

TODAY'S LEADER



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United States
Women of Today
2022-2023 President



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Hello to my fellow Women of Today Friends:

Those of you who were fortunate to join us in Kansas City at Midyear, it was so wonderful to see you. What a wonderful weekend, full of INSPIRATION! My one regret from the weekend is that the time went by so fast! I wish I could have spent more time with all the members there. We had a great turnout with 54 members and several guests. We started out with a tour of Heart to Heart International, which was our Buckets of Sunshine project for Midyear. They came out and had us build hygiene kits on Friday night. We divided into 2 teams and competed. Team 2 won! We completed 450 hygiene kits in 30 minutes. These kits will be delivered to a place in need, which will likely be Florida for the survivors of the hurricane. We also donated \$868 to Heart to Heart as our Buckets donation. Amazing!

For the luncheon on Saturday, we had a speaker, the founder of Paws 4 Autism, located in Lee's Summit, where we met, and she brought her Autistic daughter and 2 of their trained dogs who work as support animals. We passed the hat (actually dog bowls) and again raised more money for them. We enjoyed a few forums put on by the staff, including a great discussion about rebranding and the possibility of a new logo. We played games from Membership and Programming, that hopefully will be brought back and shared in your chapters. An impromptu speaking competition was held. We tailgated, wearing our favorite sports teams. We had a wine tasting and did a lucky buck to raise money for the USWT budget. To top it off, we celebrated a very successful 1st Trimester that included membership growth of +48, at the banquet Saturday night. Missouri was blessed to have 2 new inductees into the Ambassadors, Nancy Asher and myself. I was so surprised and feeling extremely honored. It is truly high praise and humbling to be included with so many amazing and inspiring ladies that are current Ambassadors. I cannot thank those enough who were involved in my nomination, and I know Nancy feels the same way.

Now I am really fired up about the rest of this year! I am getting ready to visit Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and South Dakota in the next few weeks. Maybe I will be coming your way soon! I can't wait to get to know you! Meanwhile keep up the tremendous work you all do in your communities. What a difference we make in so many lives!

In Friendship,
Laura Morris, President



CINDY UMLAND - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
 "Leaf Your Mark"
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Greetings USWT

Happy Fall Holidays to you all

Didn't Missouri do a wonderful job hosting Mid-year. In June we will be going to Arizona to elect the next National Staff. It would be a great start for our next leader to have a full staff. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. According to our policies you can't speak to anyone else... I will begin accepting filings January 1, 2023.

I encourage each of you to leaf your mark by taking on a role you have a passion for.

Our next Future Directions Meeting is on November 20 @ 7:30 pm.

Cindy Umland
USWT President 2021-22

Order your t-shirts on line today!

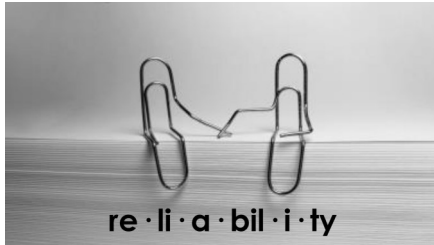
Order your Inspire shirt today in either purple or black. Order on line and it will be shipped to you. The shirts are \$20 plus shipping.

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.





ANNA NICHOLS - PARLIAMENTARIAN

"Reliability"

CONTACT: parli@uswomenoftoday.org

Hello Women of Today Members,

Can you believe we are already halfway through the 2022 – 2023 year! There is still time to complete my second trimester challenge. Send me a copy of your Bylaws and Policies for review by December 15th. We will be holding a USWT Bylaws and Policies review on February 11th at 10:00 AM via Zoom. For more information or to be added to the zoom link invitation, email me.

Sincerely, Anna Nichols

The Parliamentarian does not rule! The role of the parliamentarian during a meeting is purely an advisory and consultative one, helping the presiding officer to respond to points of order and parliamentary inquiries.

