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Hello All You Hippie Chicks!

My theme for this year is MOVE IT and GROOVE IT. I hope we can have a lot of fun with it.

As many of you know one of my favorite things to do is exercise (go for walks, yoga, exercise at the gym, almost anything active). Also, I feel at this time in my life I feel the need to “dance like nobody's watching” so to speak. Let's groove it!

Since I started with Monticello Women of Today I have grown in so many ways. I would have never had the confidence to write an article for the newsletter, stand in front of all of you and bang the gavel, or have anyone call me president! The one thing I know about this group is that it isn't about me. We are so lucky to have talented women in this group that will guide and help me along the way. The projects are well taken care of by all of our members and I can't wait to see what is in store for us this year. Every year is an adventure with all the opportunities that come our way. We will help each other to take this chapter into the future.

Thank you Cat for being our president in 2016-2017 and all the past board members. Thank you to all the members of our chapter for all the time you put in to make this chapter work.

I also can't wait to work with our new board members for the 2017- 2018 year!

Cat - Past President Parliamentarian

Cat - Treasure

Michelle - State Delegate (Her theme this year will be “Riding the Groovy Train”)

Nancy - Secretary (Her theme will be “Can You Dig It?”)

Trina - IVP (Her theme will be “Shake It Like a Polaroid Picture”)

Ille - EVP (Her theme will be “Shake Your Groove Thang”)

Sharon - Co Membership VP (Their theme will be “Gettin' Your Groove On (in membership)”)

Arlis - Co Membership VP

What gifts these women bring to our chapter and the world! Some of them also have responsibilities in Women of Today outside of our chapter. It is what keeps us strong.

Please make sure to get involved. Try something new. I guarantee you will be amazed by what you can do if you stretch yourself.

Glorie

Dates to
Remember:

May:

17 – Board Meeting

20 – Caribou Social

19-21– Convention -
- Bemidji

June:

1 – Scholarship
Presentation

1 – General meeting

9 – Newsletter
Deadline

9-11 – Annual
Convention -- Vegas

10 – Walk N Roll

17 – Caribou Social



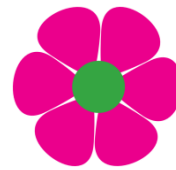
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From the Treasurer:

Checking Balance:
\$2475.85

Savings Balance:
\$2491.55



Fun on the Farm – 3rd trimester

I'd like to thank everyone that participated in my Fun on the Farm incentives throughout the past year. The drawing for the bag included the contents inside: beverage mug, hand towel, gardening tools, small purse, t-shirt top, and beautiful purple throw blanket. Connie Fink was the winner of the drawing at the meeting – congratulations!! May you all continue to Plant Peace, Cultivate Kindness, Grow Goodness, and Harvest Happiness in the coming year.

What Does it mean???

You may be sitting in a chapter meeting wondering....what is an LPM? What the heck is a CIP? Who is this DD person they keep speaking of? What the heck is a PEP course?

Each month the Newsletter will have a spot where you can see some of these acronyms and get an explanation. Keep your eyes open for it!



Flyers Concessions

Our chapter has been asked to provide food concessions for several of the RF Flyers events in Maple Grove. We usually grill hotdogs and hamburgers and sell them along with chips, cookies, and beverages. The dates are May 20 (same as annual convention), July 15 (Riverfest weekend), and Sept 16. Pam Broekemeier and I are co-chairing but may not be at each event. We need at least 3 helpers each time and will pass sign-up sheet prior to each one. **Note: Due to lack of members available, we will not be doing the May 20th event.**



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Year-end Awards Banquet

The chapter Awards Banquet was held on Sat, April 29 at River City Extreme. The room was decorated so nicely and members were welcomed by the committee of Barb Be, Debby, and Sara as they arrived. A chicken and ribs buffet was enjoyed by all and cake was served by several members. Programming VPs Barb & Debby presented their LPM of the trimester and LPM of the year awards. Trimester 3 awards were voted on by the membership and recognized as follows:

- Internal Project – PALS Game Night – Torrey & Sharon
- External Project – Little Free Library installation & picture social – Dawn
- Social/M-event – Women's Day Swap Party – Sarah S & Pam B
- Board Member – Glorie
- New Member – Ashley
- Member – Barb Be & Sharon (tie)

Awards for the Year were voted on by the membership and the following were selected and recognized:

