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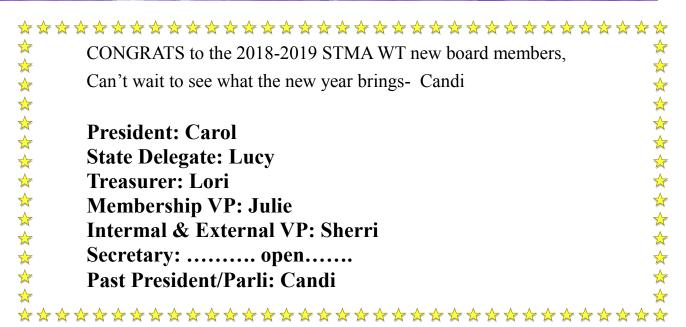
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It's always the small pieces that make the big picture.

Women of Today Year End Banquet

Come celebrate our WT year April 24th at Liberty located in St. Micheal Social & Meal from 6-7pm (chapter has \$10 per member for your meal) Agenda begins at 7pm including installing new board members



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If you are interested in A Local Programming Manager (LPM) position

please contact Sherri to let her know....

April board meeting will be at Carol's House-Tuesday April 3rd at 6:30pm Outgoing & Incoming board members please attend



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From 6-8pm @ Financial Security Bank 11102 57th St NE, Albertville, MN 55301

Snacks & Fun Provided

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Thank you to all who helped with the International Women's Day event. I couldn't have done it without you.

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Just Drive Event – April 28

STMA Women of Today and Safe Communities of Wright County are partnering together for the Just Drive event in Albertville. On Saturday, April 28, the community is invited to Central Park to join in the awareness to focus on driving.

We will need some volunteers to help put up signs, help with the tables, and make sure walkers are on the right path. If you are interested in helping or just finding out more, please contact Bobbi at 952-412-0948 or <u>b.fehrmann@gmail.com</u>

SAVE THE DATE-

Volunteer Recognition Week is April 15-21

Come celebrate and we can give each other a pat on the back. When: Tuesday April 17th at Gretchen H. house- evening time we will be painting a canvas, enjoying some great food and recognizing what great volunteers we are.

More DETAILS to come, but save the date

Any members interested in Spring HGWY clean up please let me know! Need a date/time & volunteers- Candi



STATE Delegate Corner - Carol Gore

Better Together

Upcoming Area 2 3rd trimester meeting will be held on March 23 in Rice, MN. Hear what our State President has to say. We will also hear from the State President and Treasurer candidates at that time. I will attend this meeting and give you highlights at the April general meeting.

The District 6 3rd trimester meeting will be on April 11th here in STMA. The District Directors chapter hosts this meeting. Theme is "Happy Spring". Meeting will be at Albertville City Hall. Dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7. Dinner: pre-registration \$6 – at the door \$7. Just the meeting \$1.

Salads and breads with punch for dinner and sweets for dessert. Please sign up to attend.

Contact Carol Gore for registration.

MN WT Annual Convention – May 18-20 in Alexandria, MN. As I mentioned many families have gotten rooms during this time and then will you are busy at your meetings and banquets dad and the kids enjoy the water park. Let me know if you will be attending.

US WT year end convention is June 8-10 in Mankato. We will receive more information from our District Director, Kathy Hansen

Remember we are "BETTER TOGETHER"

Flags on Fort Snelling May 26th

We will be going to Fort Snelling and help putting flags out on 190,000 plus graves.

Time is 5: 00 am to 8 or 9 am.

I am planning Carpooling as well.

More information to come when event come closer. Thank you

Any questions please let Jill S. know at jillschoon@yahoo.com or 763-228-1613.



True Friends' camps include Camp Courage and Camp Friendship. Programs include traditional summer and winter camps as well as year-round options in therapeutic horseback riding, travel, team building, respite, rope courses and zip lines. Many campers need financial help, so scholarships also make a huge impact.

Bring your items to annual convention.