- **Educate:** to know more about your new position, review your chapters current bylaws and policies.
 - ✓ Read through your chapter's documents. Highlight and make notes of any items that may need updating or reinforcement.
 - ✓ Learn the basics of Robert's Rules of Order.
- **Assist:** give advice on parliamentary procedure and in matters involving the bylaws and policies.
 - ✓ Meet with the chapter president to identify ways to work together to make board and chapter meetings even more effective.
 - ✓ Support president to manage meetings as requested and advises on parliamentary procedure.
 - ✓ Provide information on Robert's Rules of Order.
 - ✓ Make sure all board members have access to the most current copy of your chapters bylaws and policies.
 - ✓ Have motion slips available at all board and chapter meetings.
- **Facilitate:** act as a facilitator for bylaws and policies.
 - ✓ Establishing a quorum. Make sure the quorum is clearly recorded at the start of each meeting. A quorum is required to hold any official chapter business (voting).
 - ✓ Chair yearly chapter bylaw and policy review.
 - ✓ Update chapter bylaws and procedure when motions requiring change pass.
 - ✓ Supervise chapter elections.
- **Train/Mentor:** mentor members on parliamentary procedure.
 - ✓ Create/update a cheat sheet for your chapter president.
 - ✓ Let all members know what your chapter defines a quorum as.
 - ✓ Provide information on parliamentary basics such as how to make a motion.
 - ✓ Ensure an updated copy of your chapters bylaws and policies are available for all members to reference at meetings.
- **Support:** the USWT State Parliamentarian is here to support you.
 - ✓ Read the Parliamentarian State Information Packets (SIPs) each trimester.
 - ✓ Send a copy of your chapters bylaws and policies for review.
 - ✓ Contact any time with questions and concerns (parli@uswomenoftoday.org).


TRACEY PIERSON - MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

"Growing Together"

CONTACT: mvp@uswomenoftoday.org

I had a great time in Lee's Summit, MO at the Midyear convention, thank you to everyone that participated in Bunco and Pong it was fun!

CHALLENGE for 2nd trimester please send me your dues billing by December 15th and be put into a drawing to be handed out at year end.

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

Membership Zoom Meetings

November 9th @ 6:30

January 11th @ 6:30 committee members

February 8th @ 6:30

March 8th @ 6:30 committee members

April 12th @ 6:30

For those that attend the membership monthly zoom meeting will be put in a drawing each trimester

National Presidential Challenge:

President Laura Morris' son is on the Autism Spectrum (Aspergers to be exact), therefore she is 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.

She strongly suggests 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.



MARY HANSEN - TREASURER

"Support"

CONTACT: treasurer@uswomenoftoday.org

Thank You – I cannot say Thank You enough for all the "Support" from everyone. We had a successful Mid-Year Convention in Missouri. The Lucky Buck at the luncheon raised \$370.00, the Wine Tasting on Saturday night raised \$300.00, and the National Store sold over \$400.00 worth of items. I need to do some re-stocking as I will be at the Minnesota Winter Convention in January and for our Year-End Convention in Arizona.

I have the following "two" Challenges out for the 2nd Trimester, one for a drawing and one for an incentive.

2ND TRIMESTER CHALLENGE

US WOMEN of Today depends upon its individual members, chapters and states to support and fund the budget. We all contribute with dues, purchases through from the USWT store and fundraisers such as lucky bucks.

Unfortunately that isn't always enough to keep our budget balanced .

Any person, chapter, district or state that makes a donation of \$35 or more during the 2nd trimester for US Ways & Means will be entered into a drawing at year end. Please send your donation to:

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

990N Filing

Send me a copy of your 990-N once you file it. You will get a 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 annual convention. The deadline for filing the 990N for many of our chapters is October 15th.



Happy National Margarita Day!
Set aside the evening of February 22, 2023, to celebrate National Margarita Day and US Women of Today. Staff and I are going to host a Zoom fundraiser for US Women of Today Ways & Means. More details to follow.



KANDY DORLACK - EXTENSIONS DIRECTOR
 "Finding Unity in Your Community"
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Hello USWT Members,

Who is next to join this Awesome organization?

The reason that you joined Women of Today may be the reason someone else may want to join.

It can be as easy as ONE, TWO... FIVE?