- Internal Project – Bingo Fundraisers at the Hideout – Sara R
- External Project – Little Free Library/Garage Sale – Dawn
- Social/M-event – State Fair Food on a Stick – Glorie & Nancy
- New Member – Ashley
- Board Member – Glorie
- Member of the Year – Dawn

A huge thank you to all the members and guests that attended and made the evening a success: Glorie, Barb & Steve, Ashley & Matthew, Torrey, Linda, Teresa, Lauren D, Danielle & Gloria, Connie & Tim, Nancy, Krisie, Lana, Rose & Denny, Kelsey, Trina, Lauren & Dave, Dawn & Mike, Jennifer, Debby & Joel, Julie, Ille, Sara R, Sharon & Rodney, Cat & Ed, Arlis, Mercedes & Tom, Lisa & Ryan, Annette, Kay & Leo, Michelle & Mike. The beautiful centerpieces were given away as door prizes and were won by: Jennifer, Trina, Matthew, Sharon, Leo, Rose, Mike H, Linda, Joel, Annette, Mike J, Debby and Kay.

And I'd like to recognize some special helpers. Thank you to Trina for collecting pictures and preparing the slide show. Many thanks to Debby and Barb Be for preparing the centerpieces and taking charge of the decorations and other planning. And a huge thank you to Debby, Barb, and Sara R for coming early to set up the room, handle registration, and take care of the small details. My deepest appreciation and a gift for each of you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Krisie – 3
Michelle – 9
Katie – 13
Teresa – 18
Sharon – 20
Tara – 26
Danna -- 29



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Please bring your dimes to our chapter meeting in June. We will be collecting dimes at the meetings.

Thanks!

PALS – Anoka Bunny Brunch

Anoka Women of Today invited us to help them out with their annual Bunny Brunch on Sat, April 8th. Dawn, Connie, and Cat drove to Anoka Senior Center and spent the morning helping set up inside, assisting with activities for the children (and families), and cleaning up after. It was a beautiful setting in one of their parks and there were lots of families that attended. Anoka chapter was very appreciative of our help and we had an enjoyable time. We hope to be able to partner with them again in the future.

Adopt a Highway & Caribou Coffee Social

Sat, April 22nd five members and some helpers gathered at Eastview parking lot for spring road clean-up. We put on our safety vests and divided into teams for cleaning sections of the road.

Many thanks to Candice and daughter Wren, Jennifer and son Pete, Oneka, Karen, and Ed & Cathy. Thank you incentives were handed out.

After we finished the road clean-up, we headed to Caribou where Connie joined Oneka, Cat, Jennifer & Pete, and Candice & Wren for beverages and treats.



Now Seeking Business Sponsors for the Monticello Women of Today Coins for a Cause project!

Business Sponsors are featured on the Coins for a Cause Wishing Well itself, located inside the Emagine Monticello Theater, on our website, in our member newsletter, and on our Facebook page. 100% of all money raised by the project, including both sponsorships and well contributions go towards supporting our local chapter in our community activities.

Advertise your business and make a difference in our community! Members get a 50% discount on advertising!! See Jennifer or Oneka for more information

Coins for a Cause

Big Sis/Little Sis Listing:

Sarah Sundine
Illeana Miller
Glorie Balfanz
Kay Schroeden
Lisa Waterworth
Illeana Miller
Sarah Sundine
Mercy Turner
Cat Shuman
Sarah Sundine
Nancy Flesch
Trina Hedquist
Jennifer Lewis-Kannegeiter
Michelle Kocak-Jones
Cat Shuman

Stacy Cardinal
Lauren Doose
Teresa Doose
Rhonda Eckhart
Tara Eckhart
Karen Moores
Ashley Blaha
Danna Bromaghin
Barb Boeck
Katie Thielen
Connie Fink
Kelsy Hammel
Oneka Jenkins
Candice Zimmerman
Mary O'Brien



Acronym of the Month:

CIP – Chapter Information Packet. Information on all state programming areas and other items of interest; given to chapters at each state meeting. Full CIPs will be distributed at MNJOTS. Summary CIPs will be distributed at Summer Awards, Fall State and Winter State. All CIPs will be available on the MNWT website.

Living and Learning

My theme for this year is "Good Vibrations". I'm planning to host a few certification socials and coordinating another Google docs workshop with Jennifer.





