb Be brought them to Goodwill for donation. We held two drawings the one with the most creative packaging and that went to Sharon and the one who donated the most items and that went to Michelle. Each of the winners won a \$10 gift card to Caribou.



WOULD ANYONE BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING GAME NIGHT? I'D ESTIMATE ABOUT 15-20 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE AND I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF SPACE. THE DATE IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR MARCH 28TH, THANK YOU LADIES!

~TORREY

MEMBERSHIP



Lisa-7

Karla-13

Illeana-30



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Dan Olson**
- ♦ **Lewis
Kannegieter
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Coins collected in
March totaled

\$43.74.



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 Report

August, 2016

Checking Balance as of 3/01/17: \$2485.29

Savings Balance as of 3/01//17: \$3661.55

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.

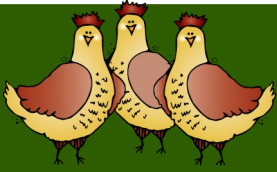
The treasurer is unable to reimburse over the budget written in the approved 2016-2017 budget.

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

Ashley-t was great chairing the Kid's Spring Party with you. You did an amazing job! -Sarah S.

Debby, Torrey, Ashley, Stacy-thanks for joining us at MCC it was fun seeing all the kids play together. -Sarah S.

Ashley-congrats on New Member of the Month, it was well deserved. -Sarah S.

Katie-congratulations I can't wait to meet Benjamin. -Sarah S.

The karaoke social was a blast! Thank you to everyone who was able to join Ille and me! -Ashley

Congratulations to all of those who accepted new positions for next year! - Ashley

Thank you to everyone who joined Sarah S. and me for the Spring Kid's Party! - Ashley

Nancy, Arlis, Sharon, Trina, Cat -- So excited to be on the board with you ladies next year!!! -- Ille
Karen & Lauren -- Excited to be your big sis!! Let me know if there is anything I can help with :) -- Ille

Sarah S -- Excited that you have offered to step in as a candidate for DD next year!! It will sure be a great year -- Ille

Sharon -- Craft show planning has been awesome!! -- Ille

Ashley-Great job reporting right away, while things are fresh in your mind.-Dawn

Lana, and Cindy-It was nice to see you ladies at the craft show concessions.-Dawn

Jennifer and Pam P.-Thank you for all your hard work with the nominating committee. -Dawn

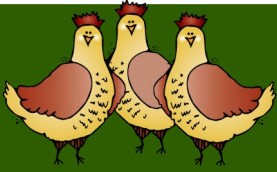
Cat-Can you believe your year is almost over? It goes so fast!-Dawn

Jen A: Sure hope it works out for you to renew your membership. Although you are busy, you still keep in touch and make your contributions in other ways! Take care. (Cat)

Barb Boeck: It sure was fun to go out for lunch with you. I hope we can do that more often (Cat)

Rylee: Hope all is going well with school, work, and everything else you have going on. Hope to see you now and then when you have a break. (Cat)

Kayla: Congratulations on your selection as USA National Miss Minnesota! Best of luck as you go on to national competition. (Cat)



Hen Party Happenings

Kelsey: Hope all goes well with the closing on your new house and wish you a quick and easy move into your new home. (Cat)

Katie: Congratulations on the birth of little Ben! Enjoy your time as a new mom. (Cat)

All Members: Hope you consider coming to the Year-end Awards Banquet for our chapter on Saturday, April 29th at River City Extreme. Some invitations were handed out in March and will be at the April meeting again. I will mail out any remaining after the meeting. (Cat)

MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING-Thurs. 3/2/17 Methodist Church

Members present: Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Illeanna Miller, Barb Berndtson, Sarah Sundine, Krisie Garvin, Ashley Blaha, Trina Hedquist, Karla Brandt, Kelsey Hamel, Stacy Cardinal, Lauren Henderson, Glorie Balfanz, Connie Fink, Dawn Hendricks, Barb Boeck, Sharon Scholl, Arlis Thielke, Kayla Kleinsteuber, Linda Buchmann, Pam Peterson, Danielle Enberg, Debby Manthei, Sara rocksted, Jennifer Lewis Kannegieter, Danna Bromaghin, Lana Gilbert

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by President Cathy Shuman

Invocation: Sarah S

Pledge: Stacy

MNWT Creed: Nancy

Guest(s): Mary O'Brien, Candice Zimmerman, Karla's daughter, Rose

Orders of the Day/Quorum:—29 members/Quorum established

Ice breaker: Cat-"what you are looking forward to in spring"

