

## President Cat

Hello Members & Friends!

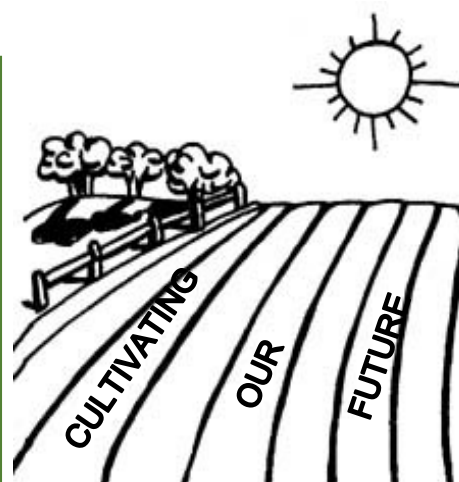
Thanks to all of you for participating in our general meetings. It's so nice to see all your friendly faces each month. Thanks for participating in the Fun on the Farm incentive for 3rd trimester. There are 2 more opportunities for you to get your name in the drawing: Growing Goodness (sign up at Banquet) and Harvesting Happiness (April-sign up in May). The drawing will take place at the May meeting under my report.

Congratulations to April Member of the Month Arlis and New Member of the Month Oneka. Thanks for all your hard work! I appreciate those that stepped forward to help with the April meeting: Invocation-Barb Ber & Benediction-Ille; Pledge-Connie; Creeds-Karla & Michelle; Hostesses-Barb Ber, Barb Bo, Karen & Stacy; Greeters-Sharon & Arlis.

It has been a lot of fun attending all the impromptu socials during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester. I have enjoyed visiting and getting to know our new members. Here is a list of all the amazing ladies that have joined our chapter this year:

Ashley  
Barb Bo  
Danna  
Stacy  
Lauren D  
Teresa  
Tara  
Rhonda  
Connie  
Kelsey  
Oneka  
Karen  
Susie  
Katie  
Candice  
Mary  
Julie (transfer)  
Lisa (transfer)

I'm looking forward to the Year-end Awards Banquet and hope you will be able to be there. We'll celebrate with a buffet, present awards from 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and for the year, install new officers for 2017-18, and select a few door prize winners. Thanks to Barb Ber, Debby, and Sara for chairing this special event and helping me out.



Year End Awards Banquet - Apr 29<sup>th</sup> @ River City Extreme. Social at 5:30 followed by buffet dinner about 6:15.

Awards and Installation after dinner.



First meeting of 2017-18 year - May 4<sup>th</sup> @ Methodist Church



LOTS Training - May 6<sup>th</sup> in Rice



Annual Convention - May 19-21 in Bemidji

## **PALS GAME NIGHT – March 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Hosted by Torrey Brown*

*The Monticello WOT chapter invited the Anoka WOT chapter to join us for a fun evening of games at Sharon Scholl's house. We enjoyed appetizers and some competitive games of rummy and SkipBo. Attending from Monticello chapter was Sharon Scholl, Annette Schaufler, Arlis Thielke, Torrey Brown, Connie Fink, Stacy Cardinal, and Dawn Hendricks. The Anoka chapter had seven members attending; Bonnie, Adrianna, Stephanie, Stephany, Courtney, and Angela. A GREAT time was enjoyed by all.*



### **Food Shelf Raffle**

#### **Arlis T and Danna B – Co Chairs**

All 400 raffle tickets were sold and we received \$2.00 in donations. The Monticello Food Shelves received \$402.00. All prizes have been given out or mailed and a letter was composed and sent to all business' and individuals that donated to the project. Thank you to all the members that helped sell and bought raffle tickets.





**Cat-7**

**Maribel-12**

**Sara R.-26**



Thank you to our  
Sponsor's-

- ♦ **Schlenner  
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- ♦ **State Farm  
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Dan Olson**
- ♦ **Lewis  
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Law, Ltd.**

Coins collected in  
April totaled  
**\$87.28**

## MEMBERSHIP



### MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL – APRIL 1 PURSE BINGO SOCIAL

*Hosted by: Arlis Thielke and Sharon Scholl*

*Attendees included: Sharon Scholl, Cat Schuman, Connie Fink and friend, Sara Sundine, Sara Rocksted and Arlie Thielke and 3 friends.*

*We enjoyed a delicious lunch and bingo games. Congrats to Sara Rocksted big winner of \$300.*

### MEMBERSHIP TABLE!

**Connie and Glorie shopped for gift basket items for the drawing. We received 2 donations from members and spent \$20 for the other items for the basket. Connie, Pam P., Glorie and Torrey worked at the table at the Craft Show. Kalicia Soden won the drawing, she works at the Community Center. Glorie, and Torrey delivered it to her at work. We received 11 prospects to contact.**



A large group attended the Friday night Fish Fry at the VFW on March 24th. 22 people attended--many members and spouses. We were able to grab a table for 20 but the VFW was packed so difficult to move around and socialize. The fish and shrimp were delicious.

