

# TODAY'S LEADER



Cindy Umland  
United States  
Women of Today  
2021-2022 President



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Greetings United States Women of Today Members!

I am so honored and humbled to be serving as your 37<sup>th</sup> National President. My name is Cindy Umland and I am a member of the St. Cloud, Minnesota, chapter. In this article I'd like to tell you a little about me and then some different things we hope to provide you this year.

I joined the St. Cloud chapter in April 1998 when we chartered and, just like so many of us, I was a quiet person and quite shy. My first position in the chapter was Treasurer and Local Program Manager for Chaplain and Family Involvement. So I had to bring a reading to the meetings; oh was I nervous. But as time went on I built my confidence to speak in front of groups and have gone on to serve the Minnesota Women of Today on the Executive Council (state level) for 8 years serving as District 7 Director, State Program Manager four times, Membership VP and Administrative VP. On the National level I have served nine years starting with Kayla Hermann in 2007 and serving as Extensions Director, Parliamentarian, Focus on Women Chaplain, Presidential Assistant, Programming VP and Membership VP.

With each of these positions I have learned more about the organization and, most importantly, I learned how I can become a better person and leader.

On a personal note, I work in St. Cloud at Costco and I sell Memberships and do Marketing and Returns. I went to Costco when Shopko closed two years ago, but I'm so thankful I found this job. I believe it has given me more confidence and I've grown even more confident in the last two years. Both my parents live in Wadena and I have two siblings, my brother in Idaho and my sister in Chanhassen, MN.

When I joined Women of Today, I had not been to any chapter event or meeting. A friend said "Sign the Check." I trusted her and thought "okay, I'll try it for a year and if it's not for me I'll just not rejoin." But it was. The thing is we as members each year when we say we will take on a position or renew, we sign the check. We make a commitment to our chapter or state that we are ready and willing to stand behind that commitment of that position. Just like those ladies in 1985 who made a commitment to start the US Women of Today. For me it may have taken me a few years to get to this point but US Women of Today, I "Signed the Check" and I'm looking forward to meeting many members and helping each of you to Branch out, Reach for your Dreams.

*Cindy Umland*

**"PEOPLE WHO ARE CRAZY ENOUGH TO  
THINK THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, ARE  
THE ONES WHO DO." – ROB SILTANEN**



**ANGELINA DIETZ - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**  
*"Walking on Sunshine"*  
 CONTACT: [cob@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:cob@uswomenoftoday.org)

Hello Women of Today Members,

We had an exciting Year-End meeting IN PERSON!! Can I say that again!?! It was in person! After a tough year of ever-changing requirements throughout the nation, it was nice to have some normalcy. We celebrated membership successes and programming successes. Did you know that we were only down by 29 members? I consider that a win due to some awesome retention efforts by all our states. Great job! This year I am "Walking on Sunshine" and I am using sunshine & friendship as my logo. I chose this theme for several different reasons. We were stronger together last year but this year, I see amazing things are going to happen. We will see new leaders emerge and succeed in their ideas in promoting their areas. This is not just on the national level but on all levels of the organization. Also, who doesn't love this theme song!

My role this year is to support President Cindy and her staff. I am here to help with questions. I also head up the Future Directions committee. If you are interested in being a member of the committee that will be making decisions about the future of our organization, then let me know so I can include you. We put in place a bylaw and policy in the event we have a pandemic again. It gives the current National president some guidance on how to approach all aspects of running a National Convention online. Hopefully, we won't have to use it. One final note, we have the Webmaster position open for bid. If you are interested, please reach out to me. We will also be looking into a website re-design to make it easier to find things. I'm excited for our future!

In Friendship,  
Angelina Dietz,  
Chairman of the Board



*"Cool Rules for Running Smooth"*



**SUE BEATTIE - PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
*"Cool Rules for Running Smooth"*  
 CONTACT: [parli@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:parli@uswomenoftoday.org)

My name is Sue Beattie and I live in Bellingham, MA with my husband, John and my fur-baby Buffy. We have one son who will be getting married on October 2, 2021. During my time in Women of Today, I have held numerous local, state and national positions. Although, this is my first time as parliamentarian. Parliamentary procedures were established to make meetings fair and equitable for all members. Therefore, it is a valuable tool to prevent a one-sided debate on any motions presented at meetings and to keep the agenda flowing smoothly.