Board games Travel size games Playing cards Card games 100 or less puzzles Nerf/soft toys Lawn games Fishing rods/closed reels, including ice fishing Pool/beach toys Kick boards Bike helmets--Youth & adult Nail polish/remover cotton balls, emery boards, nail clippers Basketballs/footballs Soccer/Volleyballs Kick balls Construction paper Markers Crayons/colored pencils Tempera/water color paint Fabric paint Paint brushes Beads & jewelry making items Large jugs of bubbles Glue/glue sticks Plaster of Paris

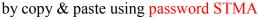
Scissors Clay Glitter Stamps/ink pads Felt Foam pieces/peel-off stickers Poster paper Gift Cards-Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart I-Tune gift cards Name tags Postage stamps Scotch/packing tape Masking tape 1" Post-it Notes Memo pads Pocket folders Dry erase markers Highlighters Copy paper-white 8 1/2 X 11 or 8 1/2 X 14 Color Copy paper Contact paper Heavy duty 3-hole punch Blue/black medium point pens Sharpie markers (fine-point black) 3-ring notebooks (3" wide) Flashlights & batteries

Digital cameras SD cards for cameras CDs Blank CDs/DVDs Flash Drives Non-latex disposable gloves Hand Sanitizer Antibiotic ointment Anti-itch cream/ hydrocortisone Benadryl Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, misc. hearing aid) Lysol wipes Tylenol/Ibuprofen Baby Wipes-flushable only Bandaids-all sizes Insect Repellant Sun Screen-high # Liquid Antibacterial soap

Bring your items to the STMA chapter general meetings before convention in May for delivery at annual convention.

Flower Fundraising Automatically invite friends and family members to buy from our fundraiser

MN Women of Today has partnered with Flower Power Fundraising for this season's fundraiser. Flower Power offers top-quality flower bulbs for our friends and family members to purchase. All orders ship directly to our customers' homes and come with a 100% money-back guarantee. And the best part, we get to keep 50% of every dollar sold! Participating chapters will receive 20% of the profit from their sales.



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Join us for the <u>St. Michael Open Streets bike rodeo</u> on Saturday, May 5th. We will have a booth with a fun craft for the kids to do as well as some snacks to give away.

It runs from 10-2 so we will need help starting at 9. Please email, text or call Joanna if you're able to help for a few hours - joannamaryb@gmail.com or 763-381-9078. Thanks!





St. Michael-Albertville Women of Today March General Membership Meeting Financial Security Bank March 13, 2018

Call to Order at 7:01 pm

MN Women of Today Creed: Led by Crystal Willis Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Carol Gore Orders of the Day/Establish Quorum – Bobbi. Quorum has been established with 21 members.

Members present: Joanna Bolduc, Julie Davis, Bobbi Fehrmann, Jackie Fields, Kris Goodin, Carol Gore, Lori Goutermont, Lisa Haines, Kathy Hansen, Nicole Jockisch, Priscilla Pomeroy, Debbie Pool, Linda Prichard, Angela Pufahl, Jill Schoon, Michelle Skrypec, Cheryl Smith, Sherri Streff, Candi Testa, Lucy Kanu, Crystal Willis

Welcome Guest: Margaret (heard about WT from Facebook garage sale site post)

Serves You Right – Julie

Mystery Oreos.... Candi - Interesting personality fun-fact game!

Everyone was given an Oreo cookie to taste.

YOU eat your Oreo how? Candi will tell you what that means about you in a few minutes...Also, guess what flavor this particular Oreo is.

Choose which method best describes your favorite method of eating Oreos:

The whole thing all at once.

One bite at a time.

Slow and methodical nibbles examining the results of each bite afterwards.

In little feverous nibbles.

Dunked in some liquid (milk, coffee...)

Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.

Twisted apart, the inside, and toss the cookie.

Just the cookie, not the inside.

I just like to lick them, not eat them.

I don't have a favorite way. I don't like Oreo cookies.

The mystery flavor for the Oreo cookie we tasted today is: Fruity Pebbles!

Completed Acts of Kindness:

2/17 Caribou coffee @ Coborn's 9 am – Julie, Bobbi, Gretchen P.

- 2/27 New member orientation at Caribou at Coborn's Julie: Lucy, Crystal and Priscilla attended. 7 hours total. No money spent.
- 3/7 Out & About Night D' Michael B's & movie Julie: 15 for dinner, we ate several different appetizers. \$85.20 spent. Afterwards 5 attended movie at St. Michael Theatre Julie, Angela H and friend, Michelle, and Renee. Lori and her daughter went to a different movie Jumanji.

Community Connections:

3/10 International Women's Day event – Bobbi. 13 members attended, and 4 guests. Number of service hours – 95 hours. Money spent: \$200.00 spent on paint supplies, some advertising and giveaways. Had 10 nice

exhibits to celebrate International Women's Day (was March 8th), recognizing women who have brought awareness to women equality and celebration of their achievements. Had booths for kids to check out, and given a passport to complete. Painted a canvas for \$5 which was donated to Breaking Free. Had 9 canvases purchased and an additional \$5 donation, for a total of \$50 to go to Breaking Free. Fun event!

