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STMA Women of Today

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International Women's Day

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**



SATURDAY MAY 26

Flags at Fort Snelling

Time: 5:30am – 10:30am

Registration: Mall of America

For the First time in **35** years Minnesota is within reach of honoring every hero laid to rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. With an American flag on Memorial Day.

200,000 Flags For 200,000 Heroes.

Before dawn breaks, thousands of volunteers will come together to remember our American heroes, restoring this important tradition in the name of our fallen. Starting in the Atrium at the North to Mall of America®, volunteers will arrive in assigned waves for registration and training. Volunteers will be shuttled to and from the cemetery for flag placement.

Registration at Mall of America

60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

4:30am Flag Runner Registration Only

5:30am Registration Wave

6:00am Registration Wave

6:30am Registration Wave

7:00am Registration Wave

7:30am Registration Wave

8:00am Registration Wave

As Memorial Day 2018 nears, registered volunteers will receive an email update with an assigned Registration Wave time and instructions. Volunteers will park in the North Lot outside of the North Entrance to Mall of America, arriving at their assigned wave time. Registration will be inside the mall where volunteers will receive an assigned section and training for placement of the flags and cemetery rules. A shuttle system will take volunteers to and from designated drop spots within the cemetery according to the assigned section. This is where volunteers will receive the flags for placement.

Once a volunteer's flags have been placed they can take a shuttle back to the Mall of America for continued Minnesota Remembers events with Flags for Fort Snelling.

We will Carpool together time will be discussed later depends on Registration times.

Pease let me know if you can come By May 1st.

Thank you,

Jill



Make a
difference
in the life of a
starving child.
It just takes
two hours!

VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**May 14, 2018 Time:6:00-7:30pm in Coon Rapids.
Will meet at Coborn's lot at 4:45pm to car pool.
Please contact Jill with any questions.**

Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands.
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG



STATE Delegate Corner – Carol Gore

Better Together

Upcoming Area 2 3rd trimester meeting was held on March 23 in Rice, MN. I attended the meeting so please see my report from the April general meeting minutes for an update.

The District 6 3rd trimester meeting was on April 11th here in STMA. The District Director's chapter hosted this meeting. Theme was "Happy Spring". Meeting was at Albertville City Hall. This was a very fun meeting and we got to wish Kathy Hansen "thank you" for being our District Director this year.

MN WT Annual Convention – May 18-20 in Alexandria, MN. As I mentioned many families have gotten rooms during this time and then while you are busy at your meetings and banquets dad and the kids enjoy the water park. I need to reserve the rooms by April 17 and as of now I have one room reserved. If you want to attend the Annual Convention you can go to MNWT.org and register online. Remember if you are a first timer you will be reimbursed for you registration (if you attend), but not the room.

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

This is my last State Delegate Corner for the year. I want to thank all of you for a wonderful, fun, fantastic year. While I will miss my "Little Corner" I want you to remember that I am always here for you. This next year, Lucy Kanu, will be the State Delegate and I will be "training" her in before May 2018.

Remember we are "BETTER TOGETHER"



True Friends Wish List

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	Scissors	Digital cameras
Travel size games	Clay	SD cards for cameras
Playing cards	Glitter	CDs
Card games	Stamps/ink pads	Blank CDs/DVDs
100 or less puzzles	Felt	Flash Drives
Nerf/soft toys	Foam pieces/peel-off stickers	Non-latex disposable gloves
Lawn games	Poster paper	Hand Sanitizer
Fishing rods/closed reels, including ice fishing	Gift Cards—Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart	Antibiotic ointment
Pool/beach toys	I-Tune gift cards	Anti-itch cream/ hydrocortisone
Kick boards	Name tags	Benadryl
Bike helmets-- Youth & adult	Postage stamps	Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, misc. hearing aid)
Nail polish/remover	Scotch/packing tape	Lysol wipes
cotton balls, emery boards, nail clippers	Masking tape 1"	Tylenol/Ibuprofen
Basketballs/footballs	Post-it Notes	Baby Wipes—flushable only
Soccer/Volleyballs	Memo pads	Band-aids—all sizes
Kick balls	Pocket folders	Insect Repellent
Construction paper	Dry erase markers	Sun Screen—high #
Markers	Highlighters	Liquid Antibacterial soap
Crayons/colored pencils	Copy paper—white 8 ½ X 11 or 8 ½ X 14	
Tempera/water color paint	Color Copy paper	
Fabric paint	Contact paper	
Paint brushes	Heavy duty 3-hole punch	
Beads & jewelry making items	Blue/black medium point pens	
Large jugs of bubbles	Sharpie markers (fine-point black)	
Glue/glue sticks	3-ring notebooks (3" wide)	
Plaster of Paris	Flashlights & batteries	

Bring your items to the Year End Banquet, STMA May general meeting or to Carol for delivery at annual convention.

