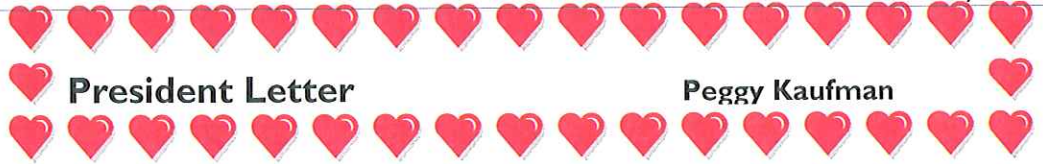




**Piecing It All Together**

St. Michael – Albertville Women of Today  
2010 - 2011

February 2011



**President Letter**

**Peggy Kaufman**

Thank you to those that attended the February meeting. It was another full house with a lot of great information, stmichael.patch.com and Girl Power. For more information about stmichael.patch.com please visit their website. Girl Power is a program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

the chapter. We will be holding elections at the March general meeting. The sign up sheet for local program managers will be passed around also at the meeting. Let's come together, share your experience, learn something new and let's get all the positions filled. Step out of the comfort zone and challenge yourself. I know we can do it.

The Elections Committee is in full swing contacting each of you. We need members to step up for the new year. Being on the board is a rewarding experience with the ability to learn more about Women of Today, and the ins and outs of the chapter. If a board position is not in your future right now, we are also looking for local program managers. This is a great way to get started with your involvement in

We are in the last few months of this Women of Today year. Let's finish strong, have a great time and make a difference in our community. Thank you for all that you do!

In Friendship,  
*Peggy*

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**St. Valentine's Day**

. **Saint Valentine's Day**, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs, Saint Valentine, and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It was

deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "*valentines*"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey

Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, hand-written valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. ~ Wikipedia

# Are You the Next LPM?

Hello ladies!  
 Have you thought about becoming an LPM (Local Program Manager)? Now's your chance!  
 Programming managers on all levels are what keep programming alive.  
 Since the Women of Today is a leadership training organization, all members are encouraged to become involved by filling a position that interests them. Local Program Managers are a great way for members to learn about the area and how to manage and promote projects within that area. Attached are the open positions for review. If you have any questions, feel free contact the current LPM, Lori G or me - we'd be happy to answer your questions!  
 ~ Candyce

**2011-2012 Programming Areas**  
**Sign Up for a Local Program Manager position today!**

*External program areas are projects and events run for the benefit of your community or a foundation.*

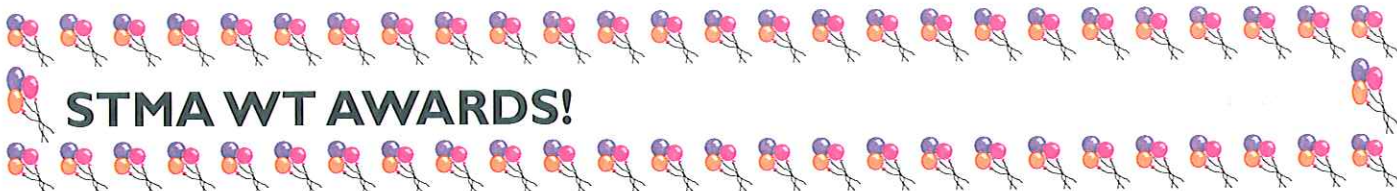
Programming Area/SPM email	Description	Program Manager
Can Do Canines <i>(This will be our third year)</i> priority-area@mnwt.org	Program to encourage involvement with Can Do Canines to reach strategic goals to serve more people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. (MNWT 3 year priority area)	
Community Connections (CC) cc@mnwt.org	Program to encourage involvement in their local community, (e.g. food shelf, a civic project, senior citizens, adopt-a-family, etc.) Promotes Friendship Ventures, the Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award, Community Connection Awards, and national programming areas that do not fall under a MNWT programming area.	<i>Meredith Denton (will contact with someone)</i>
Women's Wellness (WW) ww@mnwt.org	Educate members on current health issues; support a foundation dealing with women's health; promote the March of Dimes March for Babies.	
Youth of Today (YT) yt@mnwt.org	Promotes ideas and activities that allow youth to discover and experience the importance of volunteering. Also promotes the OYA program, Kids' Week and foundations related to youth activities.	<i>Lisabet</i>

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*Internal program areas are those areas which are primarily for the benefit and service of our members.*