Debby Manthei and Barb Boeck

### Spring Craft Show Concession Stand



Held on March 11, 2017. We raised \$654.80. We spent 287.68. The Monticello Community Center's kitchen fee was \$91.00, same as last year. The chapter earned \$276.12.

Respectfully submitted, Lana Gilberts,  
Co-Chair w/Kay Schroden

## MEMBERSHIP

### Caribou Coffee Social 3/18

Attending: Barb Be, Dawn, Nancy, Jennifer LK, Michelle, Sharon, Connie, Arlis, Stacy, Rhonda Illeana, Sara R, Pam P, Rylee. We had fun socializing and holding the drawing for the Food Shelf Raffle.

### New Member Orientation 3/23.

Nancy and Cat went through orientation with Mary O'Brien and Candice Zimmerman. Mary joined that night and Candice plans to join at the April general meeting.

Thank you-Nancy & Glorie



Membership VP's gathered the seeds.

Members planned events  
to plant the seeds.

And our chapter blossomed.

Together, we're  
*Cultivating the Future*  
of Monticello Women of Today.

Please take a flower.

### **Treasurer Report**

**August, 2016**

**Checking Balance as of 4/06/17: \$2,662.84**

**Savings Balance as of 4/06//17: \$3,661.55**

**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.**

## **MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING-Thurs. 4/6/17 Methodist Church**

**Members present:** Nancy Flesch, Torrey Brown, Cathy Shuman, Michelle Kocak Jones, Illeanna Miller, Barb Berndtson, Sarah Sundine, Krisie Garvin, Ashley Blaha, Karla Brandt, Stacy Cardinal, 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, Candice Zimmerman, Lauren Doose, Trista Kleinsteuber, Oneka Jenkins, Bonita Klein, Mary O'Brien, Annette Schaufler, Karen Moores, Mercedes Turner

**Call to Order:** 7:06 pm by President Cathy Shuman

**Invocation:** Barb Be

**Pledge:** Connie

**MNWT Creed:** Karla

**Guest(s):** Lori Goutermont, Candi Testa, STMA Chapter Members

**Guest Speaker:** Abby Dahl-Crisis Nursery

**Orders of the Day/Quorum:**—33 members/Quorum established

**Ice breaker:** Michelle-"what do you like about Easter Sunday?"

**On Time Drawing:**Ashley

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

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

Minutes Approval: March minutes approved

Thank you notes received: Ruff Start Rescue, Friends of the Library, Help Center, Rivers of Hope, Timberbay

Bd. Mtg. Motions: \$50 donation to Transition Trek

Laptop donation for next year's secretary from Jennifer

Report thank yous to: Cat, Trista, Arlis, Nancy, Debby, Connie, Ashley, Barb Be, Linda, Ille, Kayla

3<sup>rd</sup> tri drawing for reports: winner-Debby

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

Checking balance: \$ 2662.84

Savings balance: \$ 3661.55

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

Parli Trivia/POA Challenge-winner: Barb Be

New office orientation @ Linda's 4/20

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

Member of the Month: Apr- Arlis

New Member of the Month: Apr- Oneka

Next general meeting: 5/4 6:30pm at CUMC (Methodist Church)

Board meeting: Thur 4/20, 6pm @ Linda's-potluck

Year End Awards Banquet-4/29-5:30 River City Extreme-chicken/ribs buffet-\$20-members receive \$5 discount-invites handed/mailed out-RSVP for dinner by 4/20. Installation of 2017-18 officers will occur Tri 3 Fun on the Farm (Feb-Apr)-put name in for drawing each month & at banquet if you participate in activity-April theme is Harvest Happiness-drawing for tote bag/ contents-winner chosen @May mtg

Chamber lunch/presentation-3/21, 11:30, River City Extreme FR- Cat spoke about chapter and projects/socials. Others in attendance: Nancy, Jennifer, Maribel