Flower Power 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.



Order by April 30 using password STMA

<http://go.sparkpostmail.com/f/a/ZPW87pIftYcZVDDB0IKjjw~/~/AACskAA~/RgRcR4uyP0RLaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmxvd2VycG93ZXJmdW5kcmFpc2luZy5jb20vcGFzc3dvcmQtc2VsZW50P2NpZD0yNTY3OCZ1aWQ9Mzg2NTQwVwNzcgNYBAAAAABCCgAFsgZIWt6Hzdc~> to set up your personalized landing page. Once you have completed your landing page you will also be able to share it on Facebook with your friends and family.



Join us for the **St. Michael Open Streets bike rodeo** 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](tel:763-381-9078). Thanks!

WHEN IT RAINS
look for RAINBOWS
WHEN IT'S DARK
look for STARS

Following is a list of all of the local programming manager (otherwise known as LPM's) If you are interested in doing any of these areas or would like to find out more about any of them for next year please contact Susie or Sherri

Minnesota Women of Today Programming Areas

Each Minnesota Programming Area has a State Program Manager that promotes the area. There may also be District and Local Program Managers for each area. There is also a Programming Vice President (sometimes an Internal and External Programming Vice President) that oversees the Program Managers.

Internal Areas

Internal Programming Areas are things that chapters do for their own members. For example, Ways and Means raises funds to support the chapter and Living & Learning promotes the personal growth of chapter members. While sometimes these projects can benefit the community, their intent is to benefit the chapter and its members.

Living & Learning

This area promotes participation and provides information and project ideas in the areas of personal growth of members: intellectual, spiritual, civic, and family. This area also promotes the Effective Writing, Speaking and Impromptu competitions, as well as the Women Who Impact award. Invocations and benedictions at meetings will fall under this area.

NEWSLET

The official newspaper of the Minnesota Women of Today falls into this area. Every member is encouraged to submit an article to this newspaper by contacting the NEWSLET State Program Manager. Local and District newsletters would also fall into this area.

Public Relations

This programming area helps chapters utilize your community assets: the local paper, cable network, radio, TV, businesses, online social media outlets (such as Facebook, Meetup.com, etc.), and more. Founder's Day is celebrated July 1 and Women of Today Week is celebrated the last full week in September.

Records and Recognition

This programming area is designed to help encourage good record keeping and recognition of chapter members. Some things that fall in this area include chapter histories, awards, incentive ideas, individual mid-year and year-end entries, and the SUCCESS system.

Ways and Means

This programming area supports fundraising for normal chapter operating expenses. The MNWT organization raises funds in several different ways, including the State Store where members can purchase items carrying the Women of Today logo, manuals, and various other items of interest.

External Areas

External Programming Areas are those things that chapters do for their community. For example, projects that help young people would fall under the Youth of Today area. While these projects can also benefit chapter members, their intent is to benefit the community (either local or otherwise).

Community Connections

This programming area encourages involvement in the local community. At the state level this area promotes Friendship Ventures, the Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award, the Community Connections Awards, and national programming areas that do not fall under any MN programming area. Each year the State Program Manager may select a community related organization that fits the criteria outlined in the state policies.

Priority Area

This area rotates every three years. Organizations bid to partner with the Minnesota Women of Today for a three year period as the priority area. All chapters vote on the nominated organizations at a Fall State meeting in the year prior to the new organization becoming the priority area. MNWT then promotes the chosen organization through fundraisers, volunteering, or otherwise. The selected organization is also encouraged to promote MNWT by highlighting our projects.

Women's Wellness

This programming area focuses on providing and supporting women's health education through traditional and holistic medical practices, as well as balanced lifestyles. The March of Dimes March for Babies is promoted through this area. Each year the State Program Manager may select a women's health related organization that fits the criteria outlined in the state policies.