A Fast Start and Parli challenge was included in my State Information Packet from Year-end Meeting. Please take the time to participate. If you need a copy of either, let me know.

Parli Tip: When making a motion:

- Stand and state name (this helps the Secretary to write accurate minutes). Say "I move to..."
- Another member seconds the motion
- President (or Chair) states the motion so that all are clear on exactly what is under discussion and the person making the motion is allowed to speak first in regards to the motion
- Motion can NOW be discussed
- Vote is taken: "Those in favor say aye"
- President (or Chair) announces result and action to be taken

Sue Beattie, 2021/2022 Parliamentarian



**CATHY SNYDER - MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT**

*"Bee-lieve"*

CONTACT: [mvp@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:mvp@uswomenoftoday.org)

Hello Women of Today Members from all over. My name is Cathy Snyder and I will be serving as your US Membership VP. I live in Chaska, Minnesota, and my chapter's name is the Eastern Carver County Women of Today.

My theme this year is Bee-lieve in Membership. Together with the help of my team we will be promoting Public Relations by putting articles in chapters city papers along with Facebook, and Extensions will grow with help from you so if you would like to start a chapter, please let us know. We are here to help. We currently have no Extensions Director, but we do have many experienced women on the staff to help.

I will be promoting the STEP Program by encouraging all members to certify. If you certify your name will go into a drawing for a beautiful Afghan to be given out at year-end.

I will be working with the Membership committee to create three new M-events; one you can do online, one will be given to the chapters who attend mid-year with everything you need for a successful event, and one will be given to the chapters who attend year-end with everything you need for a successful event. If you want one sent to you there will be a small cost.

Cathy Snyder  
USWT Membership VP  
2021-2022

**What's the greatest lesson a woman should learn?**

**That since day one, she's already had everything she needs within herself. It's the world that convinced her she did not.**

*Rupi Kaur*

# Money Matters



## LAURA MORRIS - TREASURER

*"Show Me the Money"*

CONTACT: [treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org)

I am honored to be elected to US Women of Today Treasurer for this coming year. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have been a member of Missouri Women of Today since 2000. I started out in the Macon chapter and recently moved to the Kansas City area and transferred my membership to Trumanland. I have served in many positions on both the local and state levels over the years, including chapter and state president, vice president and treasurer. I have served in many of these positions several times, especially treasurer. I was National Treasurer in 2007-2008 under President Kayla Hermann, and just this last year I served as National Programming VP. I will also be serving this year as my local VP and state DVA position. In my professional life I have worked in Accounting for 26 years, in all sorts of positions and industries. Currently I am the Financial Accounting Analyst at RegaloRx (a not-for-profit that provides funding to Heart to Heart International). I have an Associates degree in Accounting, a Bachelors in Mathematics, and an MBA. I have a husband of 32 years, 2 sons (24 and 28), a daughter-in-law, a dog and a grand-dog.

**I would like to do training for anyone interested, both state and local treasurers. Send me an email if you are interested in Treasurer Training via ZOOM.**

***Question, problem, or suggestion, please send me an email! We can always set up a phone call or Zoom meeting if you like. If you need help preparing a budget, recording transactions or even how to present your treasurer reports, I am here for you.***

### FAST START – TREASURERS

Email answers to the following to Laura Morris, USWT Treasurer ([treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org))

1. Name, Position, State, Contact Info (address, email, phone)
2. Best time to meet or call (day of the week and times)
3. Can I text you? Yes/No If yes, at what number?
4. Who in your state is responsible for sending in membership dues to National?
5. Attach a copy of your state budget and/or financial report
6. Attach your Plan of Action if you have one
7. Do you have a state fundraiser planned? Please give a brief description.

Please email to me by **JULY 31<sup>st</sup>** to be recognized and receive an incentive at Mid-Year.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Trimester CHALLENGE: *Share Fundraising Ideas***

Money Matters, so let's share ways to raise funds for our local chapters. Email me a description of a fundraiser you are doing this year, or that you have done in the past. A paragraph or two will do. Describe the event or ongoing fundraiser. **Please include chapter name, state, person submitting and contact email.** I will put together a packet of these fundraising ideas and send out to all our contacts. I always think we should help each other out and share ideas. You will receive recognition in the packet emailed to everyone, and I will recognize you at Mid-Year.

