

TODAY'S LEADER



Laura Morris
United States
Women of Today
2022-2023 President



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Hello to my fellow Women of Today:

I am truly honored and humbled to be elected as your US Women of Today President for the coming year. I joined Macon, Missouri WT in April 2000. I now belong to the Trumanland chapter (Kansas City area). I have served on National Staff as Treasurer, twice, and Programming VP, as Missouri State President twice, and many other positions multiple times, and in many local positions.

I am a bit of a numbers nerd, with 27 years of experience working in the accounting field, currently I am the Financial Accounting Analyst for a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) in Kansas City. Before working in accounting, I was a high school math teacher. I have a bit of a passion for volunteering and for DVA. I have served on boards for two different Domestic Violence shelters, including as President and have volunteered for many other entities over the years. I have been married to Andy for nearly 33 years, and we have two sons Rick (25) and Douglas (28), and a daughter-in-law, Jeylon (28), who is expecting our first grandchild any day now! It is a girl, so we are very excited!

I chose INSPIRE as my theme this year with a mountain and sunset in purple as my logo. When I was trying to decide on a theme, I was thinking of all the women in this organization who have inspired me over the years. Not only with their leadership and dedication, but with their caring hearts and strength to overcome so many obstacles and hard times. I chose the mountains because I love watching the sunset over the mountains in Colorado, our favorite place to vacation. The strength and majesty always inspire me and makes me appreciate God's natural beauty, like what lies in each of you. I hope to INSPIRE you to not only support our organization, but to do even more in our communities. We had a tremendous impact this last year with more than \$1.3 million raised and donated in our communities! That is huge for a small organization like us! Imagine how much more we can do if we share ideas and support each other throughout the nation. One of my goals this year is to develop a rebranding marketing plan. This includes possibly updating our logo and working to market us via more modern ways to optimize who we are reaching out to all over the country. If you have marketing experience and would like to help with this, please reach out to me. I also want to improve on our communications, both from the National Staff to the states and chapters, and back up the chain. Look for more on this throughout the year.

I thank you for your support and confidence in me,
and I look forward to the opportunity to
INSPIRE you, as so many of you have INSPIRED me over the years.
In Friendship,
Laura Morris, President



CINDY UMLAND - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

"Leaf Your Mark"

CONTACT: cob@uswomenoftoday.org

Greetings USWT

I want to start by saying THANK YOU for a memorable year, it truly was a dream come true, and if you have that same dream than I encourage you also to Branch Out, Reach for your Dreams... because Dreams do come true if you try.

This year I'm serving as your Chairman of the Board and in that position I will be chairing the Future Directions Committee and Elections Committee. If you are interested in being on either of these please reach out to me, at your earliest convenience.

If you are serving as Chairman of the Board be watching for a fast start heading your way soon and a State Information Packet...

WANTED WEBMASTER!!!

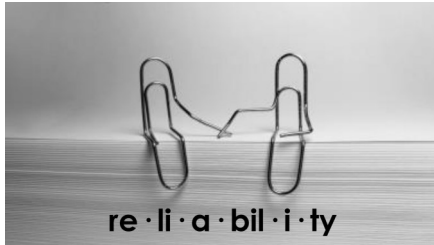
If you or someone you know is interested in being our new webmaster please reach out to me we currently are in need of one, bids will be presented at Midyear.

Cindy Umland
USWT President 2021-22

National Presidential Challenge

My youngest son is on the Autism Spectrum (Aspergers to be exact), therefore I am challenging you to hold an educational forum, and/or to do a fundraising or service project for a local or national organization that provides support to individuals with Autism.

I actually strongly suggest that you find a local or area organization to support. Many of these are small and not only tend to really be in need of financial support but they can also help you provide an educational forum. Participating in this will help you qualify for STEP IV.



ANNA NICHOLS - PARLIAMENTARIAN

"Reliability"

CONTACT: parli@uswomenoftoday.org

Hello Women of Today Members,
Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 year. I am honored to be serving as the USWT Parliamentarian this year. Since joining the New Hope chapter of Minnesota Women of Today in 2009, I have served on many local and state positions. This is my first time serving on the USWT level and am very excited to meet many of you and learn more about your states.