On Time Drawing-Debby

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

SECRETARY: Michelle Kocak Jones "Growing by the Minutes"

Minutes Approval: February minutes approved

Thank you notes received: Pastor of UCMC, Zack Turner, OYA award winner, Firefly Sisterhood, Crisis Nursery

Bd. Mtg. Motions: none

Report thank yous to: Ashley, Debby, Sharon, Linda, Barb Be, Sarah S, Arlis, Trista, Kayla, Cat, Ille, Dawn

TREASURER: Linda Buchmann "We Reap What We Sow"

Checking balance: \$ 2485.29

Savings balance: \$ 3661.55

PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn Hendricks "Out to Pasture"

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge-winner: Trina

Nominating Committee-officer elections held: Pres-OPEN, SD-Michelle, IVP-Ille, EVP-Trina, Comembership-Arlis/Sharon, Sec.-

Nancy, Treas.-Cat and (PP-Cat)

PRESIDENT: Cathy Shuman "Cultivating Our Future"

Member of the Month: Mar-Barb Be

New Member of the Month: Mar-Ashley

Next general meeting: 4/6 6:30pm at CUMC (Methodist Church)

Board meeting: Thur 3/16, 6:30, Barb Be

Year End Awards Banquet-4/29-5:30 River City Extreme-chicken/ribs buffet-\$20-members receive \$5 discount-invites handed out-RSVP for dinner by 4/20

Tri 3 Fun on the Farm (Feb-Apr)-put name in for drawing each month if you participate in activity Marcultivate kindness

Chamber lunch/presentation-3/21, 11:30, River City Extreme, \$15/lunch-sign up passed. Cat will speak about Monticello WT

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

State committee mtgs. 3/4 and 3/18-Monticello-Marketing Membership, Future Directions

Dist. Board-3/24-St Cloud Caribou by Crossroads Mall

Area 2 mtg-3/21-Rice

Tri 3 visitation- 3/28-carpool to Hutchinson

LOTS- 5/6-Rice

Annual Convention-5/19-21-Bemidji

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

Caribou/library picture Social FR-2/18-Dawn-attending: Arlis, Nancy, Glorie, Barb Be, Susie, Barb Bo, Dawn, Stacy, Torrey, Connie, Cat, Trina. Guests for Coffee-Mary, Candace, Dawn's daughter, Lynzie

Big Sis/Little Sis-everyone is paired up: Sarah/Stacy & Ashley, Ille/Lauren D & Karen, Glorie/Teresa, Kay/Rhonda, Lisa/Tara, Mercy/Danna, Cat/Barb Bo, Nancy/Connie, Trina/Kelsey, Jennifer/Oneka planning a social for April

Family Day-FR- 1/27-Jennifer-at RLC, Jennifer, Josh, Pete & Sam, Oneka & friend, Desiree, Stacy, Nick & Mason, Dawn, Mike, Lynzie & friend, Kay & Leo attended. Had snacks and played games.

MVP challenges/Impromptu socials-Glorie and Nancy have list of activities, please let them know if planning anything so not to have conflicting dates. VFW dinner & karaoke social- 2/18 @ Monticello VFW, in attendance: Trina, Arlis, Sharon, Cindy, Cat & Ed, Connie & Tim, Nancy, Glorie, Dawn, Barb & Steve, Barb Bo & Jim, Lana, Ille, Ashley & Matt

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, Adopt-a Highway-looking for chair (or Cat will)

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Michelle for Trista/Ille) I move the Monticello chapter participate in a Bridge for Youth fundraiser at Monticello DQ on 3/14 from 5-8pm and make it a social

M/S/P (Ille/Barb Be) I move the Monticello chapter support Sarah Sundine for position of District 5 Director for 2017-18 **M/S/P** (Linda/Debby) I move the Monticello chapter increase the treasurer budget by \$20 to order more check blanks

M/S/P (Dawn/Barb Be) I move the Monticello chapter nominate the following members for 2017-2018 local board: Michelle-SD, Trina-EVP, Ille-IVP, Arlis & Sharon- Co-MVP, Secretary-Nancy, Treasurer-Cat

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop"

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

CC award nominations- 4/11- Barb Be discussed 3 categories for submissions: Joint Ventures, CC Civic or Environmental, Community Impact. Let her know if interested in doing a write up

DVA-Trina-NR

Spring Craft Booths-Sharon/Ille- 3/11-All 69 booths are filled with a waiting list of 15 vendors. Next week FB posts begin. Taping help needed at 8pm Friday night 3/10.