**REMINDER: 990N is due to IRS by October 15<sup>th</sup>**



*Growing Women  
of Today*



**OPEN - EXTENSIONS DIRECTOR**

CONTACT: [extensions@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:extensions@uswomenoftoday.org)

Hello Women of Today members. Currently we do not have an Extensions Director so, as the Membership VP, I will be the contact person for this. If you are looking at filing an intent to extend, please let me know. I do want you to know that we do have two chapters that are in Minnesota which are 2 and under and doing very well. We also have one in progress in Minnesota.

Cathy Snyder  
Membership VP  
2021-2022



**JENNIFER LANTZ - PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

*"Shout Out News"*

CONTACT: [pr@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:pr@uswomenoftoday.org)

Hi Ladies! I am Jennifer Lantz from Nashua, Iowa and I will be your Public Relations Director this year. I am honored and ready to start getting the word out about what a great organization Women of Today is and how people can join and even start a new chapter in their area.

I am the Director for the Foster Grandparent Program and serve Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Floyd and Mitchell counties in Iowa. I promote the program and recruit Foster Grandparents to volunteer at schools, daycare centers, preschools, and Head Starts in the area. Before becoming the Director I was a newspaper reporter for the Nashua Reporter, our local paper and covered many Nashua Women of Today events throughout my six years.

I have two children. My daughter Samantha, who many of you met in Des Moines, is newly married and approaching her first year anniversary this fall and works as a paraeducator for her local school district. My son Tyler is a student at Iowa State University - Go Cyclones! - and plans on graduating next spring with a degree in Genetics.

As many know Founder's Day is right around the corner on July 1st and this year I want pictures of local chapters celebrating. Send pictures to me at [pr@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:pr@uswomenoftoday.org) or post them on our Facebook page and let me know what you are doing! Don't forget to get those certification papers turned in for this also.

I would like to get the word out in your local newspapers so please send me the contact information, name of your local newspaper and editor's name if you know it. The more we can get covered in your local papers, the more people will be talking about the Women of Today which leads to more memberships! If anyone would like to talk to me about writing articles, please get ahold of me since I am willing to write articles or help you write an article for your local newspaper or even for a Facebook post!

We will be Rocking it in the U.S. this year!

*Jen*

**TRACEY PIERSON - PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT***"Together WE are Stronger"*CONTACT: [pvp@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:pvp@uswomenoftoday.org)

Greetings to all the United States Women of Today members. My name is Tracey Pierson and I am excited and a little nervous to serve as your United States Women of Today Programming Vice President. I belong to the Iowa Women of Today and my local chapter is the Spencer Women of Today. I have been a member for 16 years. I have served on the local chapter as President, External & internal Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of the Board and State Director and multiple times on some of those positions. State level I have been State President, Parliamentarian, Programming Vice President, Treasurer, Steps PM, State Philanthropic. On the National level I was the first one to hold the new position of Health and Wellness program manager under the National President Pat Fern and this last year I was President Angelina Dietz's Presidential Assistant.

On a personal level I have been married for 12 years to my husband Brad. We have a daughter who is married to Nick and they have one child, Adalynn, 5 years old and a grand dog. A son Mark and his wife Alexis and their two kids, Huxley 2 1/2 and Milan 7 months, and a grand dog. I love reading and watching NFL football games.

I work at Avera Medica Group in Spencer, Iowa as a patient flow coordinator for a doctor, which means if you are her patient, I will schedule all the appointments, referrals and anything else that needs to be done.

My theme is "Together WE are Stronger" coming off last year's theme, because there is no I in team. Women of Today Programming's purpose is to help each of us grow stronger together as an organization, to be better leaders, speakers, writers, healthier, knowledgeable on a lot of different topics that we can bring together in this organization.

I will be looking for Community Connections reports, Outstanding Achievement in Programming certifications and items for the Project Report Library.

**Cherish every moment and every person in your life, because you never know when it will be the last time you see someone. Life is fragile. Take nothing and no one for granted.**



### Color a Better World

## DEB MCDONALD - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROGRAM MANAGER

*"Color a Better World"*

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Hello United States Women of Today members!