Parliamentarian 1st Trimester Challenge – Open to all parliamentarians on all levels
Complete your Fast Start by August 15th

1. Email me a letter of introduction and share a bit about you (parli@uswomenoftoday.org).
2. Include your theme & logo (if you have one).
3. Add your goals and hit send. It's that easy!

Virtual Meetings - The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has required many boards to use a virtual meeting format for board meetings. In light of this shift, the National Association of Parliamentarians has released revised guidelines for Robert's Rules of Order to help governing bodies approach electronic meetings successfully.

Special Tips & Reminders for Electronic Meetings:

- Revise your bylaws to authorize electronic meetings. Review the specific language in the bylaws to ensure that the rules clearly state what's required to hold an electronic meeting that qualifies as an official board meeting.
- Bylaws authorize absent members to participate electronically; however, the entire meeting cannot be conducted electronically. Note the difference between a fully electronic meeting and permissible electronic participation for what is largely an in-person meeting. The bylaws should state clear rules for allowable locations and quorum requirements. For example, do the bylaws allow the chair to host an electronic meeting with one member in attendance and the remainder of the members attending via electronic means?
- Hold informal electronic meetings without transacting official business. For boards that aren't permitted by their bylaws to hold official electronic meetings, their bylaws may allow them to meet via electronic means informally for discussions. Official decisions would then have to wait to be voted on until the organization could hold an official board meeting.
- Bylaws may authorize boards to transact business without holding a meeting—for example, via telephone or email. Where this is allowed, boards wouldn't have to meet in


TRACEY PIERSON - MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

"Growing Together"

CONTACT: mvp@uswomenoftoday.org

My name is Tracey Pierson and I am excited to be serving as your United States Women of Today Membership 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 17 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 and Chair of the Board. On the National level I was the first one to hold the new position of Health and Wellness program manager under National President Pat Fern 2011-2012, in 2020-2021 I was President Angelina Dietz personal assist and last year a was your USWT Programming Vice President. I was honored to receive the Ambassador Award in May 2022.

My theme this year is Growing Together with the help of my team we will be growing with 2 Intend to extend done last year lets get them up and going. We have Kandy as our Extensions Director. So, if you would like to start a chapter, please let us know. We are here to help!! Laura will be promoting Public Relations by putting articles in chapters city papers along with Facebook.

Challenge for the whole year every 8th new member that is signed they will be going into a drawing at year end.

We all like to celebrate, so why not CELEBRATE with growth this year, lets continue this from last year!! There will be various challenges throughout this year and those members completing the challenges will be put into a drawing at Mid-Year and Annual Convention. There will be in the Today Leaders, SIP'S and the Membership Facebook Page.

Saturday Selfie has continued, I thought it was a Great idea from Cathy and had to continue it!!

Friendship Day is August 7th this year and we want to recognize the importance of fellowship in our chapters. There is an incentive given each year at mid-year to chapters who celebrate Friendship Day anytime in the month of August. Why not have a picnic/dinner/movie/ice cream/game night think outside the box!

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/eV878zf0S3Lkf41aFM> Friendship Online Form

**“This organization is for members only.
But once you join, membership and
friendships last for an eternity.”**



MARY HANSEN - TREASURER

"Support"

CONTACT: treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org

I want to thank everyone for the confidence you have placed in me to be your elected US Women of Today Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year. I will be the first to admit that I am a trifle overwhelmed by the upcoming task. That is why I have chosen the theme of *"Support."* I am a firm believer that Women of Today, on all levels, offers *"Support"* to its members, their families and everyone around them. I know that I have that *"Support"* and I want to be able to offer you the *"Support"* that you need.

I have been a member of the St. Cloud, MN, Women of Today since January of 2014. I have served in most of the chapter leadership positions and on the state level as the Financial VP. I am also the volunteer accountant for the MN Women of Today. I have done bookkeeping work for over 40 years. I am a widow and have 2 sons (44 and 39) and 1 daughter (43), and several grandchildren.