3<sup>rd</sup> tri and year end awards-online voting (Survey Monkey) coming soon

Birthday gift presented to Cat from past presidents

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

State Committee mtg. 2/18 @ RLC- Cat and Sarah attended

State Finance mtg. ¾ @ RLC- Sarah attended

District Bd mtg FR 3/24- Cat, Sara, Ille attended at Caribou

Area 2 mtg FR 3/31- Cat, Sarah, Ille attended

District 5 mtg. & elections 4/21-Hutchinson-\$6, sign up passed

Tri 3 visitation-Hutchinson FR- 3/28- Cat attended

LOTS- 5/6-Rice-sign up passed, Cat will email for RSVP's



Annual Convention-5/19-21-Bemidji- Ille, Cat, Sara attending

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

Caribou social 3/18- Drawing for food shelf raffle held. In attendance: Barb Be, Dawn, Nancy, Jennifer, Michelle, Sharon, Connie, Arlis, Stacy, Rhonda, Ille, Sara, Pam P, Rylee

Caribou Social- 4/22 at 10:00-after road clean up

New member orientation 3/23-FR- Nancy & Cat went through orientation materials w/ Mary O'Brien & Candice Zimmerman.

Big Sis/Little Sis-additional pairing Michelle with Candice, Ille recruiting for Mary. Gathering at 7pm on 4/13 at Beef O'Brady's for dinner

MVP Challenge drawing: Ashley & Sharon each winners of \$25, All members received \$1-\$2 in drawings for participation in socials

Socials: DQ Fundraiser FR-3/14-Trista- 14 members and families attended

Out and About FR- 3/15-Torrey

VFW Fish Fry FR- 3/24- 22 people attended- members and spouses

Purse Bingo FR-4/1- attended by Sharon, Cat, Connie, & friend, Sarah, Sara, Arlis & 3 friends

3rd TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Jen, Karla, Danielle, Krisie, Rose, Dawn, Jennifer, Debby, Ille, Pam P, Rylee, Annette, Sharon, Cat, Mercy, Lisa **Final deadline 4/15**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Royalty Volunteer Clinic- Ille, Danielle-chair, Walk & Roll 6/10- Sara-chair, All Night Grad Party 6/2- needs chairs  
**MOTIONS:**

**M/S/P** (Barb Be, Ille) I move the Monticello chapter purchase new officer and LPM manuals with a budget of \$50.

**M/S/P** (Barb Be, Sarah) I move the Monticello chapter donate \$100 to the Minnesota Women of Today foundation for their Empower the Future promotion

**M/S/P** (Dawn, Barb Be) I move the Monticello chapter accept the following board member, Glorie Balfanz, as president

**EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Barb Berndtson "The Coop" Turn in LPM folders by 4/20, LPM reports due 4/24**

External LPM of the Trimester Award: Trista Kleinsteuber for Youth of Today (DQ fundraiser for Bridge for Youth)

Priority Project- 2 foundations bidding for Buckets of Sunshine are *Firefly Sisterhood* (Connects MN women recently diagnosed with breast cancer to an inspirational survivor) and *Wishes & More* (serves kids birth-19 in MN, granting wishes to grieving parents who have lost a child) More info on foundations this summer!

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

Work Weekend-Friendship Ventures, Annandale, Sat. Of Memorial Day weekend to help prepare for summer camping

DVA-Trina-NR

Adopt-a-Highway 4/22-Cat- meet at Eastview parking lot at 8:30am, need 6-8 helpers. Will take an hour and then meet at Caribou after. Sturdy shoes and gloves suggested, email reminder will be sent

Spring Craft Booths-Sharon/Ille-FR- 3/11-72 vendors, attendance down due to Monticello Hockey State tournament. Trina, Rhonda, Barb Be, Julie, Ille, Kelsey helped with taping floors. Income: \$3205.00 Expenses: \$1187.80, Net profit: \$2017.20

Spring Craft Concessions-Lana/Kay-FR- 3/11- \$654.80 raised, \$287.68 spent, MCC kitchen fee was \$91, chapter profited: \$276.12

Craft Show Membership table-Connie, Glorie-3/11- 9am-3pm-FR \$20 spent on basket items along with 2 donations for the basket. Connie, Pam P, Glorie and Torrey worked the table. Kalicia Soden won the basket. 11 prospective members were contacted.