Youth of Today

This programming area promotes ideas and activities that allow youth to discover and experience the importance of volunteering. This area also promotes the Outstanding Young Adult program, Kids Week and foundations related to youth activities. Each year the State Program Manager may select a youth centered organization that fits the criteria outlined in the state policies.



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
 General Membership Meeting – Financial Security Bank
 Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Call to Order at 7:02 pm

MN Women of Today Creed: Led by Angela Hennen

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jill Schoon

Orders of the Day/Establish Quorum: Bobbi – Quorum has been established with 20 members present

Members present: Abbi Baker, Joanna Bolduc, Julie Davis, Bobbi Fehrmann, Jackie Fields, Kris Goodin, Carol Gore, Lori Goutermont, Lisa Haines, Kathy Hansen, Angela Hennen, Lucy Kanu, Susie Lish, Debbie Pool, Linda Prichard, Jill Schoon, Michelle Skrypec, Sherri Streff, Candi Testa, Crystal Willis

Welcome guest: Mary Anderson, friend of Angela Hennen

Serves You Right – Julie: The Serves You Right box went around for collection

Completed Acts of Kindness:

3/20 Blanket making for Maple Grove Hospital NICU – Julie. Julie reported that there were 11 students and 3 members present; 15 blankets completed in 90 minutes! And 15 more blankets to do tomorrow night, 4/11/18, at the high school. Total of 30 blankets that we will be donating. Cost: \$250.

3/27 Game Night – Kathy Hansen. This was an m-event at the Financial Security Bank. Played board games – Shut the Box and Farkel. We had fruit tray, veggie tray, dessert, water. Cost: \$59.55. Time: 6-8:30 pm. Hours spent: 18. Members present: Kathy H, Julie D, Jackie F, Debbie Pool, Jill S, Renee Ross; guest/past member: Lisabet; 1 perspective – Jackie Kurth.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary – Michelle

March general meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Happy Birthday for April: 4/3 Joanna

State Delegate – Carol Remember we are “BETTER TOGETHER”

Carol reported:

Area 2 meeting Recap: Kathy Hansen and I, Carol, attended the meeting in Rice on March 23. STMA is doing a great job in recruiting new members and we have now reached the Universal Galaxy. Great job ladies. The candidate for State President is Brenda Sather and she spoke to us. She has been a member of MN WT for 29 years. I have placed her platform brochure on the clip board. We will be voting her in at the Year End convention so please review the brochure. At year end convention we will be voting on a Finance VP position rather than a treasurer. This VP would report to the Finance Committee. Once I get more information I will pass it along.

District 6 meeting April 11. There are 13 members from STMA attending this meeting. I have contacted those who volunteered to bring food/attend so if you did not hear from me and still want to attend the cost let me know tonight and the cost will be \$7. Meeting is at Albertville City Hall and registration begins at 6:15.

For the 2018-2019 board members, LOTS will be held on Saturday, May 5 in Rice. I need to get us registered so please let me know if you will be attending.

Annual Convention is May 18-20. I sent an email the other day reminding you. I need to get us registered so if you are attending please see me before the night is over.

USWT year-end convention is June 8-10 in Mankato. Please go to the state website for more information.

Past President – Nancy (Bobbie reported for Nancy)

2018/2019 board position – secretary: M/S/P Voted and passed for Linda Prichard to take over this position. Thank you Linda!

Treasurer – Lori

Financial Report: Checking: \$2,656.93 Savings: \$12,116.58. Total Checking & Savings: \$14, 773.51
Donation Requests/Motions:

M/S/P Lori G/Carol G/Passed to take \$148.00 from internal miscellaneous – move to take from the President/State Delegate Retreat Budget and move to the Volunteer Recognition Week Budget.

M/S/P Lori G/Kathy H/Passed to take \$250.00 from external miscellaneous to donate to Victory Riders.

M/S/P Passed to take \$250.00 from external miscellaneous to donate for the Black Hills trip for STMA High School trip.

MN WT Tri #3 fundraiser: Flower Power order must be in by 4/30/18 - Amazon Smile

End of Year Audit: Carol/Kathy H/Gretchen P will be meeting soon

2018/2019 calendar/budget meeting – 4/18, 6:30 pm at Lori's house

Membership VP – Julie

Social: 4/16 Love That Olive, 7:00 pm, cost is \$20 plus tax. We need more people to sign up if we want to have this social. Need to sign up by 4/12; let Julie know, otherwise we will have to cancel.