TREASURER – FAST START

Email answers to the following to Mary Hansen, USWT Treasurer (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 31st to be recognized and receive an incentive at Mid-Year.

1ST Trimester CHALLENGE: 990N Filing

Send me a copy of your 990-N once you file it. You will get copy that says "Do not mail to IRS" once you have completed the form online. You can print this page as a PDF and save it on your computer or print to a printer. Make sure you keep a copy for your future files, email me a copy and you will receive an incentive at Mid-Year Convention. The deadline for filing the 990N for many of our chapters is October 15th.

Have you ordered your US Women of Today Stadium Blanket?

Will you be the first in your Chapter or State to have one to warm yourself up with? Cost is only \$30.00

Place your order early and they will be delivered at Mid-Year Convention.

Colors available: Royal, Red, Navy, Black, Forest Green, Sport Gray and Purple White letter embroidery. Classic midweight fabric with DryBlend technology, Spun yarn for softer feel and reduced pilling. Size is: 50" x 60"

Name: _____

Address: _____

WT Chapter/State: _____

Color Choice: _____

Deadline for Mid-Year Convention delivery is Sept 1, 2022.

Questions: email me at treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org



Mail your order from with payment to:

Mary Hansen
USWT Treasurer
315 Waite Ave S #109
Waite Park MN 56387



**KANDY DORLACK - EXTENSIONS DIRECTOR**

"Finding Unity in Your Community"

CONTACT: extensions@uswomenoftoday.org

Hello USWT Members,

I am Kandy Dorlack, your Extensions Director for the 2022-2023 year. I am a member of the Champlin chapter in MN. I have been a member since 1994. I live with my husband Jeff. I have 2 married children and 2 grandchildren.

It's the beginning of a new year. New Officers...new ideas...new thoughts...and many new members brought into our organization through extension!

I am looking forward to working with our chapters and states to bring new chapters into our organization.

My goal is to have 3 completed extensions by April 30, 2023. **DO YOU THINK WE CAN DO THIS???** I KNOW WE CAN!!! I'm creating a list of possible extension areas but have 3 extensions in process. Marietta, Georgia; Denver, Colorado; Olathe, Kansas.

Would you be willing to assist on one of these extensions, know of anyone who lives in or around the surrounding area, or know of an area that might be a good location for a new extension? How about a friend or relative in another community who would like to have a Women of Today group in her own town? Let me know those communities so that I can add them to my list and we can get started. I am here for you. I will help you with your extension efforts along the way and get you the resources you need to be successful.

Extensions are good for you as well as your chapter. Many chapters have found that while doing an extension, they also find that their own chapter begins to flourish and gain new members. It is exciting to do an extension. It is a rewarding experience to see the new chapter form and begin their community service work and watch their friendships form. It is especially rewarding to watch other women grow while being a member of a chapter that has just formed. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this excitement and rewards with me?

I look forward to working with you on an extension whether it is within your state or in another state.

Thank you,
Kandy Dorlack



LAURA BENTLEY - PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

"Speak Up"

CONTACT: pr@uswomenoftoday.org

Welcome to Public Relations! I will be teaching you how to make your chapter/state stand out in the community eye! I'm excited you are here!

To start off, do you know how to contact your local news paper editor to get your group into the local or state newspaper? For starters find out what the name of your newspaper is. Secondly find out a way to contact them. A good source to help you is use google another good way is your good old fashioned phone book. Once you find this information out go ahead and send it to me via email!



My name is Laura Bentley, I am excited to be your Public Relations Director.

I am married to New Hampton Iowa Chapter member Nicholas Bentley. Together we have 4 children. Dakota 22, Ethan 10, Eliza 2 and Ezra 1. I work as an Insurance Producer for State Farm, a taxi service whom focuses on transporting persons with medical appointments and for a company taking care of children with special needs. I enjoy being outside, going for walks, hanging out with family and friends. I collect smurfs, butterflies and chap stick! My why for Women of Today is: I love people, I enjoy seeing them smile, I enjoy helping them and making them happy.