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All – Looking forward to the new year with everyone! Ashley

Glorie – Looking forward to a groovy year with you at the helm Debby

All members – Thank you for the generous donation to the Connect-5 Vocational Program. I'll let you know when the coffee is on! Michelle

Trista & Kayla – I enjoy spending time with you at our meetings. Love, Mom

Barb Be, Ashley, Michelle, Trista & Arlis – Thank you for volunteering to help out at my Pizza Ranch fundraiser! Kayla

Thank you to everyone who came to my fundraiser and/or donated! Kayla K.

To all members – Thanks for letting me snap your picture! Trina

New Board – We are going to have a far out year! Trina

Glorie – You're doing a groovy job! Trina

Ashley – Congrats on Member of the Year! Trina

Ille – We are gonna rock IVP & EVP! Trina

Danna – Glad your surgery went well! Trina

Connie – You're so much fun to spend time with. I'm glad we're co-chairing a project together! Trina

Kelsey – Can't wait to work on new projects together! Trina

Glorie – great job on your first meeting! I am excited to Move it and Groove it with you this year. Sarah S

Glorie – Great job on your first meeting! We are going to have a groovy year! Jennifer

Glorie – I am so excited to have you as our chapter president! You're going to do a great job! Sara R

Trina – I look forward to chariing the parade float with you! Sara R

Sarah S – Congrats on becoming DD. You're going to rock at it! Sara R

Mercedes – Hurry up and heal that foot of yours! Sara R

Cat S – Great job being chapter president! It was a fun awesome year! Sara R

Czndice – You're going to do great at chairing the All Night Grad Party! Sara R

Barb B – I love your encouragement for Lucky Buck! Sara R





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Illeana --Mermaids..... ☺ Sara R

Julie – Way to step up for walking! Sara R

Welcome New Members!! Mercedes

Candice – Thank you for stepping in to help with the All Night Grad Party. Mercedes

Trina – Great job on the new business descriptions. Great welcome for our new members! Mercedes

Danna – Great seeing you and spending time with you. Keep healing! Mercedes

Glorie – Awesome first meeting Ms. President! Mercedes

Nancy – Great job doing the secretary duties! Mercedes

Ashley – Great job on your first meeting as LPM! Sarah S

Trina – Great job on the new business explanation. It is a nice way to help our new members! Sarah S

Candice – It was great meeting you this month at the meeting. It is awesome how you are stepping up right away to help out: LPM & chairing projects Yeah!! Sarah S

Glorie – Fantastic meeting to start off the year! Made it thru some motions and donated \$500 to Connect-5. Great start to the year! Cat S

Monticello chapter members: Thank you to everyone for your commitment to Monticello Women of Today. No matter how large or small your contribution and participation, it is well rewarded in the wonderful friendships that come our way. I am honored to have served as your president this past year and am truly blessed to have each of you in my life. Hugs, Cat S

Glorie & her board: Best wishes as you start the new year. Wonderful meeting in May, Glorie. So glad to have you lead us this year and be able to work with you on the board. Cat S

Ille and Trina: Looking forward to a fun year in programming. LPM Orientation was great and it was nice having extra time to visit and discuss the various areas. Nice job! Cat S

Candice, Susie, & Bonita: Glad to see you at LPM Orientation – great way to get started for the year. Good luck in your area. Cat S

Jen A: Thanks for sticking with us and I look forward to touching base now and then in the coming year. Hope we can get together somewhere along the way. Cat S

Lisa, Sara, Ille, & Julie: I'm looking forward to Annual convention weekend with you. It will be a blast and Monticello will rock!! Cat S