Programming Area/SPM email	Description	Program Manager
Living and Learning (LL) ll@mnwt.org	Promotes participation and provides information and ideas in the areas of personal growth of members; intellectually, spiritually, civically, and through family. Also promotes the Effective Writing, Speaking, and Impromptu competitions as well as the Women Who Impact Awards. Oversee invocations and benedictions at meetings.	
NEWSLET newslet@mnwt.org	Responsible for gathering the information for the monthly newsletter, putting it all together in an easy-to-read format, copying and distributing to members and other individuals.	
Public Relations (PR) pr@mnwt.org	This area gets the word out about our organization. This position submits press releases to local newspapers and helps to identify other PR tools for the chapter, cable TV, radio, internet etc. Also promotes Women of Today Week.	
Records & Recognition (R&R) rr@mnwt.org	Program to encourage good recordkeeping for chapter projects; project recognition; mid-year and year-end entries; Projects of the Trimester; and Success.	
Ways & Means (W&M) wm@mnwt.org	Help to raise funds to keep your chapter going! If you're an individual with lots of fund-raising ideas (no, you don't have to pull them all off yourself!) sign up now. Promotes state promotional items for the trimester and the state store.	

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# STMA WT AWARDS!

2010- 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester awards:

Success - #6

Membership Awards: 75% Retention; Chapter Growth

Certificate of Appreciation for entering the Winter State Brochure & Display contest

STMA won the drawing for entering Transmittals- way to go VDB

Thank U for the project of the trimester nomination for Youth of Today.

Thank U Candyce & Lori for completing your LPM quarterly report.

Thank U for submitting SUCCESS, Peggy

USWT Awards

Membership - Gold Chapter

Membership Growth 1st Trimester

Participation in Founder's Day

Member of the Month: Wendy

Spotlight Member: Kris G

Mystery Box Winner: Jenny L gift card to Joanne Fabrics \$17 and a white elephant gift. Next month's mystery gift is worth \$19! Serves You Right- Kathy Hansen

3rd Trimester Renewals

Peggy B, Jessica, Wendy, Lore, Teresa, Cindy, Lori, Lisa, Kathy H, Shirley, Gretchen, Rachel, Peggy K, Jenny L, Carolyn, Susie, Beth L, Candyce, Beth P, Karon, Jennifer S, and Lynn. See Candi with payments!

## Bylaw Policy Changes

Please review the below policies changes and come with any suggestions to the March General meeting.

ST. MICHAEL – ALBERTVILLE WOMEN OF TODAY BYLAWS

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Section C - Finances, 17:

The chapter president and state delegate may attend the annual president and state retreat and have registrations paid for out of the **president/state delegate** budget. If president or state delegate do not attend and registrations have been paid, she/he must reimburse the chapter.

Section H-Records, 5

**5. The records and recognition local pro-**

gramming manager (LPM) shall maintain the chapter programming files with a sign in and out log. In the event there is no records and recognition local programming manager the programming VP will maintain these files with a sign in and out log. The LPM and/or programming VP will encourage all project chairs persons to complete and submit project report.



STMA Women of Today  
General Meeting 2/8/11  
Minutes

Attendees: Liasbet, Jenny, Julie, Peggy, Kathy, Heidi, Wendy, Marnette, Kathy, Sherri, Lisa, Kris, Candyce, Susie, Sheila, Meredith, Sharron, Beth, Laurie, Michelle, Carolyn, Candi

Call to order: 7:05pm  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Laurie

Recited MN Women of Today creed led by Heidi.

Speakers: Kari Brett, Rhonda Holland and Jody Kelly from STMA Middle School. They discussed a new program they started at the Middle School – Girl Power. This is specifically for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to help promote self-esteem. They asked if we wanted to volunteer or time or provide any assistance.

Gretchen Lower from stmichale.patch.com. Gretchen introduced the website to the group and explained how it worked. She indicated that there is a business director for free and that our group can advertise events for free on the site. Wednesday is Mom's day.

Quorum was established with 21 members present.

January minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Sheila requested that anyone who needs a name tag to contact her by the end of the week.