Trending this trimester :

- Founders day is July 1st. Send me a photo of your chapter/state celebrating!
- Friendship day is August 7th. Send me a photo of your chapter/state celebrating!



"Stopping advertising to save money is like stopping our watch to save time"

- Henry Ford



CATHY SNYDER - PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT

"Reach High to Follow Your Dreams"

CONTACT: pvp@uswomenoftoday.org

My name is Cathy Snyder and this year I will be holding the position of National Programming Vice President.

My Theme is "Reach High to Follow Your Dreams." Each trimester, I will have 3-4 challenges you must complete to receive the Arrow Award. I would like to give out at least 125 Arrow Awards for the whole year. You must let me know if you complete them each trimester.

I will also be holding Zooms to train more about Programming and how you, and your chapters and state, can participate in the programming areas this year. Throughout the year, I will be talking about the Project Library, the Outstanding Achievement in Programming, and you will also be hearing from the DVA Program Manager and the Wellness & Personal Development Program Manager.

I am hoping to get to know you all better, so let's "Reach High to Follow Your Dreams" this coming year.

Order your t-shirts on line today!

Order your Inspire shirt today in either purple or black. Order on line and it will be shipped to you. The shirts are \$20 plus shipping.

Click on this link to go to the order screens: <https://swot22-23.itemorder.com/>



Place your order and the shirts will be shipped directly to you. This is also a National Fund Raiser as a portion of the profits will benefit Ways and Means.





**THERESA JOHNSON - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS PROGRAM MANAGER**

"Stop Domestic Violence—Don't Look Away"

CONTACT: dva@uswomenoftoday.org

Hello United States Women of Today members!

I have the pleasure and honor of serving as your Domestic Violence Awareness Program Manager for 2022-2023. I joined Women of Today when I lived in Nebraska where I served as chapter president. When I moved to Oklahoma, I wanted to start Oklahoma Women of Today but it took over two years to see my dream of having Women of Today in Oklahoma. I have served as Oklahoma State and chapter president, as well Programming Vice President, and Membership Vice President. I had the pleasure of serving on National board as Extension Director, Public Relations, and Wellness and Personal Development.

DVA Fast Start

Finish requirements and send to USWT DVA Program Manager postmarked no later than August 15, 2022. Each state that participates in the Fast Start will be recognized at the USWT Mid-Year Convention in October.

1. Send a letter of introduction and plan of action to the USWT DVA Program Manager.
2. Send at least one of your goals: with description of what you have done.
3. Prepare one promotional DVA item for your area and state. This can be on Facebook, mailing article in a newspaper, information to chapters, Zoom meeting for your state or forum etc.
4. Contact a local or state Domestic Violence Awareness foundation or organization and ask what your state and/or chapter can do to make people aware of this issue. Send a brief description of the information you received from the group and send it to USWT DVA Program Manager.

First Trimester Challenge

For every transmitted I receive, your name will go in a drawing for Special Basket. The winner will be announced at Mid-Year Convention. This can be submitted by members, chapters, districts, or states by Sept 1, 2022.

Purple Thursday Contest

Everyone who wears purple on the 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year, their name will go into a drawing for Purple Thursday basket at mid-Year and annual. Please post your picture to programming page and send to the DVA Program Manager.



Do It Together For A Happier You!

**JILL KIRCHNER - WELLNESS & PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MANAGER**

“Do it Together for a Happier You!”

CONTACT: pvp@uswomenoftoday.org

Greetings Women of Today and welcome to the 2022-2023 year.

My name is Jill Kirschner and I'm very excited to be serving as your 2022-2023 USWT Well-ness & Personal Development Program Manager. Bill and I have been married for 35 years, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. I work in the Notary/Lien Division of the MN Secretary of State Office.

I have been a member of the Champlin Women of Today chapter in MN for 30 years and have served on local, state, and national WT boards. One of the first programming areas I got involved with was personal development. I entered a writing competition. I thought it would be fun to try something new and step out of my comfort zone. I learned the meaning of “Betterment, Enrichment, and Empowerment” through personal development. This became my favorite programming area and one area I always wanted to do more with, and now, here I am today.