Food Shelf Raffle-3/18 -FR Arlis, Danna-All 400 tickets sold plus a \$2 donation. The Monticello Food Shelf received \$402. All prizes have been distributed and letters sent to those who donated to project

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

Silver Platters/Sneakers-Barb Be-Platters: 3/16 Barb Be & Steve attended. Next lunch date 4/11 at 11:45 RSVP 24 hrs. ahead if attending; Sneakers: online info under MCC website Sneakers: Fitness classes newsletter, meal and activity calendars sent to group  
Focus-sing loudly, vegetable-spinach-Torrey

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

MHS Scholarship review-Michelle-5/3, 6pm, West Lecture @ MHS application readers needed, Scholarship presentation 6/1, 8pm, MHS auditorium- Michelle, Ille, Kayla to present

MHS Scholarship/Cook Off-Dawn, Lauren-4/23, CUMC- best mac n' cheese. Cost is \$5/pp, under age 10- \$3. Proceeds to MHS WT Scholarship, Entries due at 5:00, judging at 5:15, dinner at 5:30, awards at 7pm

Spring Kids Party-3/4-FR-Ashley, Sarah- 11:30-1:30 swimming at Comm. Center, In attendance: Debby & Joel & 2 grandsons, Stacy & son, Torrey & daughter, Sara & Eric & boys, Ashley & Matt & daughter. Budget allowed for all kids to be paid for to swim if they did not have a MCC membership

Work Skills Day- 4/18-sign up for volunteers passed. Michelle, Barb Bo, Cat, Oneka, Mary (10-12) to volunteer

Bridge for Youth DQ fundraiser-FR- 3/14, 5-8pm raising \$111.53 (10% of sales). Still waiting for check from corporate office. In attendance: Trista, Kayla & Matt, Michelle & mom, Joann, Cat/Ed, Debby/Joel, Jennifer & family, Krisie, Christian, Rose, friend Jeremy & client, Connie & family, Stacy & family, Sarah & family, Arlis, Barb Bo/Jim, Lauren & Ann, Dawn, Mike, Lynzie  
Kid's Kitchen- Michelle- June sign up passed- volunteers as follows: 6/12 10:30-12:30-Debby, 5:30-7:30 Connie; 6/19 10:30-Michelle, Debby, 5:30-Cat; 6/26 10:30- Michelle, Debby 5:30-Cat

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

Trimester sales: Debby-\$12 raised in card sales

Personal Product Collection-Kayla-57 items were donated this trimester at a value of \$65 to be donated at annual convention.

Thanks to Michelle, Debby, Ashley, Cat, Kayla, and Trista for donating.

**INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Debby Manthei "Y'All Come Back Now, Y'hear!" LPM reports due 4/24**

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

Coins for a Cause-Debby-\$87.28

Lucky Buck-April-Sara/Lauren-\$81 raised, winner: Arlis

MNWT flag sales-ends 4/30, can see examples on MN WT website, treasurer page

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

Google Docs PEP & Certification Night 4/10 -RLC, 6:45 registration, hosted by Jennifer

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

Birthdays: Cat-7, Maribel-12, Sara-26

PALS Anoka-Torrey-3/28, Sharon's house, Monticello WT invited Anoka WT to play games of rummy & Skipbo. In attendance: Sharon, Annette, Arlis, Torrey, Connie, Stacy, Dawn with 7 Anoka members.

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

Deadline: submit articles, pics, recipes, & Hen Party Happenings to Dawn by 4/14

Mar. Contributors- Cat, Michelle, Ashley, Jennifer, Oneka, Ille, Trista, Debby, Barb Bo, Linda, Sarah

Newsletter Challenge drawing-Member's who found Cat's logo-Debby, Oneka, Sarah, Michelle Drawing winner: Dawn will announce

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

Project folders-RAVE crate at mtg. Check out files as needed and complete a project report form when a project is completed.

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

Website-Cat/Jennifer/Pam-NR

FB-Trina- NR

Chapter shirt orders-Ille-one more round of ordering at June mtg. Let Ille know of any items you would like in online store. Bid committee being established for July review.

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

**Good and Welfare:** Pizza Ranch fundraiser- 4/19, 5-8pm- Kayla looking for volunteers

**Thank You Hosts:** Barb Be, Barb Bo, Karen, Stacy

**Thank you greeters:** Sharon, Arlis

**May Hosts:** Michelle, Kayla, Dawn, Lauren D

**Benediction:** Ille

**USWT Creed:** Michelle

**Adjourn** at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Kocak Jones, Secretary