Social: 4/17 Volunteer Recognition Week social: Paint a canvas with Sandi E. and enjoy good food. Gretchen H's house, 6:30 pm. Bring at least \$5.00 for the instructor's time.

Membership events: None right now. People can plan one, if you have any ideas, send to Julie. For example, something for new perspectives, like coffee socials. Lucy suggested a social for members to make their own spices; or we could have a food tasting and Lucy would make the food with samples of her African dishes that she makes from her catering business.

Member survey coming soon.

Internal & External VP – Susie

Certifications: Step I-IV, Health & Wellness, Personal Development, Living & Learning – check the website for forms; turn in completed forms to Susie.

CC – 4/18 @ STMA High School 3:30 blankets for Maple Grove Hospital NICU – Julie

CC- 4/28 Just Drive event – Bobbi: Sign-up sheet is going around, need help with set up and tear down. The walk is from 10 am to 12 noon. Prizes to give away. Wear orange!

YT: 4/26 Senior High Scholarships – Julie/Sherri: 6 PM at Dunn Bros. There are 54 applications, goes down to the top 10, then we narrow down to only 4.

CC – 5/5 FYCC Open Streets – Joanna: Bike rodeo; we will have a craft for kids to do; from 10 am to 2 pm. We need help; members can sign up for morning or afternoon.

CC – 6/6 Coborn's Dairy Days – Cheryl/Kathy: From 3:30 to 6:30 or 7 pm. Sign up to help on different shifts – help clean up tables where people are eating; fun event.

CC – June 6-10 Albertville Friendly City Days event/parade – Susie/Sherri: We are slotted for 10 am to 4 pm on June 9th; will have a booth/table with STMA brochures, our chip clips, etc. We will work together with KMC Dancers whose booth will be by ours. We will be located across from Lion's Park. Bed/mattress races are at 5 pm, \$25 registration fee. On Sunday, June 10th we will have a float in the parade, be there by 12:30, parade starts at 1:00. Will pass out candy, maybe have magnets too. Sherri will schedule a meeting for those interested to be on the committee to help organize and assist with this fun event.

CC – True Friends Wish list- Bring to year end banquet if you have items to donate, or get items to Carol so she can bring to State convention. Susie has list of items to donate.

Public Relations – Abbi

5/23, 6:30 pm, place TBD - Sherri and Abbi are working on redesigning our website. They want to form a web committee. Who is interested? Come to a web committee meeting to brainstorm and come up with ideas for the redesign. This can be tied in with social media.

NEW acts of kindness:

5/26 Flags on Fort Snelling – Jill. Volunteers need to meet to carpool by 4:15-4:30 am, drive to Mall of America to be take buses to Ft. Snelling. Event starts at 5:30 am, has to be done by 10:30 am (we may be done earlier). Jill has a sign-up sheet going around, we need people to sign up for this great event. Jill will be sending out more information.

Feed My Starving Children – Jill. May 14th, 6-7:30 at FMSC in Coon Rapids; we will meet at Coborn's lot at 4:45 pm to carpool. If this date does not work we might have to come up with other dates to choose from. Jill will let us know and keep us updated.

Newsletter – Kris

Kris needs articles by Friday, 4/13.

President – Candi

MNWT logo wear, on clipboard/take picture; order by 4/20 to be picked up @ Annual convention.

Year End Banquet @ Liberty, April 24th social/eat at 6 pm, agenda starts at 7; RSVP on sign-up sheet, Chapter pays \$10.00 for each member towards their dinner.

Install new members – none here in attendance tonight – will do later

Shed clean out date – TBD; Kathy K. Lori will check with Kathy K on finding a date to do this. Need to do soon in the spring, by end of June.

Highway clean up – will pick a date after the snow is gone. Need chair for this.

Serves You Right - Julie

Kathy Kessler's name was picked. Kathy is not at the meeting today, so the money pot of \$5.25 and a cute Avon necklace will carry over to the next meeting.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Sherri announced that she got a new job at Great Northern Equipment.

Lucy has a new food business.

Angela H. said that her husband will have a full crew working for him – first time in 12 years.

The construction business is back!

Julie – they are hiring para-professionals for the school.

US Women of Today Creed: Led by Debbie Pool

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm

Michelle Skrypec – Secretary



Chapter



District 6 Meeting



**Volunteer Recognition Social
Canvas painting**