<p>1ST TRIMESTER CHALLENGE:</p> <p>Fast Start – Due no later than 8/15/2022</p> <p>Effective Writing Competition – Due no later than 9/1/2022</p> <p>Impromptu Competition – Due no later than 9/1/2022</p>	<p>UPCOMING CHALLENGES:</p> <p>Speaking Competition – Due no later than 5/1/2023</p> <p>Wellness & Personal Development Certification – Due no later than 5/1/2023</p>
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Please watch for more information regarding competition details!

I am challenging you to strive towards Betterment, Enrichment, and Empowerment
as you achieve personal growth.

*****DO IT TOGETHER FOR A HAPPIER YOU*****

In Friendship,
Jill Kirschner



JANE HANSON - SECRETARY

"Just the Colorful Facts"

CONTACT: secretary@uswomenoftoday.org

Dear State Secretaries and Newsletter Editors:

I am honored to have been elected your USWT secretary. My name is Jane Hanson and I am a member of the Madelia, 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 the state level in many positions including State President and State Secretary. I have served on the national staff as Secretary and Treasurer. I live in rural Madelia with my husband Keith and our grown son, Kyle lives in Wisconsin.

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. Please check out the USWT Website; uswomenoftoday.org and go to the secretary page. There are links for both a secretary guide and a newsletter editor guide to help you in your positions.

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 Missouri.

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!!

Jane

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

US Women of Today Mid-Year Meeting October 7-8, 2022 Kansas City (Lee's Summit) - Missouri



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter/State: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

How are you traveling? Driving Flying

Arrival Date/Time: _____

Flight Airline & # _____

Women of Today Information: Member First Timer
 Guest Board Past President

FLYING: Fly into Kansas City International (MCI). Missouri Women of Today will pick you up and take you back to the airport, so no need to rent a car. Please fill in arrival date, time, airline and flight # above.

Check the event for which you wish to register	Advanced Registration	Late Registration	HOTEL INFORMATION: ROOMS HELD UNTIL 9/30/2022 Best Western Plus 4825 NE Lakewood Way Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-795-6400 tell them Women of Today Block of Rooms: 2 Queens \$105 + tax = approx. \$118 per night <i>Free breakfast, free parking, free internet.</i> <i>Rooms include refrigerator, microwave, Kuerig coffee.</i> <i>We will have a hospitality room with beverages and snacks</i>
Full Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	
Friday Meetings/Forums	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	
Friday Party	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	
All Day Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00	
Saturday Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	
Saturday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	
Saturday Meetings/Forums	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	
<p style="text-align: center;">Advanced registration must be postmarked by 9/15/2022</p> <p>Make checks payable to: "Missouri Women of Today" Mail this form and check to: Nancy Asher, 28 Kellwood Dr, Kirksville, MO 63501 Email ashernanc4@gmail.com for questions about registration.</p>			

Any registration refunds must be requested before 9/20, a \$5 cancellation fee will apply.

Please note any special dietary needs or allergies here:



State of the States

HOLA FROM ARIZONA!

I am so happy to acknowledge that the Valley of the Sun, Arizona had a great 2021-2022 year. Thanks to the hard work of our members, we had many successes and ended the year as a Double-up Chapter/State.

In this coming year, I will continue as the state president. But I'm happy to report that we have a new chapter president. Her name is Karla Stavnes and she has already shown impressive leadership skills. I am certain that our chapter is in great hands this year.

Although we are still "Living the Good Life" here in Arizona, I have chosen a new logo and theme. We will be "Rising in the West", with a PHOENIX flying up from the desert. Now that we have more members in our chapter, we hope to expand our impact in the community by adding more projects, doing more fundraising and finding new ways to build our friendships at membership socials.



Karla and I both agree that membership will continue to be a priority this year. We will encourage the recruiting of new members, and will work hard to continue to activate the wonderful new members we gained last year.