Officers Reports

Secretary – Michelle

February general meeting minutes were approved with no corrections. Happy Birthdays for March: 3/3 Patti, 3/19 Heather, 3/24 Debbie, 3/31 Kris

State Delegate – Carol

- Tri #3 Area 2 meeting will be in Rice on Friday, March 23 Shelley, the current President for MN WT will be there and introduce Brenda Sathre, who is running for President 2018/2019. Brenda is from the Greenbush Chapter.
- Dinner at 6, with meeting starting at 6:45 until 8:30. Let Carol know if you will be attending.
- Tri #3 District 6 meeting STMA is hosting, on Wednesday, April 11th. At Albertville City Hall. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. Pre-registration is \$6 for both dinner & meeting; at the door \$7. Just the meeting \$1. Cold pasta salads and breads with punch for dinner & sweets for dessert. Please sign up to bring something for the dinner and/or sign up to attend. Let Carol know. Carol has signup sheet for who can help set up, clean up, or what to bring for food. Let Carol know if you will be attending, help-ing, etc.
- LOTS May 5th in Rice (deadline is 4/23) This is for new board members training.
- MN WT Annual Convention, May 18-20 in Alexandria. Need reservations made by 4/17/18. Let Carol know if you are interested in attending.
- US WT year-end convention June 8-10 in Mankato. Kathy Hansen, our District Director, has more information
- MN WT State President candidate information was passed around about Brenda Sathre who is running for the 2018/2019 State President.

Past President – Nancy (Bobbi reported for Nancy)

- By-Law & Policy Review Discussed changes at February meeting and all were sent a copy of the by-laws and policies with changes in red for all to review. These are our rules as a chapter! The biggest change was to have board member hold 2-year terms in their positions instead of 1 year. They do have the option to still do one year if they wish. Vote was made and the changes were approved!
- 2018/2019 board positions vote Most positions are filled: President: Carol G, Membership: Julie D, Treasurer: Lori G, State Delegate: Lucy, Internal & External VP: Sherri, Past President: Candi. FYI: Internal & External VP can be shared between 2 members if want to. Still need secretary to fill. Also some LPM positions. We have time for members to step up and state their interest in running for a position. We usually install and do the swearing in of the new board at our Year End Banquet in April.

Treasurer – Lori

Financial Report: Checking: \$1,768.16 Savings: \$17,114.10. Total Checking & Savings: \$18,882.26.

- Year-end Donations These were all listed in the February minutes and newsletter. Total for year-end donations: \$2,200.00.
- Donation Requests/Motions:
 - M/S/P Lori G/Julie D/Passed to take \$500.00 from external miscellaneous (Family Night Out Budgeted Line Item) to donate to the STMA Stallions. (They have been selected by Special Olympics MN to represent TEAM MN in Unified Flag Football at the 2018 USA Games in Seattle, WA July 1-6. Opportunity of a Lifetime!)
 - M/S/P Lori G/Kathy H/Passed to take \$100.00 from external miscellaneous to sponsor the 2018-2019 Albertville Royalty "Beyond the Crown".
 - M/S/P Lucy K /Lori G/Passed to take \$250.00 from external miscellaneous for the March of Dimes walk to be held on April 28th.
 - M/S/P Lori G/Julie D/Passed to take \$250.00 from external miscellaneous to donate to Open Doors for Youth.
 - M/S/P Joanna B/Kathy H/Passed that we take \$250.00 from external miscellaneous to participate in the FYCC St. Michael Open Streets, on May 5th, including vendor fee of \$50.00.
- MN WT Tri #3 fundraiser: Flower Power our chapter gets part of it and MN WT gets some. Amazon Smile goes for MN WT for scholarships.

Membership VP – Julie

Socials/M-events: Volunteer Recognition Week – April 15-21

- Membership events: Tuesday, March 27th, 6-8 pm, Game Night; will be here at Financial Security Bank, chaired by Kathy Hansen. Flyer will be put on Facebook. There will be refreshments, bring friends! Member survey coming soon. Will be Survey Monkey – paper copy and computer via email.
- 3rd Tri Renewals: 10 so far. Will have 1 not renewing.

Logo wear – Bring shirts to Julie to decorate/embellish.

Internal & External VP – Susie

Certifications: Step I-IV, Health & Wellness, Personal Development, Living and Learning – Members can get on the web-site and can submit on-line. Just let Susie know.