That is because you need **5** members to create a chapter! **IT CAN BE DONE!**

Be sure to get to get those M – Events planned and start collecting all the names that expressed interest. Need Ideas? Contact me and I would love to share my successful events and ideas that the Membership team has put together.

<p>Update on Marietta, GA</p> <p>I am EXCITED to say that Marietta, GA has filed an Intent to Extend, but waiting on the 5 members' dues!</p>	<p>Update on Olathe, KS</p> <p>Trumanland, MS has sent in their Intent to Extend. YEAH!</p>
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We are currently looking for anyone who lives in or around the surrounding areas that would like to be a part of a Women of Today. Please contact me at extensions@uswomenoftoday.org.

It is not only important to get new chapters and states started, but membership and retention is just as important. Ask your members why they joined and what their interests are. Did they join to meet new friends or volunteer and help to make a difference in their community?

Don't forget, I have an incentive for second trimester still out there: File an Intent to Extend by December 31st and your extension team will receive a Target Gift Card and also supplies for a Membership event to use for your next fun event. I would love to hand out several of these incentives at our annual convention.

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

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Thank you,
Kandy Dorlack



LAURA BENTLEY - PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

"Speak Up"

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****NEW LOGO** Part of President Laura's goals was to rebrand our organization. The vision is when someone sees the United States Women of Today's logo, they automatically know what it represents. To the left is what the Marketing committee has come up with. If you have changes you want to see to this logo, please email me no later than January 1st, 2023.

As you look at the colors Red, White and Blue it represents that we are a United States organization. The circle shaped around the person represents unity and friendship, we cannot make this organization work without all of us. The person in the middle is rejoicing their individualized part in the organization, growing, and making themselves better by completing what the organization has to offer them.

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOUR SELF

START A CHAPTER RIGHT IN YOUR STATE AND COMMUNITY!

- Be one of the first members to help create a chapter!
- Get another chapter's insight and inspiration while you develop your chapter.
- Assist your community with starting new enrichment projects to inspire the youth and adults in your area.
- Unite people for the betterment of mankind.

CAMARADERIE

By becoming a Women of Today member you will have an opportunity to make life long connections. You will explore diversity in culture.



ECHELONS:

United States Women of Today- complete education on self awareness, domestic violence, support other non profit organizations. Connect with state and chapter levels.
State Women of Today- volunteer in your state by supporting chapters, and Philanthropics. Connect with National and Chapter levels.
Chapter level Women of Today- volunteer in your own communities that you live, work and play in.

USWT CREED

We, the United States Women of Today are dedicated to serving our community and nation, are committed to strengthening our individual talents, and stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.

OBJECTIVE

- Community Service Projects
- Sparking Friendships
- Building Community Connections
- Extreme Opportunity for Fun!

NEW POSTER:

Welcome the newest marketing piece to the website. This poster is designed for you to have printed in any size you wish and advertised in your community. The space in the lower left is a space for you to input your chapter or state information. You can add a pocket along with your business cards to make it personal.

**CHALLENGE:
ANY CHAPTER/
STATE
WHO USES THE
POSTER BETWEEN
NOW AND END YEAR
WILL
RECEIVE AN
INCENTIVE**


CATHY SNYDER - PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT

"Reach High to Follow Your Dreams"

CONTACT: pvp@uswomenoftoday.org

Hello to all USWT Friends,

Thank you to those of you who completed community connection and project report forms for 1st trimester. Please continue to fill out these forms online. If you have any questions, please let me know. Just a reminder, on December 15 at 6:30pm I will be holding a zoom programming certification night. More information will be posted as it gets closer.

***Programming Vice President My 2nd Trimester Challenge
"My Arrow Award"***

You must complete 3 out of 4 items and send to PVP Cathy by December 30th.

1. Participate in Purple Thursday, the 3rd Thursday of the month and post a picture on the programming Facebook page for approval.
2. Join me for online Zoom certification night which will be Dec 15th @ 6:30
The zoom event will be posted on the programming page.
3. Submit a community connection report, in the month of December and receive a special incentive at year end. I know many of our chapters will do a project around the holidays, all chapter members will also receive an arrow.
4. Send a hello and tell me your one favorite project you do in your chapter.

