



**A BIG THANK YOU to
all of the members that
signed up to help out with
our projects this spring.**

**Someone once said to me “We all joined a volunteer organization
to help out in the community, so don’t be surprised
when you are asked to help out.”**

On that same note, I am ASKING For additional HELP...

Our spring craft show is coming up very shortly, March 20th from 9-3. Our craft shows are our major fundraisers for the year. We really need every member to step up and help out in some way with the show.

We are still looking for 4 members to help chair for Set Up and Concessions- 2 for each area. We have seasoned members who are willing to help out a less experienced member with chairing one of these areas. We have deep files on both of these parts of the craft show with extensive notes from years of experience. If you are interested in checking out the files please contact Kathy Hansen.

Another opportunity is taking care of snacks for the April meeting. No one is signed up for snacks in April, please let me know if you can help out and do snacks for the general meeting.

As member of the STMA Women of Today we have a lot to be proud of:

- We volunteer and donate to the schools
- We donate and support our community: fire departments, library, & food shelf.
- We sponsor local sporting teams
- We support student groups like BPA and the Black Hills school trip.
- We brighten 10 families of people with special needs with our Adopt-A-Family program
- Our craft show helps out the local economy and is a staple in the community.
- Donating to the Women of Today foundation to help out the people of Haiti.

All of these great community service projects require help from all of us to make them successful. Please take a minute and think about how you are going to help out the chapter this trimester. We need everyone’s help to be a successful chapter.

Thank you in advance for your time and support of our community, Lisabet

**STMA Women of Today
General Membership Meeting
February 9, 2010
Lake Community Bank**

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Attendees: Lisabet T., Sheila C., Julie D., Kris G., Carol G., Lori G., Lisa H., Kathy H., Peggy K.,
Susie L., Candyce M., Sherri N., Beth P., Candi T., Lynn V.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sheila

MN Women of Today Creed: Beth

Introductions/Guests: Dr. D. Looking to partner or give support to a community project such as an Easter Egg Hunt. Will get back to her if interested. Could help with the Craft Show?

Terri Dahlberg-CMVP MN Women of Today

Cathy Newville-Elk River Chapter-Women of Today

Invocation/Ice Breaker: Beth- state your name and month your birthday is in.

Orders of the Day/Establish Quorum: Candi-15 out of 32 members present (9 out of 9 board members)
Quorum established.

Secretary: Candyce/Lori-January minutes approved

Drawing for 3rd quarter reports turned in-\$10 gift card-Lynn

Membership: Julie-we have 32 members with 19 due for renewals for 3rd trimester. 5 have renewed, Angie and Jackie will not be renewing, and Terri, Jan, Carolyn, and Steph are considering not renewing. Feb. 19th-Gretchen is hosting a social/M-event(invite only) book exchange at her home. Please RSVP to Gretchen by e-mail if interested.

Feb. 13th from 9-10am Caribou Saturday in Albertville-Julie hosting-please bring prospective

Thanks to Kathy/Candi for hosting blanket making M-event in January.

State Delegate: Carol-Winter State was held Jan 29-31, a total of 9 members from STMA attended.

Awards and certificates given at Winter State were: Lisabet and Carolyn-certificate for Living & Learning
STMA chapter received certificate for participating in WT Week-Thank you Jan for all your hard work.

Carol was recognized for submitting an article to state NEWSLET regarding Black Dog Hill.

STMA chapter recognized for participating in Founder's Day-pool party at Candi's-Thank you.

Gretchen received a goodie bag from Women's Wellness SPM for all she does.

Carol received a State Medallion for Outstanding State Delegate and a US WT Presidential Pin

For outstanding member.

Tie blankets for the Shriner's were a success and much appreciated. 30 chapters participated and total

Dollar value of blankets donated to the Shriner's Hospital was \$12,089.33.

Thurs. Feb 25th-District 12 meeting will be held at STMA Middle School East. 13 members are signed up.

Deadline is Feb 15-please contact Peggy if interested.

May 21-23- MN WT Annual Convention 2010 is at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria.

STMA and Elk River Area WT chapters are hosting. Please see sign up sheet for information. Carol will

Be coordinating the registration for STMA.

Annual Convention planning meeting will be Feb. 22nd - 6-8pm at Denny's in Otsego. Contact Peggy if interested.

Tentative date of March 25 for Poodle Skirt Making for Convention.

Treasurer: Lynn/Peggy

Checking: 5,333.87 Savings: 13,420.16

Donation requests/Motions:

M/S/P (Peggy/Kathy) " I move that we donate \$250 to the BPA from external misc."

M/S/P (Peggy/Beth) " I move that we donate \$250 to the STMA Girls Fastpitch Assoc. to update
Equipment from external misc."

M/S/P (Peggy/Candi) " I move that we donate \$300 for the Bids for Kids (\$50 for business card
Ad and \$250 for donation)."

M/S/P (Lynn/Kathy) " I move that we take \$17.20 out of internal misc & put in voice mail budget
To cover shortage."

M/S/P (Candi/Peggy) " I move that we donate \$250 to the MNWT collection for Haiti to come
Out of external misc. budget."

M/S/P (Julie/Carol) " I move that we take up to \$650 for 1000 brochures from craft fair budget."

M/S/P (Julie/Kathy) " I move that we take \$100 from external misc. to sponsor 10 dog starter

Kits for the Hearing & Service Dogs.”

Past President/Parli: Candi

April 29-Year End Banquet at Albertville City Hall-JR’s catering dinner 5:30?, members get a \$5.00 credit
Towards dinner, cost to be determined.

By Law/Policy Review: Vote as a Whole

Motion: M/S/P (Candi/Peggy) “ I move that we accept the By Law/Policy as sent out on Jan. 10.”

Elections Committee-passed out sheet for suggestions/nominations.

Programming VP: Kathy

Living & Learning: Beth

Family Week award: Candyce drawing for participation: Carol

Cathy Newville from Elk River chapter selling dog starter kit sponsorships for \$10 to support the
Hearing & Service Dog Center.

Community Connections: Susie

Adopt a Family-Feb.-To Be Determined.

Black Dog Hill-Feb. 27-Carol-painting and organizing-enough volunteers have signed up.

PDC Olympics-Candyce/Lori-April 24, 9-4pm-see sign up sheets if interested in helping.

Ways & Means: Lisa

Motions:

M/S/P (Candi/Peggy) “ I move that we take \$100 out of external misc. to donate to the
State Ways & Means.”

M/S/P (Candi/Peggy) “ I move that we take \$50 out of external misc. to buy the MNWT
Raffle tickets.”

3rd trimester promotion-selling coffee/tea, make check out to STMA WT.

Spring Craft show-see sign up sheets for opportunities.

Newslet: Sheila

Deadline for articles-Feb. 15th-please email

Women’s Wellness: Gretchen

Women’s Retreat-Sat. Feb. 27 (registration due Feb. 15) flyer passed out.

March of Dimes walk-flyer passed out-you can sign up online or just donate.

Youth of Today:

Senior Scholarships-Candi- updated application-April 2nd deadline-May 26th to handout scholarships.

President: Lisabet

60th Anniversary Open House-Jan. 23, 1-4pm at Lake Community Bank, chairperson-Lisabet,

Budget \$150 Actual cost \$147.71, 8 additional members worked, total hrs worked=20, supplies used:

Candy canes, cookies (from craft show), punch, 7up, cake. Left over candy canes were donated to
Hanover Food Shelf.

Terri Dahlberg CMVP WT-member activation and project participation handouts given, talked about how
To get things going in our chapter.

Upcoming Events:

Elementary Schools event/donation-Track & Field Ribbons-Carol/Lynn-\$250 each school

Dare Graduation-Candi chairperson

Middle Schools event-donation- MS West-Candyce, MS East-Lori \$250 each school

Easter event?

Invitation to Join-None

Good & Welfare: Kathy-thank you for bringing snacks

U.S. Women of Today Creed: Susie

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm

Secretaries: Candyce/Lori

JOIN US AT THE WOMEN'S RETREAT ALBERTVILLE MN

Come enjoy a relaxing day with us. Bring your scarf to model. We know scarves are a big fashion statement this year and we want to show them off. They can be warm scarves, colorful scarves, old faithful scarves and do you have a babushka? We will have speakers, card making, yoga, games and prizes. At the end of the day you may want to go shopping at the Outlet Mall or spend the night and go shopping on Sunday.

When: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Where: 5959 Main Ave Ne
Albertville MN 55301

Time: Registration and light breakfast 8:00 to 9:00
Lunch provided 12:00 to 1:00
Ends 5:00

Cost: \$15

Name _____ chapter _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

A message from our STMA State Delegate



Twirling Around Minnesota and Enjoying Every Twirl

Wow, can you believe this is our last trimester already? The first two sure have been fun. We had a GREAT turnout at Winter State Convention in January. Please see the general meeting minutes from February for my report.

Things to remember:

District 12 Winter Meeting at STMA Middle School East on Thursday, 2/25. Registration starts at 5:30. If you have not registered yet, please contact Peggy Kaufman.

We will be painting the playroom at Black Dog Hill on Saturday, February 27. We meet at Coborn's at 9:30 am. If you are interested in joining give me a call. There may be an opening or two left over. The area 2 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26 in St. Joseph. I will have more information for you when I get back from my vacation, but keep this date open.

If you think you would be interested in serving as State Delegate for STMA for the year 2010-2011, please let the Nominating Committee know. This has been a fun year for me and I have met so many people from District and State levels because of holding this position. If you are interested and have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I would LOVE to share with you what this position entails.

Well, I'm off for Mexico for a week to enjoy some time with my little sister and my brother and his wife. Have a great rest of February!!!

Carol
State Delegate STMA

Other Things to Remember

- Board member elections at the March meeting
- We need someone to volunteer to bring snacks to the April meeting
- PDC Olympics is set for April 24th

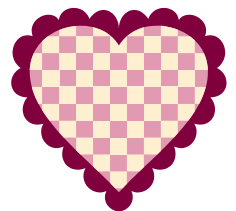
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!

MARCH 20th CRAFT FAIR -We still need your help!

Concessions

11-1 (3 members) 12:30-2:30(3 members) 2-4:00 Clean up (3members)

March 28th Senior Bingo – Volunteers needed



February Birthdays!

2/15 Chris Pearson 2/22 Kathy Hanson 2/28 Mary Hollerman
2/20 Mary Lou Robinson 2/24 Lori Goutermont

Just for fun

Hi everyone! We are all doing really well. It is nice to be home again but I really miss everyone. Madison loves the school up here and stays very busy. Nick is a typical boy and keeps everyone on their toes. I start training for the accounting dept at Digi-Key on Feb 15. I'm very excited about that. Brad is home now for a while. I'm not sure when he will be leaving for work again but it is nice to have him home. I hope everyone is doing well and surviving the winter. Take care!

Everyone was raving about Lyn's Cheese ball snack mix ~ so here's the recipe!

Cheese Ball Snack Mix

1 1/2 cups salted cashews
1 cup cheese balls
1 cup corn chex
1 cup rice chex
1 cup miniature pretzels
1 cup chow mein noodles
1/2 cup melted butter
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt (Lowry's)
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce


In a large roaster combine the first 6 ingredients. In a bowl combine remaining ingredients. Pour over cereal mixture & toss to coat. Bake at 250 for 1 hour stirring every 15 minutes. Yields about 6 cups.



Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey" - Miraculously, a parking space appeared - Paddy looked up again and said "never mind, I found one"

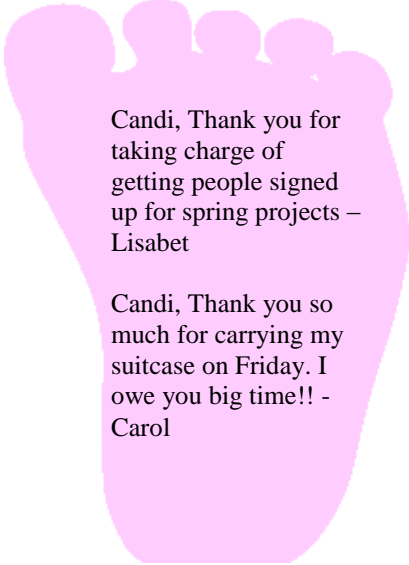
St. Michael Albertville Women of Today
Service – Growth – Fellowship
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month – Lake Community Bank in Albertville
PO Box 135
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www.stmawt.org

Foot Notes



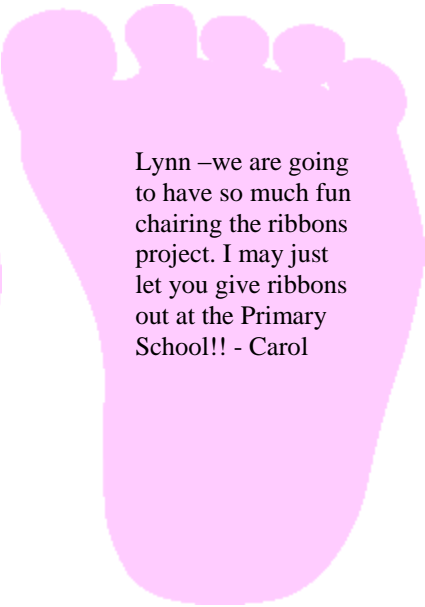
Thank you
EVERYONE who
signed up to chair
a spring project –
Lisabet

Thank you
Everyone
who signed
up to work
concessions at
the craft show
- Lisabet

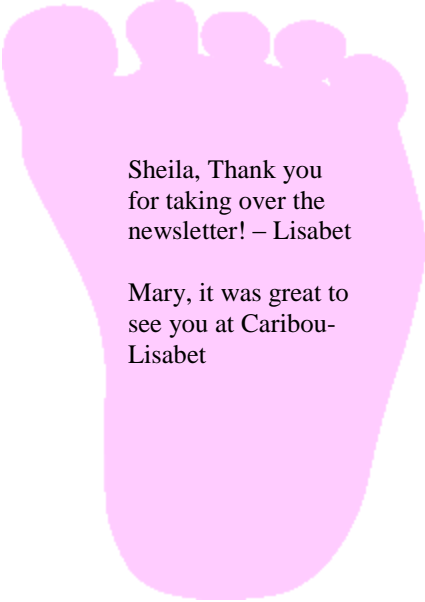


Candi, Thank you for
taking charge of
getting people signed
up for spring projects –
Lisabet

Candi, Thank you so
much for carrying my
suitcase on Friday. I
owe you big time!! -
Carol

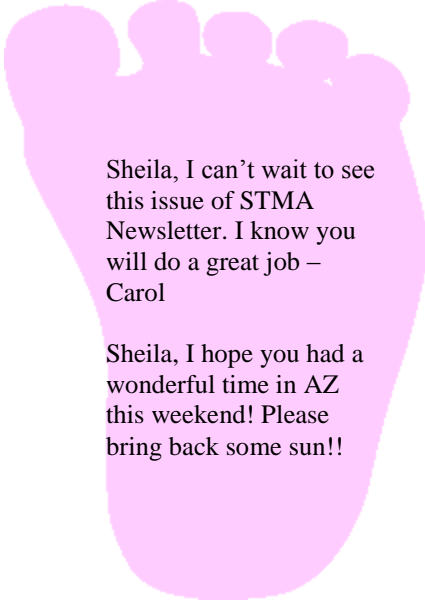


Lynn –we are going
to have so much fun
chairing the ribbons
project. I may just
let you give ribbons
out at the Primary
School!! - Carol



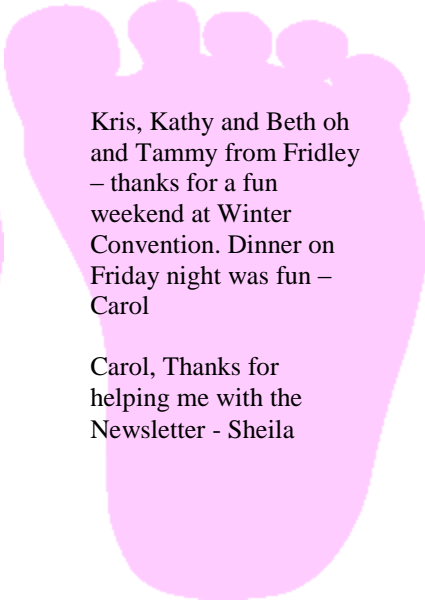
Sheila, Thank you for taking over the newsletter! – Lisabet

Mary, it was great to see you at Caribou-Lisabet



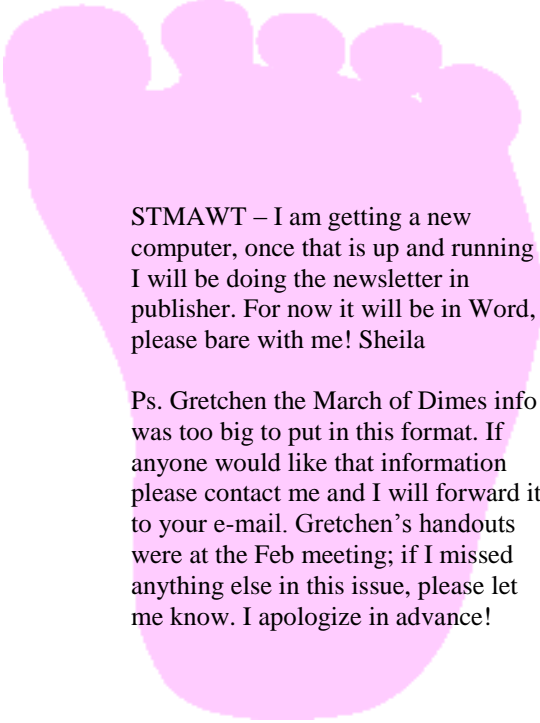
Sheila, I can't wait to see this issue of STMA Newsletter. I know you will do a great job – Carol

Sheila, I hope you had a wonderful time in AZ this weekend! Please bring back some sun!!



Kris, Kathy and Beth oh and Tammy from Fridley – thanks for a fun weekend at Winter Convention. Dinner on Friday night was fun – Carol

Carol, Thanks for helping me with the Newsletter - Sheila



STMAWT – I am getting a new computer, once that is up and running I will be doing the newsletter in publisher. For now it will be in Word, please bare with me! Sheila

Ps. Gretchen the March of Dimes info was too big to put in this format. If anyone would like that information please contact me and I will forward it to your e-mail. Gretchen's handouts were at the Feb meeting; if I missed anything else in this issue, please let me know. I apologize in advance!