Volunteer recognition week April 15-2. Idea: possible paint a canvas social, with Sandi Estey.

- Community Connections (CC) blankets for Maple Grove Hospital NICU Julie. On 3/20 at STMA High School, from 3:30-5:30, we will be making tie blankets to cover the incubators to keep out external stimuli. Help the students make these blankets. You can bring your own children to help. Candi shopped and bought fabric to make 30 tie blankets. Fabric scissors will be provided.
- CC 4/28 Just Drive event Bobbi: Will be at Central Park, Lyons Park in Albertville. This will be our 2nd year doing this. Partnering with Safe Communities of Wright County (bring awareness and prevent distracted driving). Bobbi needs helpers to put up signs, man the tents, maybe have coloring and crafts for kids-Lori; Julie can get fire department to be there. 10 to 12 noon on 4/28, 9:00 for set-up. Will have meeting on April 4th.
- Youth of Today Senior High Scholarships Julie/Sherri April 12th at 6:30. Julie will scan in and send to everyone. Julie needs volunteers.

CC – 5/5 FYCC Open Streets – Joanna

- CC Albertville Friendly City Days event/parade, June 6-10 Susie/Sherri working on getting applications for float, and booth application (need to decide for what day). Parade 1:00 or so on Sunday
- CC True Friends Wish List Susie. If we have donations, bring to April or May meetings and we will bring to State convention. Susie has list of items needed to donate.
- CC Coborn's Dairy Days June 6th Cheryl volunteered to chair.
- CC Julie: We took a vote at today's meeting to donate \$700.00(from Senior high donation budgeted item) for a mural to be put up at the High School above the PAC wall. Our name will be placed on a plaque for donation

NEW acts of kindness:

- Flags on Fort Snelling Jill: We could do this as a service project. Jill has reserved a spot for 50 people to do this. We will carpool, need to leave early by 4:00 am; goes until 8 or 9 am. Need volunteers to put flags on 190,000 graves at Fort Snelling on May 26th or Sunday, May 27th, Memorial Day. Jill has the actual date and will send out more information on this.
- Feed My Starving Children Jill: Jill will send an email with more info. Try for April 17, or we may have to look at dates in May.

Newsletter – Kris

Kris needs articles by Friday, 3/16

President – Candi

Year End Banquet at Liberty, April 24th social, eat at 6:00, agenda at 7:00. Swearing in of the new board. Install new members – Priscilla and Cheryl were installed

- Matts at Middle School West Kris, Carol These are the matts we don't need any more, and have no use for at our new location for the Fall Craft show. Kris and Carol are interested in taking these. Let Candi know by April 1st if anyone else is interested.
- We donated \$200.00 to four primary schools for Love to Read month in February. These donations were well received and Candi asked the principals if they would like us to continue to do this next year for the "I love to read month" and they said yes. Maybe we can put "donated by STMA WT" stickers in the books or suggested we provide schools with a label for planners.

Serves You Right – Julie

Debbie Pool's name was picked. Debbie was at today's meeting and won \$5.50!

GOOD & WELFARE:

Thank you to Kathy Hansen for the snacks!

US Women of Today creed Adjourned at 8:56 pm Michelle Skrypec – Secretary



Angela H. & Marnette -Recover fast & come back!

Hope the warm sun & melting snow help you get better quicker- Candi

Abbi -you've done an amazing job bringing the website and our FB site to a whole new level!

Also, what a great idea to add a private FB group page! Angela H.

Sherri- I can't wait for your great ideas as Programming VP. - Carol

Candi- if there is an award for the most generous, thoughtful and loving person it should go to you! Angela H

Kris G.- Your news letter format ROCKS! Angela H

Julie, thanks for the totes they look wonderful. - Carol

Bobbi- the International Women's Day was awesome - great job !! - Carol

Candi- You're doing an awesome job leading our chapter again this year! Kris

- Thank you Julie for a arranging a wonderful social with featuring yummy appetizers and a hilarious movie! Angela H
- Jill- your Christmas party was a huge hit! You did an awesome job and I'm so glad we got a chance to get better acquainted! What a fun night! Angela H.
- Lucy- you will be an awesome State Delegate. Carol
- Carol– Congratulations on being elected to be our next chapter president. I know you will do an awesome job! Kris

Candi - enjoy Hawaii. - Carol

Thank you to everyone for getting your articles to me for the newsletter by my early deadline! Kris