I'm delighted to serve as your 2021-2022 Domestic Violence Awareness (DVA) Program Manager for USWT! I joined the Raytown Women of Today (since renamed Trumanland Women of Today) in 2000. I have served all local offices at least once. I have also served all of Missouri State positions except treasurer. On National I have served on the Board of Directors as State President, Public Relations Director and the first Wellness and Personal Development Program Manager.

I became widowed in 2015 after 42 years of marriage. I have two sons who are married, Steve and wife Noel have three kids, Crimson 13, Jacob 11 and Brooke 9. David and wife Danielle have two girls, Kayley 20 and Harper 11.

In my spare time I enjoy going to my lake house in the Ozarks that we spend a lot of time at. But most importantly you should know that I am a big Royals, Chiefs and Sporting KC fan.

I encourage you to send in your fast starts. Any received before July 31, 2021 will receive an incentive at Mid-Year.

### **DVA Fast Start**

Complete the following requirements and return to USWT Membership Vice-President **postmarked** no later than August 15. States completing this Fast Start will be recognized at the USWT Mid-Year Convention in October.

- ◆ Send a letter of introduction and plan of action to the USWT Program Manager or USWT Programming Vice President. Date sent
- ◆ Begin to implement at least one (1) of your goals; include a brief description of what you have done.
- ◆ Send a copy of at least one (1) of the materials you have prepared for promotion of your area within your state. This may be a mailing, article in the state newsletter, information to chapters, outline for a forum, etc.
- ◆ Make an "official" contact with the foundation or organization with whom you will be working. If you work with a program promoted by the USWT, please make contact with the appropriate national program manager or programming vice president. Briefly describe the contact information.

I will soon be sending out my Plan of Action (POA) and my 1<sup>st</sup> trimester State Information Packet (SIP) as well as my 1<sup>st</sup> trimester challenge. I look forward to hearing about your plans for your state or chapter to raise awareness and funds for Domestic Violence Awareness.

### **First Trimester Challenge**

One of my goals this year is to receive a DVA transmittal form from each state each trimester, For every transmittal I receive, your name will go into a drawing for a wine and chocolate basket at USWT Mid-Year convention. This can be submitted by an individual, chapter, district or state.

My yearlong challenge is for the state that donates the most in goods and money will get an incentive at year-end convention.

August is a Domestic Violence Awareness (DVA) emphasis month. Please wear green to any group event you hold in August (Maybe Friendship Day). Take a picture of yourself or your group in green and post to the USWT programming page. If submitted by September 15, 2021 you will receive an incentive at mid-year.



**JULIE HUTCHINSON - WELLNESS & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM MANAGER**

*"Sail into Better Health"*

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Greetings Women of Today and welcome to the 2021 – 2022 year. We are now enjoying in-person meetings, the ability to see and enjoy facial expressions again **and** the ability to enjoy our friendships with a hug. Keep those smiles and hugs coming.

I am excited to be serving as your Wellness & Personal Development Program Manager this year. The programming area has been a huge part of my personal growth within this organization and beyond. My name is Julie Hutchinson and I've been a member of the Bellingham, Massachusetts, Chapter for over 30 years. I have held several positions throughout the years on the local and state boards and even tested the waters as a USWT Program Manager. Women of Today has contributed to building my confidence in taking on life's challenges and completing the Wellness & Personal Development requirements certainly helped in that process.

I am looking forward to working with each one of you and encouraging your personal growth. To assist you in completing some of the criteria, I am offering the following opportunities to help in achieving your certification for Wellness & Personal Development this year:

- ◆ Trimester Challenges
  - ⇒ First Trimester's Challenge > BEE PATRIOTIC
- ◆ Effective Writing and Speaking Competitions
- ◆ Impromptu Speaking Competition

For each member who completes the challenge, certifies in W&PD in an emphasis month (June, Sept & Jan) or participates in the competitions – I will provide an incentive.

In addition to the challenges & competitions, I will be providing information and articles in support of the areas needed to fulfill the certification requirements through the Programming Newsletters, The Today's Leader and monthly correspondence with my state contacts.

If I can be of assistance in helping you or your chapter certify in Wellness & Personal Development, please reach out – I'd be happy to help. Let's have fun and enjoy the process of **bee**-coming your best self.

In friendship,

*Julie Hutchinson*



# *Wellness & Personal Development*

## *1st Trimester Challenge*



USWT 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester includes some of the most memorable events in our country's history. Take time to learn about our flag or the reason behind why we have these special designated days (Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, D-Day, VE Day, Independence Day & Juneteenth) or visit a historical site.

[Share with me what you did and one new thing that you learned in your adventures.](#)

Email your replies to me at [wpd@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:wpd@uswomenoftoday.org) by August 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify for the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Challenge. In completing my challenge, you will have checked off another item on the list of criteria for your certification in Wellness & Personal Development and earned an incentive that will be presented at Mid-Year Convention.

Julie Hutchinson, USWT Wellness & Personal Development PM  
**BEE YOUR BEST SELF**

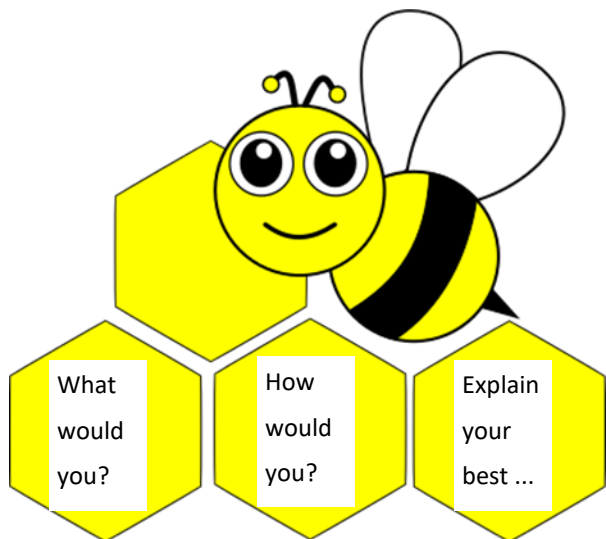


Summer afternoon --- summer afternoon; to me  
those have always been the two most beautiful  
words in the English Language.

---- Henry James

**Wellness & Personal Development Certifying Opportunity  
USWT Mid-Year Convention in Oklahoma (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

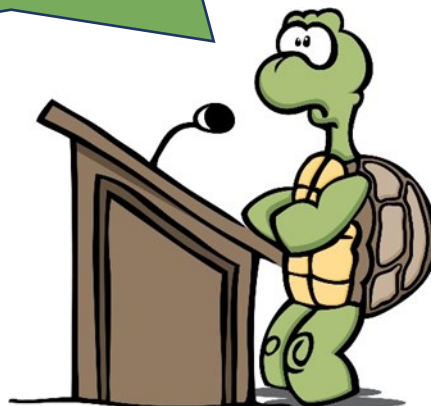
## IMPROMPTU SPEAKING COMPETITION



- ◆ Entry Fee \$5
- ◆ Incentives to all entrants
- ◆ Personal Challenge
- ◆ Fulfills one of the W&PD certification requirements
- ◆ Member sharing
- ◆ Supportive audience
- ◆ Winner receives an Un-BEElievable prize

## EFFECTIVE *WRITING* COMPETITION

I am coming out of my shell as a challenge to myself to improve my writing & speaking skills. Join me & together we can improve our communication abilities with the USWT Wellness & Personal Development Effective Writing Competition to be held in October at the Mid-Year Convention. *You don't have to attend the meeting to enter.*



**TOPIC: How do you plan on bee-coming your best self in the WT year 2021 – 2022.**

**\$5 Entry Fee**

DEADLINE TO ENTER FOR MID-YEAR CONVENTION COMPETITION: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Entry/Registration Form can be obtained online or email me @ [wpd@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:wpd@uswomenoftoday.org) and I will get you the necessary form/info



**JO ANN MILLER - SECRETARY**

*"BEE Factual"*

CONTACT: [secretary@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:secretary@uswomenoftoday.org)

Dear State Secretaries and Newsletter Editors:

It's a new Women of Today (WT) year, and I am honored to have been elected your USWT secretary. My name is JoAnn Miller and I am a member of the Byron, Minnesota, Women of Today chapter. I have served in almost all board positions on the local level and in many district positions. I've served on state executive council for seven years as district director, state program manager for records and recognition and state secretary (twice), parliamentarian, external programming vice president and chapter management vice president. I have served on the national staff three previous years as secretary (twice, once was appointed) and as programming vice president.