At Convention I offered to design or "tweak" anyone's logo, no charge. If you would like me to do that for you, send me your information - a copy of your current logo or any ideas you may have. I will work with you until you're happy with your logo. Feel free to Email me at jrfarmersec@yahoo.com. I really enjoy doing this sort of thing and you would not, at all, be imposing on me!

Last, but certainly not least, Carmella Mongold bid and was awarded the contract for the 2023 National Convention in the Phoenix area. The dates will be June 9-10 of next year. She and her cochair Pat Salina will be sending out promotional information.

JUST REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 9-10, 2023

Arizona and the Valley of the Sun Women of Today look forward to having a great 2022-2023 year and we wish the same for you! Adios....for now!

Joey Hedstrom, President
Arizona Women of Today





ILLINOIS WOMEN OF TODAY
"GROWING OUR GARDEN"
2022-2023

Hello from Illinois! This year Illinois will be "Growing our Garden". My name is Terri Hebda, I have been a member of Illinois Women of Today for 33(?) years. I started with H-F-G Chapter and when we decided to fold, we started Lincoln Land Chapter for members at large and now we are growing.

I chose "Growing our Garden" for this year's theme as we move on from the last 2 years of dormancy and we can start to bloom, once again. Not only can we bloom but we can plant new seeds and add more beautiful flowers to our membership garden.

I am looking forward to all the wonderful projects, socials and events that Illinois Chapters and all USWT Chapters will be hosting this year.
Let's all have a beautiful year filled with many different flowers!

Terri Hebda
Illinois WT President





President: Laura Bentley

Mirror, Mirror on the wall theres a leader in us all!

iowawt@gmail.com



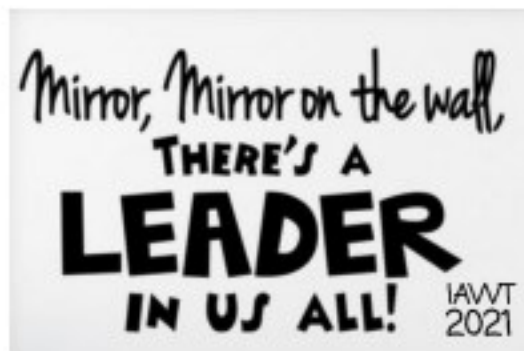
Hello on behalf of Iowa Women of Today,

My name is Laura Bentley and I am serving as this terms State President. I am excited to have another year of journeys and getting to know more of you.

My theme is mirror mirror on the wall there's a leader in us all. The reason I choose this theme is because I feel that we can create leaders in people that don't even know they have the ability by creating self worth, confidence and joy within themselves.

We currently have three chapters with active members and roughly 38 members. We meet every trimester in once of the three chapters location for roughly 4 hours. We have forums, a meal, social time and a board meeting.

Please let us know how our State can be of assistance to your state by emailing us or face booking us!





Hi my name is Kathy Griffin Massachusetts Women of Today state president – 2022-2023. I am a charter member of the Mansfield chapter. I have served MAWT in many roles over the years.

My goal this year is to encourage members to continue to be active in their chapters and community and to move a little closer to becoming active on a state level.

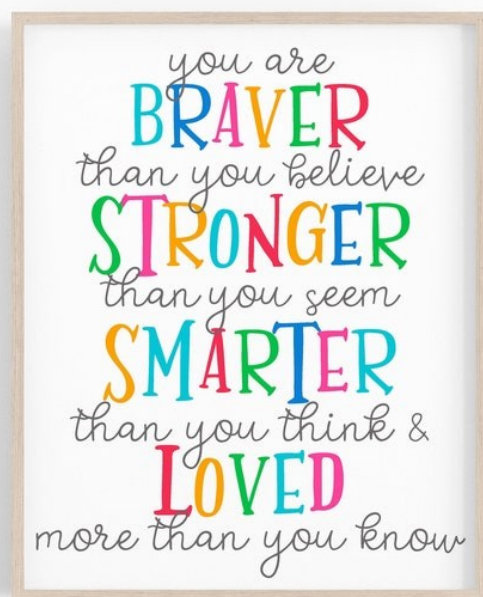
My theme is: **Together WE can do so much.** Helen Keller was quoted as saying “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”. Words to live by from a woman who overcame much in her life and gave back so much to the world.