Checking balance \$6,683.45, savings balance \$11,289.13. Lynn was absent so Candyce made her motions for her. M/S/P (Lynn/KathyH) "I move that we pay \$50 for the MNWT raffle tickets out of internal misc. 10 tickets \$5 each" M/S/P (Lynn/Kathy) "I move that we take \$100 out of internal misc and transfer for secretary budget" M/S/P (Lynn/Susie) "I move that we donate \$250 to the STMA girls fast pitch association" M/S/P (Lynn/KathyH) "I move that we donate \$350 to help sponsor STMA United Soccer Club." M/S/P (Lynn/Kris) "I move that we donate \$250 to the STMA high school Business Professionals of America BPA organization to help students traveling to New York City." M/S/P (Candi/KathyH) "I move that we take \$250 out of external misc to donate to the Lisa Novak family in regards to the family house fire." M/S/P (Lynn/Kathy H) "I move that we take \$100 out of internal misc to pay our vinyl sign yearly advertising fee at the Knights baseball dugout." M/S/P (Candyce/Sheila) "I move that we donate \$250 out of external misc for Girl Power of STMA Middle School."

WT will be hosting a book exchange on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the new City hall in St. Michael. The event is from 10:30-2:30 questions should go to Lisabet. A card making social was held on 2/5/11 at Julie Davis' house. Eleven members participated and one guest, 39 hours worked and \$49.03 spent. 41 cards were made for the chapter.

Lisabet reviewed the proposed bylaw changes, the chapter will vote on them next week. The changes will be printed in the newsletter. Changes: Section C-Finances, 17:

The chapter president and state delegate may attend the annual president and state retreat and have registrations paid for out of the president/state delegate budget.

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Lisabet announced the yearend banquet will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> likely at Albertville City Hall.

LPM sign up sheet for 2011-2012 was passed around. Lori G was the winner of a drawing for family week. Newsletter deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Spring craft show duty sign ups were passed around. There is a craft show button on our webpage. Kathy is doing the Polar Plunge for POC Olympics.

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Adopt a family for February is Pam Woytcke and her daughter Emilee Linder. 2 cell phones at a \$20 value were collected. PDC Olympics is 4/2 a sign up sheet was passed around. Sr. BINGO is 3/12 at St. Michael city hall 3or4 volunteers are needed. Clutch for a Cause collects gently used purses and sells them on Ebay and the profits go to single parents for assistance. WT is making a collection box that will be at Going Postal. Candyce donated a Coach backpack purse.

Jenny confirmed the Catholic school would use our donation for family fun night.

District 12 meeting is 2/17 deadline to sign up is 2/11 can sign up through Candi. A 1950's theme is planned and all the paper products for Black Dog Hill will be brought to the meeting. The area meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> in St. Joe. Spring convention is May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Candi reviewed the awards and thank yous at winter convention.

January spotlight member is Kris G and member of the month is Wendy. Kathy H was the serves you right winner of \$11. Jenny L won the mystery box gift card of \$17.

US women of today creed recited and led by Carolyn.

Adjourn 8:47pm

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board mtg	2	3	4	5 Card making social
6	7	8 General Mtg	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Chris bday	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Kathy Ann Bday	23 Dee bday	24 Lori Bday	25	26 Book Exchange
27	28					

## Schedule of Events

- **Feb 5th** Card making social at Julies
- **Feb 8th** general meeting Lake Community Bank
- **Feb 16th** Book exchange at new St. Michael City Center 10:30-1:30

Happy Birthday— Chris, Ann, Kathy, Dee Lori



## Book Exchange

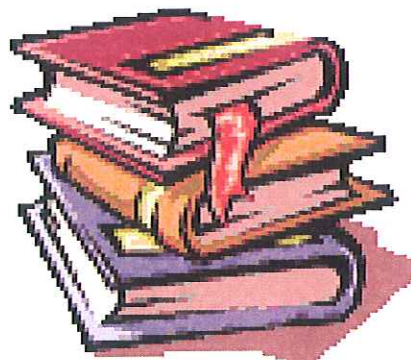
**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-1:30**  
**St. Michael City Center**  
**11800 Town Center Dr NE**  
**Recycle your gently used**  
**books and**  
**pick up a few new ones.**

Limit 10 Books per Family

**Please do not bring any Text Books, Readers Digest Condensed books, or Magazines.**

Remaining books will be donated to the Great River Library, St. Michael Branch

Questions: Please contact Lisabet Thomas, 763-221-5356



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20 Monica bday	21	22	23 Sandi Bday	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Kris B-day		

## Schedule of Events

- March 8th General Meeting Lake Community Bank 7pm
- March 19th Craft Show 9am-3pm

Happy Birthday - Sandi, Monica, Kris



## Thank You!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the support, cards, calls, donations by the STMA WT chapter. I don't think *Thank You* is enough! It's been very trying for myself and my family these past few months. But with the grace of God I believe we are on the mend. If there is anyone that needs help or support, I will be one of the first to join the force. Thank you again and again. Sharon Robinson & Family.



## STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING  
THROUGH THE DESERT  
DURING SOME POINT OF THE  
JOURNEY, THEY HAD AN  
ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND  
SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE  
IN THE FACE

THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED  
WAS HURT, BUT WITHOUT  
SAYING ANYTHING,  
WROTE IN THE SAND ,

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND  
SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE ..

THEY KEPT ON WALKING,  
UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS,  
WHERE THEY DECIDED  
TO TAKE A BATH

THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN  
SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE  
MIRE AND STARTED DROWNING,  
BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM  
THE NEAR DROWNING,  
HE WROTE ON A STONE:

'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND  
SAVED MY LIFE'

THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED  
AND SAVED HIS BEST FRIEND  
ASKED HIM, 'AFTER I HURT YOU,  
YOU WROTE IN THE SAND AND NOW,  
YOU WRITE ON A STONE, WHY?'

THE FRIEND REPLIED  
'WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US  
WE SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN  
IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF  
FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY.

BUT, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US,  
WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN STONE  
WHERE NO WIND  
CAN EVER ERASE IT'

LEARN TO WRITE  
YOUR HURTS IN  
THE SAND AND TO  
CARVE YOUR  
BENEFITS IN STONE.

THEY SAY IT TAKES A  
MINUTE TO FIND A SPECIAL  
PERSON,

# WARM AND FUZZIES

Board Members: You guys are the best. Thank you for ALL you have done. We are on the downhill slide. Keep up the great work! ~ Peggy

Lynn, Thank you for your wisdom ~Peggy

Laurie, thanks for all your work in pulling together the labels for the expo~Marnette

Thank you Dee, Michelle, Kris G, Jenny L, and Susie for stepping up to take the last of the chair positions for the Spring Craft Show. Way to pull together as a team! ~ Peggy

Sheila, great job on the Newsletter all year! How's the new computer working out? ~ Peggy

Heidi, Good Luck and thinking of you! ~ Peggy

Beth P Congrats on your state secretary position! ~ Peggy

Sharon, Great to see you at the meeting. We are your family and thinking of you ~ Peggy

Thank you Jenny L for a very successful Lucky Buck! ~ Peggy

Sharon, my thoughts are you with you and your family ~ Sheila

Kathy H, Thanks for being such a great secret Sis!!! Candles, Chocolates, Lotions, Jewelry, and More—all my favorites. Thank you so much~ Sherri N.

Sheila, Thanks again for doing such a great job with our Newsletter. I really appreciate all of your work. Sherri

Kathy H, Thanks for the delicious and fun Valentine treats at our Feb meeting. You really went all out with the prizes! Sherri

Peggy, Thanks for empowering me! Marnette

Lisabet, thanks for your guidance and support! Marnette



Lori G, Congrats on winning the gift card for Neighbor's for family week..so you're buying?? ~ Candyce

STMA Board, thank you for all of your support! ~ Sheila

Is it Spring Yet??????

Jenny, nice lucky buck! That was a great idea...even though I didn't win! Congrats Kathy H! ~Candyce

Julie D, I had a fun time making cards! I'm starting to feel crafty! ~Candyce

STMA Women of Today  
Po Box 135  
St. Michael MN 55376  
1-800-340-9817  
Meet 2nd Tuesday of the Month at  
Lake Community Bank Albertville

Lynn, thanks for the extra hands you gave me with expo letters ~ Marnette  
Sheila, thank you for all you do in assembling a fabulous monthly newsletter~Marnette

Julie D, Thank you so much for hosting the Feb card making event. You are so kind-opening your home to us and supplying the supplies, instructions and FOOD!! What a win, win for each of us that attended and for our Chapter ~ Sherri

Marnette, thanks for helping Julie prepare for the Feb card making event, It was so nice to have all the paper cut and all the stations set up, stocked, and ready to go. You and Julie ROCK! Sherri

Kathy H, Thank you so much for the carnation at convention! That was so sweet of you! And I use my coffee koozie about everyday -thanks! Candyce