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.

Craft Show Membership table-3/11- need an additional person for 9-12 and 12-3 shifts Food Shelf Raffle-Arlis, Danna-80 tickets sold so far, 13 donations from businesses/individuals. Table at craft show to sell tickets and display raffle items. 3/18 drawing at Caribou at 10:30. See Arlis for tickets to buy/sell

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

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb Be-Platters: 2/16 Barb Bo & Jim, Barb Be & Debby met for lunch then shopping in St. Cloud, 3/16 next Platters date. RSVP 24 hrs. ahead if attending; Sneakers: online info under MCC website Sneakers: Fitness classes newsletter, meal and activity calendars sent to group

Focus-laugh, vegetable-kidney beans-Torrey

Women's Day Swap Party-Sarah, Pam B-2/24 at CUMC, 6:30-9pm-Barb Be, Barb Bo, Sara, Sarah, Debby, Stacy, Lauren, Torrey, Connie, Pam P, Sharon attended. Michelle, Trista, Kayla donated. 176 items donated total. Barb Be took remaining items to Goodwill. Two drawings held: Sharon won for most creative packaging, Michelle for most items donated. Each received a \$10 Caribou card.

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

MHS Scholarship review-Michelle-NR

MHS Scholarship/Cook Off-Dawn, Lauren-4/23 tentative date for soup cookoff

Operation Valentine-2/19, Ille/Michelle/Trina-Held from 2-8pm at Best Western. Volunteers included: Ille, Michelle, Oneka, Trina, Danna, Ashley, Barb Bo, Cat. Approx. 37 families attended with 72 youth being entertained with puzzles, crafts, games, face painting, crazy hair

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

Work Skills Day-4/18-sign up for volunteers passed. Will finalize at April meeting

Bridge for Youth DQ fundraiser-motion passed to hold on 3/14, 5-8pm and make a WT social, Trista will contact schools to get the flyer out, What's Happening In Monticello page, and Trina to put on WT FB page

Breaking Free: Kayla Kleinsteuber "Heading to the Stable"

Trimester sales: Debby-will hold in April

Personal Product Collection-Kayla- thanks to Debby, Ashley, Cat, Michelle for donating items tonight

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!"

Ways & Means: OPEN "The Cash Cow"

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$43.74 raised for Feb.

Lucky Buck-March-Sara-will be held in April with Lauren H
MNWT flag sales-chapter receives 20%, 3/10 deadline for ordering

Living & Learning: Lisa Waterworth "Grow Where You are Planted"
Certifications-Cat- may hold one more certification night this trimester

Funshine: Torrey Brown "Down by the Creek"
Birthdays: Lisa-7, Karla-13, Ille-30
Birthday Secret Sis-Torrey-Bring Apr. gifts to general mtg.
PALS Anoka-Torrey-card game night TBD

Newsletter: Dawn Hendricks "I Hear You Cluckin' Big Chicken"
Deadline: submit articles, pics, recipes, & Hen Party Happenings to Dawn by 3/10
Feb. Contributors- Cat, Kayla, Michelle, Arlis, Nancy, Debby, Glorie, Ashley
Newsletter Challenge drawing-Member's who found Cat's logo-Trina, Rhonda, Kelsey, Cat, Sarah, Oneka, Debby, Krisie, Connie, Ashley winner-Connie

Records & Recognition: Pam Peterson "Manure Happens...So Let's Record it!"
Project folders- take project file from RAVE crate, Thanks to Sarah for turning in final project report

Public Relations: Trina Hedquist "Guess What, Chicken Butt"
Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam B-updated, Jennifer doing update maintenance
FB-Trina- send WT pics to Trina for video to post on website
Chapter shirt orders-Ille-samples at meeting, can order online beginning 3/2 for 2 weeks, Feb. Items ordered arriving soon

Helping Hands: Michelle @, Kayla Barb Be.-no requests
Thank You Hosts: Mercedes, Sara, Danna
Thank you greeter: Connie, Debby
April Hosts: Barb Be, Barb Bo, Rhonda, Stacy
Benediction: Sarah
USWT Creed: Lana
Adjourn at 8:32 pm!!!

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary