

# The Chick Times

STMA Women of Today

December 2011

## President's Letter

Happy Holidays!

I want to start off by thanking everyone for all their hard work this trimester. We really had a wonderful trimester; lots of projects, socials, and m-nights. The cookie exchange and adopt a family were great projects, thank you Marnette for chairing. Also a big THANK YOU to Keely, Dedi, Laurie, and Dawn for orchestrating an outstanding holiday party. Keely, that entertainment was AWESOME! The only downfall was that several members signed up to come and were a no show. You really missed a great time!

Many of us joined Women of Today to make new friends and volunteer in the community, but we offer so much else. We offer personal growth/development, leadership opportunities, and award winning recognition, I know for me, I have gained a little bit better public speaking skills. When I think back to when I first joined I use to physically shake when I stood up to speak. I challenge each of you while you are thinking about New Years resolutions to think how you are going to grow with Women of Today.

Speaking of growth, please start thinking about what type of leadership role you might want to take on next year for Women of Today. We will start looking for next year's board in February/March. Expect a call to see where you can volunteer and help out next year.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to lead the chapter this trimester. It was my honor to step out of my box again.

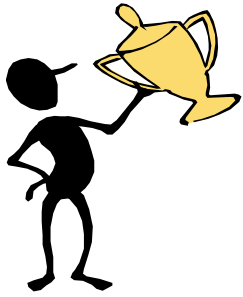
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Lisabet

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### Special points of interest:

- Awards
- March 17 Spring Craft and Business Expo Show
- February General Meeting Moved to Wed, 2/15
- Waffle Irons Needed



# AWARD WINNERS

**November Member of the Month: Dee Thies**  
**November Spotlight Member: Marnette Hoisve**



## Caring For Kids 2011

This is what we collected for Caring for Kids this year.  
\$46.25 was also collected in the change bins at concessions and cookie booth, along with our donation of \$250.  
A big THANK YOU to those that helped on December 15 and 16th separating all the items collected. And thank you to those that donated items as well.



Need an idea for a great New Year Resolution? How about a leadership position for the remainder of our '11-'12 year! We have a LPM position available for Community Connections and Living and Learning. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and be involved in our chapter!

***PLEASE mark March 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar; we will need EVERYONE'S help to make the Spring Craft Show and Business Expo a success.***

Upcoming events: Winter State Convention, PDC Olympics, 3<sup>RD</sup> trimesters district meeting-that we are hosting, Spring Craft Show, Adopt a Grandparent, Sr. Citizen Bingo, Elementary School events, and a couple of great Socials & M-nights. Bring your calendar to the January meeting and sign up to chair a project!

# VINLAND NATIONAL CENTER

By: Nancy Thompson

STMA Women of Today responds to community members in need.

The Vinland National Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to full lives for people with disabilities, sent out a request for much needed twin size quilts. Residents at the Vinland Center typically keep the quilt upon leaving as a reminder of their accomplishments made throughout their stay. St. Michael-Albertville Women of Today extended their helping hands to fulfill this request.

STMA Women of Today is about community service, personal growth, and building friendships. At a general meeting President Peggy Kaufman presented the membership with Vinland's need for quilts. Nancy Thompson volunteered to be the chairperson for this project. As a new member, she wanted to be more active in the group and saw an opportunity with the Vinland project. At a general meeting, STMA WT agreed they could make three quilts requested by Vinland. Nancy, with the assistance of her daughter, gathered the necessary materials and stitched together three quilts. The STMA WT members were invited to the Thompson home to help with the quilt tying and some good female social interaction. Over 10 members participated, some experienced, some with no experience who wanted to learn about quilting.

When asked about her experience, Thompson said, "It has been a long time since I dusted off my sewing machine and I am glad I did. I opened my heart and home for a good cause and made some good friends. Which is what Women of Today is all about."

**NOTE: The February meeting has been moved to**

**WEDNESDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Wanted:** Do you have a waffle maker? I had an idea since the District meeting is a breakfast, we could do fresh baked waffles. Doesn't that sound delicious? Please let me know if you have one that the chapter could use. Lisabet





**GREEN SNEAKERS**  
*Winning Steps to a Greener Tomorrow*

Last call for sneakers! The final collection will be at Winter State Convention.  
Please bring those sneakers to the general meeting

**WINTER STATE CONVENTION**

**January 27—29, 2012**

**Double Tree Park Place**

**Minneapolis**

Advance Full Registration: \$70

Friday Night Party: \$13

Business Meeting: \$7

Saturday Luncheon: \$29

Saturday Banquet: \$39







**Theme: Jersey Shores**

Need to know if you would like to attend by Jan. 2nd. Please let me know if you would like to attend the Full Weekend and stay Friday and Sat. nite or just Friday or Sat. RSVP to [wendychristensen@me.com](mailto:wendychristensen@me.com).

Bring your unwanted gold to convention for cash!!





 Thank you everyone for the wonderful party, gifts, cards & conversation!! I will miss seeing & working with y'all!! It's already happening!! 

 I wish you a very Blessed & Merry Christmas & wish you nothing but the **best** in the new year!! 

 **My new address is: 3910 Harlington Lane, Richardson, TX 78052** 

 Take Care, VDB 

 P.S. Maybe my New Year's resolution will be to get on facebook!! 



## Chick 'N Scratchings.....

- Thank you Secret Sis Dee for all the nice gifts. All of them made me smile. Wendy
- Thank you dear Secret Si for all the gifts. Absolutely loved every one of them and appreciate your thoughtfulness!! Kathy Rice, you are the best!! Laurie
- Keely and Laurie: I had a wonderful time at the Holiday Party! Thanks for chairing! Candyce
- Thank you to all the ladies that put on the Christmas party. You gals did a great job! Thank you Dawn for opening up your house to us. Lynn
- Marnette: Thank you so very much for all the Secret Sis gifts! You had me guessing the entire time! And with the cute kitty cat cards, maybe I should have figured it out. :) You are wonderful and appreciated. Thank you! PS: Glad that Cuddles can us Mo's food. Candyce
- Sherri: It was great to see you at the Holiday Party, thanks for driving! Lisabet
- Joan: Thanks for everything you do! Peggy
- Dawn, Laurie, Keely: Great job on the Holiday Party. Entertainment was FABULOUS and I used all my \$1's. Candi
- Julie D: I am glad you enjoyed your Secret Sis gifts. Thank you for the snowman ornament. Wendy
- Hey Testa: You got any bills left or did you blow them all that night??!! I found a \$20 stuck in my shirt, is that yours??!! Here I was thinking you had all \$1's.....Finders keepers!! Lynn
- Heidi: I'm hoping my green thumb doesn't fail me for the Christmas cactus. Thank you. Candyce
- Laurie: You were a great Secret Chick! I love all of my new cow stuff. Thank you so very much. Lisabet
- A huge THANK YOU to Mark and Dawn Prebonich for allowing us to take over your garage for the STMA Holiday Party! What a fantastic place for a party!! Laurie
- Lynn: Going to miss your smilin' face! Good luck in Texas! We'll see you soon! Peggy
- Dawn: Thank you so much for hostessing our Holiday Party! What a great time!! Candyce
- Sandy: That pink thing you had on your head was a hoot! If only the Grinch could have seen you, it would have been love at first sight! Lynn
- To all the wonderful STMA WT members: this is a message from my son, Ryan....Thanks to all the individuals that sent me the care packages. Italy is going great and I will have to share most of the candy with other service members stationed here (you understand, I'm just trying to watch my girlish figure :-). Thanks again mom for making me write this message (just kidding). I appreciate all the love and support sent my way while serving in the United States Navy. Now, if you 'll excuse me, I got some movies to watch, Take care and thanks! Ryan
- Sarah: You are so sweet lady \*hugs\*. Candyce
- That Myrtle gal or whoever she was, she was on to something with the 5 minute totaled women thing! You know Candyce (Red) looked so darn good after she was all decked out, I'm considering that for my new Texas look!! Lynn
- Dawn: Thank you so much for opening your home to all of us. Lisabet
- A big THANK YOU to all the chairs of the '11 Fall Craft Show. It was a huge success thanks to you and the entire chapter involvement. Jenny
- ALL: I'm excited to see you again at the meeting in January....December gets so busy and I just miss you guys. Candyce
- Lynn: I miss you already lady....safe travels to you, Lee and Spencer to your new home in Texas. When I come down to visit, I WILL be bringing a swimsuit! :) Candyce

## Happy Birthday To You!

Teresa D	1/1
Teresa W	1/6
Emily	1/9
Candi	1/9
Wendy	1/14
Lisa	1/17



## January

- 1 Happy New Year!!  
Teresa D B-day
- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Teresa W B-day
- 7 MNWT Gophers Hockey Game
- 9 Emily B-day  
Candi T B-day
- 10 General Meeting
- 14 Wendy B-day
- 17 Lisa B-day
- 27—29 Winter State Convention

● Service—Growth—Friendship

## February Calendar

- 2 Chris G B-day
- 7 Board Meeting
- 10 Bobbi B-day
- 15 **General Meeting (note the change of date)**
- 22 Kathy H B-day  
Ann P B-day  
Dedi B-day
- 23 Dee B-day
- 24 Laurie G B-day
- 25 District 12 Meeting