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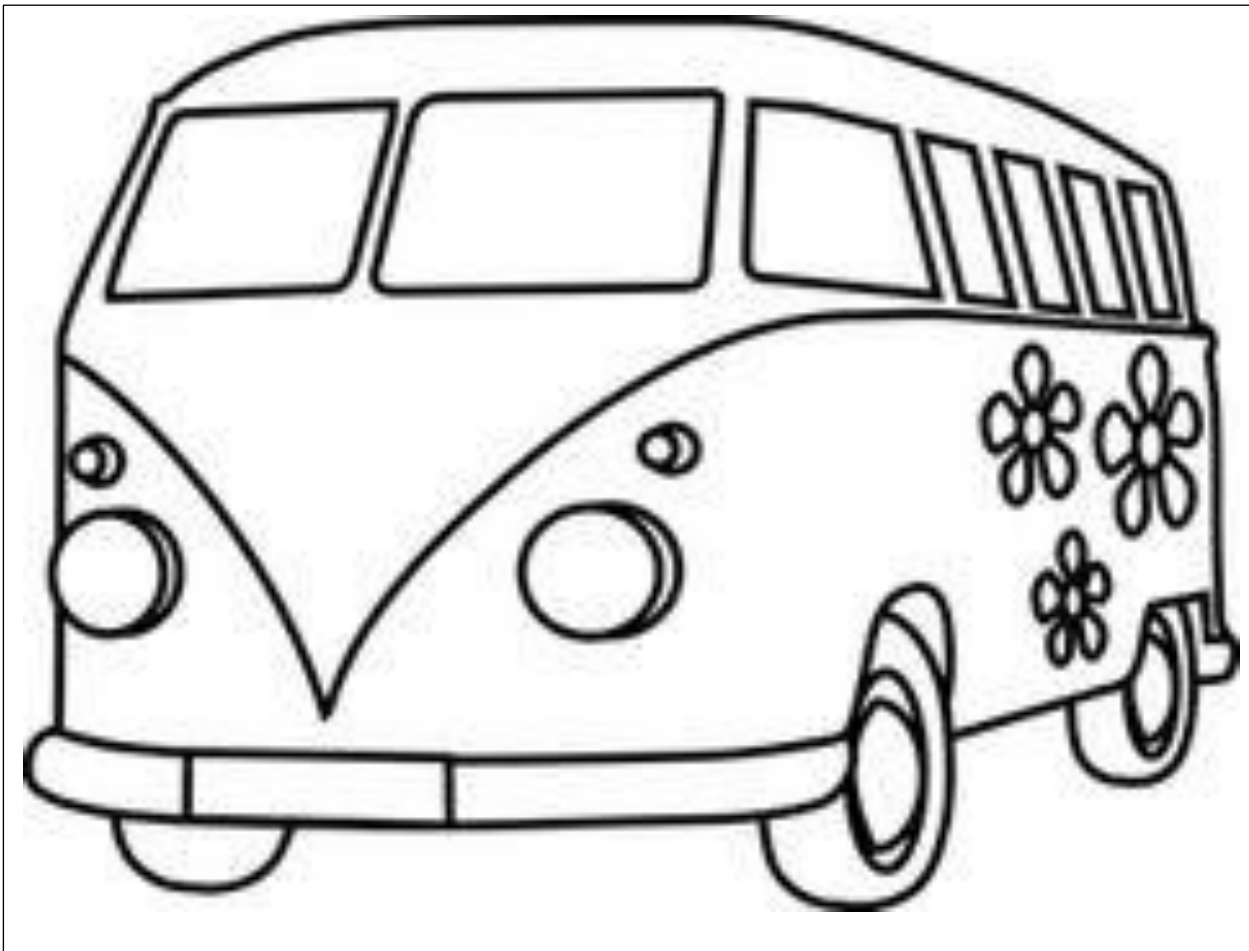


Coloring Contest:

Color in the VW Van and submit to Ille.

Winner will be picked at the end of 1st Tri and will receive a fun incentive for the most creative one

Feel free to add your own details to the van!





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MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY GENERAL MEETING-Thurs. 5/4/17, Methodist Church

Members present: Kayla Kleinsteuber, Trista Kleinsteuber, Michelle Kocak-Jones, Cat Shuman, Glorie Balfanz, Ille Miller, Nancy Flesch, Sara Rocksted, Sarah Sundine, Mercedes Turner, Debby Manthei, Ashley Blaha, Candice Zimmerman, Danna Bromaghin, Lauren Doose, Linda Buchmann, Jennifer Lewis Kannegieter, Arlis Thielke, Mary O'Brien, Trina Hedquist, Connie Fink, Kelsey Hamel, Rhonda Eckhart, Lana Gilberts, Julie Marchand, Karla Brant, Krisie Garvin, Lauren Henderson, Barb Berndtson, Annette Schaufler

Call to Order: 7:01 pm by President Glorie
Invocation: Kayla
Pledge: Kelsey
MNWT Creed: Mary

Guest Speakers: Joe Happe, Food Services & Erik Olson, Principal – Connect 5 coffee shop

Orders of the Day/Quorum: 25 members/Quorum established
Ice breaker: Cat – What reminds you of the 60's & 70's?
On Time Drawing: winner - Debby
Service Hours Book-passed and Fun on the Farm (greeter table)

SECRETARY: Nancy "Can you Dig It?"

Minutes Approval: April minutes approved
Thank you notes received: Crisis Nursery, Monticello Help Center
Reports received from: Cat, Arlis, Sharon, Dawn, Sarah S., Jennifer, Oneka, Linda, Trista, Michelle, Ille
Report drawing winner: Arlis

TREASURER: Linda "We Reap What We Sow" / Cat "Peace, Love & Lotsa Moola"

Checking balance: \$ 2,475.85
Savings balance: \$ 2,491.55

PAST PRESIDENT: Dawn "Out to Pasture" / Cat "Slammin' & Jammin' (in the Barnyard)"

Parli - Slam Jam

Bylaw Review due Sept.

Fun on the Farm – 3rd Trimester FR: Thank you to all who participated throughout the year. Drawing for the prize bag was won by Connie. May you continue to Plant Peace, Cultivate Kindness, Grow Goodness, and Harvest Happiness in the coming year.

PRESIDENT: Cat "Cultivating our Future" / Glorie "Move It & Groove It"

Cat's Awards - Member of the Month: (May) Julie Marchand; New Member of the Month: (May) Connie Fink

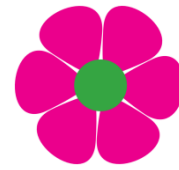
Next general meeting: June 1, 6:30pm at CUMC (Methodist Church)

Board meeting: Wed., 5/17, 6:30 at Glorie's

Year End Awards Banquet: Cat Shuman – FR. Held 4/29 at River City Extreme. Attending: Glorie, Barb/Steve, Ashley/Matthew, Torrey, Linda, Teresa, Lauren D, Danielle/Gloria, Connie/Tim, Nancy,



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Krisie, Lana, Rose/Denny, Kelsey, Trina, Lauren H/Dave, Dawn/Mike, Jennifer, Debby/Joel, Julie, Ille, Sara R, Sharon/Rodney, Cat/Ed, Arlis, Mercedes/Tom, Lisa/Ryan, Annette, Kay/Leo, Michelle/Mike. Thank you to Trina for the slide show and special thanks to the banquet committee: Barb Ber, Debby, and Sara R. Awards were presented (listed in newsletter). New board installation was held.

STATE DELEGATE: Sara R. "Let's Go Cow Tipping" / "Michelle "Riding the Groovy Train"

Spring District 5 Meeting: Sarah Sundine – FR. Held 4/21 in Hutchinson. Attending: Sarah S, Cat, Ille. Convention drawing won by Ille. Three Lucky Buck baskets were won by Monticello members. Door Prize won by Cat. Gifts from DD to Pres Cat & SD Sara R. Breaking Free gift for LPM Kayla. Membership received incentives for Early Bird, Retention, Growth 3rd Tri, and Gold Chapter for each Tri. Donations were approved and new District Board was elected, including Sarah S as DD and Cat as Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP: Arlis & Sharon "Gettin' Your Grove On (in Membership)"

First event will be in June. Continuing Caribou socials, next on 5/20 at 10am. Membership will be responsible for maintaining the roster.

Caribou Social: Cat - FR. 4/22 after Adopt-A-Highway, Oneka, Cat, Jennifer/Pete, Candice/Wren Connie.

Big Sis/Little Sis: Ille – FR. Held 4/13 at Beef O'Brady's. Attending: Mercy, Ashley, Karen, Cat, Barb Bo, Stacy, Sarah S, Nancy, Lisa, Katie, Connie, Glorie & Ille. Will have next gathering in August.

1st TRIMESTER RENEWALS: Barb Be, Caitlyn, Pam B, Torrey, Linda, Maribel, Lauren H, Bonita, Lori, Kayla, Kay, Sara R, Danna, Ashley, Karen, Rhonda, Tara. Early Bird deadline July 15th.

NEW BUSINESS: All Night Grad Party Co-Chairs Candice & Trina. Flyer's Concessions Co-Chairs Pam B & Cat; Adopt A Highway Need Chair. Shed Clean-Up Sarah S & Ashley. Founder's Day (July) Need Chair. Red Carpet Gala - Ille. Riverfest Ambassadors Need Chair. Riverfest Dance Concessions Co-Chairs Ille & Cat; Riverfest Parade Trina & Sara R.; Riverfest Duck Adoptions – Trina & Connie.

MOTIONS:

M/S/P (Cat/Kayla) I move the Monticello Chapter increase budget line 307 for YE Banquet Member Reimbursement by \$45, with a budget of \$145 total.

M/S/P (Michelle/Ashley) I move the Monticello Chapter donate funds in the amount of \$500 toward the Connect 5 Coffee Shop vocational program.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Ille "Shake Your Groove Thang"

LPM Orientation May 10.

Community Connections: Ashley

Domestic Violence Awareness – Watch newsletter

Adopt A Highway: Cat FR. Held 4/22. Five members and helpers participated: Candice/Wren, Jennifer/Pete, Oneka, Karen, Cathy/Ed.

Little Free Library: Dawn. Please bring 2-3 children's book to June meeting.

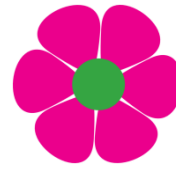
Walk & Roll: Sara R. 6/10 from 9am-1pm. Need volunteers.

Women's Wellness: Barb Bo & Bonita

Silver Platters/Silver Sneakers: Barb Be. No report.



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Wellness Walk: Julie will chair.

Youth of Today: Susie

MHS Scholarship/Cook Off: Dawn/Lauren H. To be rescheduled for fall. Details to come.

MHS Scholarship Review: Michelle FR. Cat volunteered. 80 students were awarded scholarship money.

Work Skills Day: Michelle FR. 4/18 at St. Henry's Church. Cat, Oneka, Barb Bo & Michelle volunteered. 97 students with disabilities participated.

Royalty Volunteer Clinic: Ille/Danielle/Mercy. Will be held May 24 or 25 at Kjellberg's Business Center. Planning meeting TBD.

Kids Kitchen: Michelle. June – August on Mondays. Sign up for June was passed around July sign up to be passed at next meeting.

Bridge for Youth: Trista. April general meeting donation drive collected \$195. Five members contributed.

Breaking Free: Kayla

Pizza Ranch fundraiser may be done.

INTERNAL PROGRAMMING: Trina "Shake It Like a Polaroid Picture"

LPM Orientation May 10 th .

Ways & Means: Lauren D

Coins for a Cause: Jennifer & Oneka. Revamped sponsorship plans, continuing 50% discount for members.

Lucky Buck: May – Cindy's donation earned \$60. Lana will bring Lucky Buck in June.

Flyer's Concessions: Cat. 5/20 (convention weekend), 7/15 (Riverfest weekend), 9/16

Living & Learning: Cat "Good Vibrations"

Cat plans to host a few certification socials and coordinate another Google Docs workshop with Jennifer.

Google Docs PEP Course & Certification Night: Jennifer FR. Held 4/10 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Attended by Jennifer, Cat, Karen, Sharon, Bonita, Stacy, Barb Be, Debby, Torrey, Oneka and Glorie.

Participants all had laptops, Cat provided treats. Let Jennifer know if you'd like her outline or to schedule another workshop.

Funshine: Jennifer/Oneka.

Secret Sis once a trimester. Planning trimester Funshine Event.

Birthdays: Krisie-3, Michelle-9, Katie-13, Teresa-18, Sharon-20, Tara-26, Danna-29

PALS Anoka Bunny Brunch: Cat FR. Held 4/8 at Anoka Senior Center. Attending Dawn, Connie, Cat.

Newsletter: Dawn "I Hear You Cluckin Big Chicken" / Ille "Flower Power"

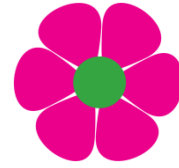
Members contributing to the April newsletter are Cat, Michelle, Arlis, Sharon, Lana, Glorie, Linda, Debby, Nancy, and Connie.

Trimester participation drawing goes to Barb Bo. Year End participation drawings go to Mercedes, Linda, Rose, Sharon, Barb Be, & Kayla.

Deadline: 2nd Friday of the month. Name: Flower Power. Personal messages: Jive Talking's



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Records & Recognition: Candice

No report. Let Ille know if you're interested in being on a committee to re-vamp R& R.

Public Relations: Trina

Website: Cat & Karen

Facebook: Trina. Member Monday pic & info form being updated. Drawing for 31 bag to be held at June meeting.

Chapter Shirts Bids: Ille. Committee – Mercy, Oneka, Kelsey, Ille. Current vendor through July. Email Ille with any suggestions. Meeting TBD.

Helping Hands: Jennifer, Lauren H, Dawn. No requests.

Good and Welfare: Danielle's progress

Thank You Hosts: Michelle, Kayla, Dawn, Lauren D

Thank You Greeters: Ille & Sara R

June Hosts: Jennifer, Candice, Karen, Sara R

Benediction: Michelle

USWT Creed: Danna

Adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Flesch, Secretary