One of my goals is to have at least seven states and 15 chapters send me their meeting minutes and/or newsletters to review. Please email or mail them to me and I will review them and send them back with any comments. I also plan to provide a condensed version of the secretary's manual — one that is quick and easy to use to find the things you are looking for the most.

**FAST START**

I'm encouraging all of you to complete my Fast Start Challenge. Please submit the following information to me either via email or snail mail by August 15th and I'll have a special incentive for you at National Mid-Year in October.

1. Send a letter of introduction telling me about yourself and including your theme and logo for the year.
2. Send me your goals and a short statement on how you plan to achieve each of them.
3. Submit a copy of the minutes that you recorded at one of your state meetings. (If no meeting is held before August 15th, let me know which meeting minutes you will be submitting.)
4. Communicate with your local chapter secretaries. Let them know that I would like to receive a copy of their minutes any time during the year. I am also willing to provide a review and commentary of their minutes. Please provide a copy of the email or letter that you sent out to local secretaries.
5. If you also serve as your state Newsletter Editor, please let me know so I can add you to the list of newsletter contacts. (I would welcome having you send me the name and contact information for your state newsletter editor.)

I am looking forward to this coming year as your national secretary and hope to get to know more of you through your newsletters. I am hoping to see many of you at mid-year convention in Oklahoma in October.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you in any way. Call or email me. I'd love to hear from you!!

*JoAnn*

**REMINDER: The correct abbreviation for Women of Today is WT. Please do NOT use WOT!**



# State of the States

As President of the **Valley of the Sun and Arizona Women of Today**, I will be leading our chapter this year while we are "*Living the Good Life.*" Our logo reflects the desert beauty where we live. And our theme is a celebration of the life-style we are fortunate to live.

Because we are now a one-chapter state, I have set, as our first priority, the recruitment of new members for our chapter. We must increase and activate our membership to insure the growth, strength and stability of our chapter in the future. To help support this endeavor, I will be awarding recruitment incentives, some I have already determined and some I have not even thought of yet. Whatever it takes!

While we seek new members, we will continue to hold monthly meetings, participate in national personal development programs and support our charities. I plan to keep in regular contact with our national staff and make sure our local membership is kept up-to-date with need to know information.

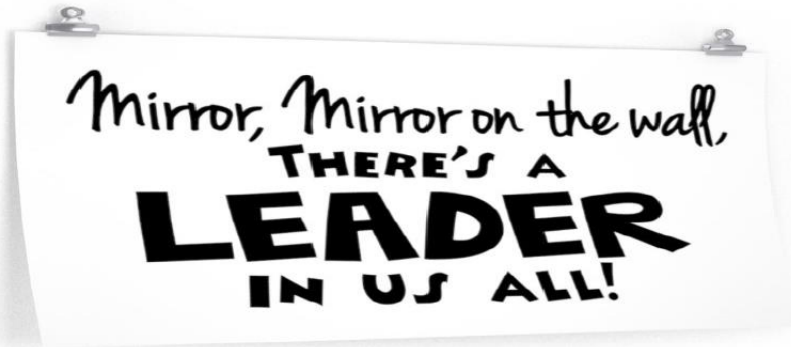
I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all our Women of Today sisters to come on down to "*The Valley*" for a visit. And if you happen to be in the Phoenix area sometime this year, give me a call at 701-567-3252 for a visitation so we can get together. We are experts at going out for lunch and we know all the best places!

If you know a former Women of Today member who has moved to the Phoenix/Mesa area, and think she may like to join us, please don't hesitate to give me her name and contact information. I'll be happy to give her a call and an invitation to our next meeting.

Joey Hedstrom, President  
Valley of the Sun Women of Today  
2021-2022







**Laura Bentley**  
**Iowa State President**  
**2021-2022**

Greetings from Iowa! My theme this year is Mirror, Mirror on the wall there is a leader in us all. My goal this year is to bring awareness to members about several areas within our organization and allow them to explore their leadership styles and skills. I am aimed to educate Iowa's members (and beyond) on what it takes to be a leader and how to incorporate this into Women of Today!