I look forward to working with the USWT leadership and our six MA chapters as we move into the new year.

All the best,

Kathy Griffin
MAWT State President

Together WE can do so much





Greetings from Minnesota,

My name is Jenise Teske, a member of the St. Joseph chapter, and the newly elected State President of MN Women of Today. I am looking forward to traveling across the state visiting with the 49 chapters at the summer district meetings and beyond. Along with a full staff of 12 members, 6 district directors, and 5 State Program Managers, we are prepared to have a wonderful year striving to meet our membership goals of 83% retention, grow by 22 with 144 new members to add to our current membership of 904 members.

I chose the theme “Giving a Piece of Your Heart” because I truly believe each member of our organization has a unique gift/piece to give, whether it is 1) humor, hard work, humility; 2) excitement, enthusiasm, energy, earnest; 3) action, artistic talent, admirable; 4) reliable, real, remarkable; or 5) thoughtful, tremendous, time-giving—plus many characteristics. In order to attract and retain members, I realize that people are looking for ways to plug in and be part of a place where they can feel valued. I am encouraging chapters to not only recognize their own members who are standing out with their involvement in WT, but also to notice members of their communities who are worthy of a H.E.A.R.T. award.

I retired to St. Cloud in 2020 to be close to my daughter, Nicky and her husband, Kevin in addition to my granddaughter, Abby. I am part of a book club that meets monthly and am starting to fit in with ladies of my church. I love traveling and took a 6000-mile road trip last summer to visit friends and family along the way. This summer I am planning a 10-day trip for solo travelers to Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Czechia.

Jenise Teske
MNWT State President
2022-2023



We were finally able to meet in person as a state in May, after about 2 1/2 years of only a couple of Zoom meetings. The Farmington chapter hosted and included a project where we put together birthday bags for a local food pantry of items donated by each chapter. We also got to make charm bracelets. We had National Staff visit us, this included President Cindy, PVP Tracey, Secretary JoAnn, and guest Jane Hanson from Minnesota. We had a wonderful time getting to know them and they played a game of Women of Today Jeopardy with us. That evening we had dinner at a member's home and played games and put together a puzzle.

I am staying on another year as Missouri state president. I felt like I wasn't able to accomplish much thanks to COVID. I am looking forward to 2022-2023. Let's make this the best year yet. Our other Board members also stayed on for another year: Terri Danner as VP, Deb McDonald as Secretary, and Gwen Perrachione as Treasurer.

Katie Nelson
MO State President



**WE ARE
STRONG**

Hello from the great state of Nebraska!

My name is Maxine Turner, I am retired with a lot of volunteer work for three organizations. I have two children and four grandchildren. My granddaughter is married to a wonderful man and lives in England. My oldest grandson attends Emory University in Georgia. My two youngest children go to high school here in Fremont. Both of my children live here in my hometown. I am always a phone call away if any of my siblings need some assistance.

I joined Nebraska Women of Today back in 1977 as a Mrs. Jaycee. I am very fortunate to go through the name changes and the experiences of the many changes that this organization has gone through.

I am honored to serve Nebraska Women of Today as their state president for the fourth time. You see I did not plan on doing this position, but we could not get anyone to take positions on the board this year. In our state once you are president, we do not file for office. Our past presidents just come forward to help in the board positions that are open to keep our organization running.

My theme this year is "We are Strong", with the logo of a teapot.

Now, you ask why this theme and logo? I believe our state organization is strong and I believe that we will become stronger by year end. We are a small state of 60 members and our smallest chapter has 5 members. But these members are strong in their communities through the projects they complete and through their donations. I have come to feel that each member in our state has become one big happy family.

Maxine Turner
Nebraska State President



Be a Guiding Light – Volunteer

Welcome to the 2022-2023 year. Congratulations to the new officers and best wishes for a marvelous year. Thank you for a great year to the 2021-2022 officers.