My why is I enjoy serving other people. I needed a place where I was accepted and my talents were needed. I wanted to give my community, state and Nation my services to be used how they needed. I have watched entire towns come together for events. I've witnessed Domestic Awareness be used for the better good for Women AND Men. It has become a passion and on top of it all the friendships that are created in this organization are completely amazing!

I look forward to meeting more of you all, I am committed to my state this year and will serve to the best of my ability.







### ***Beary Special Friends***

Greetings from Nebraska,

My name is Cindy Urlacher and I will be serving as the Nebraska State President. My theme is “Beary Special Friends” and my logo is bears. The reason I picked this theme is because a bear has four paws and we have many programs: Community service, Leadership, Personal Enrichment and Friendship. I have met so many friends throughout the states and have made the best of friends. Without Women of Today I would not have met so many special friends. Also Women of Today has helped me become a better leader and I have stepped out of my comfort zone and stepped up in all different roles. I can't wait to share Women of Today to new Special Friends.



Do you want to make a difference and raise money for the Alzheimer's Association?? The photo below could be yours... Tickets will be available at events Cindy attends, on state visits or Mid-year and Annual Convention. Chances are \$2 each or 3 for \$5... the winning ticket will be drawn at USWT Annual Convention 2022. And one member will get this.





Greetings from Minnesota –

The 2021 – 2022 years is going to be 'Something Wonderful' in Minnesota. I am Anna Nichols, the newly elected president of Minnesota. Over the next year I hope to travel the state and visit as many of our 49 chapters as possible. The Membership Team is busy supporting our goals of 80% retention, 150 new members, and three extensions. Our new Marketing VP will be working on a new look for Minnesota as we explore updating our brand. In programming we have a fully staffed team ready to support members. Over the year, all 13 of our amazing staff members, 8 district directors, and 5 state program managers hope to make positive change in the lives of our 838 members.

Outside of Women of Today, I stay busy as a stay at home mom and grandma daycare. With a total of six children, a son in law, and a very cute grandbaby I get plenty of extra hugs and kisses to keep me moving forward. We love visiting the State Parks and beaches. Some of you may have met my three youngest sons at National Convention in June. They are my number one travel buddies.

"The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." - Mother Theresa

In Friendship,  
Anna Nichols  
2021-2022 MNWT State President

The Iowa WT want to send special THANK YOUs to the 52 USWT who attended our first IN PERSON USWT convention since October 2019! It was so great seeing/catching up with all of our old, and some new friends!! All the committee meetings were well attended, LOTS of well-deserved awards/incentives were handed out...and we elected a new slate of officers for 2021/22: CONGRATS to USWT President Cindy Umland and her new staff. Iowa is especially proud to have three members on national staff this year: COB Angie Dietz-Robinson; PVP Tracey Pierson and Public Relations Director Jennifer Lantz.

In addition, our annual Buckets of Sunshine was a GREAT SUCCESS. Several of the national staff were able to tour the SAFE SHELTER in Des Moines and the CEO of Children & Family of Iowa - of which the DVA shelter is a program, Janice Schroeder was able to attend our luncheon - and pick up all the donations. Fortunately she brought her husband Ron, as there were FIVE TABLES full of in-kind donations to take back to the shelter (\$795) along with \$1515 in monetary donations -- for a total of \$2310!! Special thanks to those members/chapters/states who donated: Bellingham MA; MA WT; Julie Peart-ILMN WT; Michele Thompson-IA; Nancy Asher-Kirksville MO; StMA MN; JoAnn Miller-MN; Terry Pronko-PA; Deb VanMaterNE; Stanley ND; Amy Pumper-Byron MN; Cathy Shuman; Monticello MN; Cindy Urlacher-NE; Heartland NE; Fremont Area NE; Valley of the Sun AZ; Nebraska City NE; Spencer IA; Laura Morris-Trumandland MO; Duluth MN; Terri Sherman-NE. THANKS ALL--for accepting IAWT invite to "Come get Lei'd!!"



USWT Year-end 2021-Buckets of Sunshine for Safe Shelter  
Michele Thompson-IA-conv chair; Janice Schroeder-CEO-CFI; Angie Dietz-Robinson-IA-USWT President;  
Kathy Hansen-MN-DVA PM

A woman with a book  
and a pen  
has the power  
to move nations.

A woman with a mind  
and a voice  
has the power  
to change worlds.

*Sasha Temerte*