So, I am the State President for New Jersey again. I am looking forward to finishing my goals from last year and adding some new ones. I am planning our State meeting in July. It will be at my house on the water. Such a relaxing day with the sun, breeze and salt air.

So, a little about me, I have been an RN for 46 years and have 2 Masters degrees. I maintain 3 certifications and belong to 4 nursing organizations. I am also an EMT for 7 years and have been riding the ambulance every week for over 12 years. I am a Nurse Navigator in the Cancer Center at Ocean University Medical Center. I love my job. Helping patients and families is so rewarding. Right now, my goal is to work until 12/21/2025. But you never know, I can retire at any time. I am a widow since December 2021. I did not see that coming and am still asking questions to myself. I have a great 32-year-old son. He also works in a hospital in the pharmacy. He is a great help to me. I am maintaining 2 homes, a boat and 2 jet skis. We do a lot together which I love. He really does all the work. He also maintains 5 cars. My Mom is 88 years old and moved up from Florida 2 years ago. We are together all the time. She is a Grandma to my 2 dogs, Chloe a spunky French Bulldog and Teddy a Brussels Griffon who is almost blind and diabetic. She dog sits when we are both working.

I am keeping my theme which is important to me. I am active in many organizations and volunteering is so important. I am a life member in the VFW, a trustee and member of Jackson Township EMS, and an ELK.

I have been a member of Women of Today for many years. I enjoy the conventions and soon hope to be able to attend again. I have made many friends and love the energy. I love the ladies in our chapter and we truly have a good group of friends. I am an Ambassador. I do frequently think of my travel buddy Diana. I always think, what would she do?

Here's to a great year everyone!

Hugs,

Diane Stanaway



North Dakota Women of Today



A "Koala-Tea" Group

Hi, I am Sarah Smith the continuing North Dakota state president. I the youngest child of Edith Smith who is my right hand with leading Women of Today. I work as a Public Health Nurse Assistant in New Town and love having just one job now. I have been in Women of Today for 13 years now. I have held various offices on the local, state, and national level. For my theme this year I choose a Koala-Tea or Quality Group and my logo is a Koala in a cup of tea. Anyone that knows me knows that I like jokes and puns so when I run out of ideas I just go with something puny.

Sarah Smith
North Dakota State President



“It is a “Gnome” fact, we are the Best!”



Greetings from Pennsylvania,

It is me again, Cindy Hilbert and I am honored to be serving as State President this year. I been a member since 1981 and have served in various positions over the past 41 years including US Women of Today President in 2006-2007. I been retired for one year and am loving every stress-free minute. I enjoy camping, cooking, and recently started quilting. Larry and I have been married for 41 years and we have three married children and 6 grandsons.

Over the past month I had the pleasure to visit all our chapters. “It is a “Gnome” fact, we are the Best!” here in PA, with our 4 chapters busy serving their communities.

The Dover chapter is working on their annual Meat an Seafood Bingo, holding a line dancing fundraiser, working on tidng up their meeting lodge (yes they own a meeting place) and are hosting a Founder’s Day event or the state.

The Lititz chapter has been planting flowers in the Lititz community park. They are working on their annual famous “Pretzel” sandwich sales and will be suppling a bag meal for the local homeless. The meeting at a local retirement center where they love sharing their crafting talents with the residents. Last month they cheered up their rooms with flowers they had made.

Summer is a slower time for the Northeastern chapter, but their members are busy with their hands by providing crocheted prayer shawls and afghans to several other local organizations. They are collecting books for a free library and will be holding their famous “pound sale “at their August picnic meeting. You never know what you will be bidding on during this fun event.

Womelsdorf area is busy enough for all of us. They just held a Father’s Day car show and will be hosting a “Glow Party” pool part to raise funds for a local Make a Wish child. This child’s wish was to add a splash pad to the community pool so he as well as others could enjoy the fun. July will bring their annual Community carnival and vender show. This group of women are busy! Oh, I didn’t mention they are hosting our August state meeting on August 13th.

From here in PA, we wish that you have a wonderful and safe summer.

Cindy Hilbert
Pennsylvania State President