**Please Continue to support the Programming area by submitting
the following forms, found on the US website.**

Community Connection report

Project Library

OAP

Wellness Personal Development

DVA Donation



**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!

Continue to support Purple Thursdays! I love to see all of the great pictures being posted of members and chapters wearing purple. Keep up the great work.

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.

Recognize the signs of possessive and controlling behaviors

At the start of a new relationship, it's not always easy to tell if it will later become abusive. In fact, many abusive people appear like **ideal partners** in the early stages of a relationship. Domestic violence warning signs don't always appear overnight and may emerge and intensify as the relationship grows.

Every relationship is different and domestic violence doesn't always look the same. One feature shared by most abusive relationships is that the abusive partner tries to establish or gain **power and control** through many different methods, at different moments.

Even 2 or 3 of these behaviors in a relationship is a red flag that abuse may be present.

- ◆ Telling you that you never do anything right.
- ◆ Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.
- ◆ Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- ◆ Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- ◆ Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- ◆ Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- ◆ Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with.
- ◆ Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.
- ◆ Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- ◆ Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- ◆ Destroying your belongings or your home.



Do It Together For A Happier You!

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

"Do it Together for a Happier You!"

CONTACT: pvp@uswomenoftoday.org

Greetings Women of Today!

Yes, things have changed over the years, especially since COVID but do you really know how much things have changed? Just a few things I can remember is having my own phone in the early 70's. You had to rent your phone from the phone company. You could not own your phone. And every time there was an issue, the phone company made a house call to your home to fix or replace it. I also remember McDonald's advertising you can get a burger, fries and beverage and received change back from your \$1. Local phone books were delivered to each home; one white pages, one yellow (business) pages, and one local phone book by city. In the local phone book, it not only listed the resident names, address, and phone number, but the children's names and ages of each child as well. Not good! Before it's too late, interview a member of an older generation (does not have to be a relative, it can be anyone) about changes they have seen in their life span.

My 2ND TRIMESTER CHALLENGE is to write an essay or short story (300-500 words) about what you found out from this interview. I would love to hear what you learned. This is not a competition but writing an essay or short story is one of the items listed on the Wellness and Personal Development certification form. **Send me your essay or short story be December 31, 2022 to be entered into a drawing.** My email address is: wpd@uswomenoftoday.org

Each trimester State Information Packet will focus on different areas of the Wellness and Personal Development Certification form. Certifications can be submitted between now and May 1, 2023. This form can be found at: <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/5x1jIc4rfbE2vdfd5>

1st trimester focused on history and government related information.

2nd trimester is focusing on personal development (journaling, writing, speaking, etc.)

3rd trimester will be focusing more on medical/health information and taking care of you.

Please make sure to check out my 2nd Trimester SIP for additional information.

Do you know the BENEFITS OF SINGING (just to name a few):

Relieves stress...Singing appears to be a stress-reliever

Stimulates the immune system

Increases pain threshold

May improve snoring

Improves lung function

Develops a sense of belonging and connection

Enhances memory in people with dementia

Helps with grief

Congratulations Jean Wayne, 1st Place Effective Writing Competition Winner

I am who I am today because of my baby brother.

By Jean Wayne

When I was 12 years old, my brother Frankie was diagnosed with leukemia. He was only 2 and in a fight for his life. My mom worked full time, but often at odd hours, so that she could take him to all of his doctor's appointments, blood draws, chemo sessions, etc. My older sisters and I had to step up. We had a chart on the refrigerator detailing the chores that needed to be done and whose turn it was to do them. We were in charge of meal planning, cooking and cleaning. Mom would do the shopping, but we had to make the list. We learned to be organized, to cooperate and negotiate with each other, and we all became good cooks!

That summer I got my first full time job, because our parents couldn't afford to pay for our school activities or clothes any more. I worked all summer in the fields for the local seed company and I was so proud of the cute clothes I was able to get at Crazy Days that August.

Sometimes I was jealous and resentful that my brother got to watch television all evening while we did homework and chores. I'd like to say that I was always compassionate and empathetic, but it wouldn't be the truth. I thought he was a spoiled brat sometimes. But I also knew that he looked up to me and relied on me to protect him. So I would look at that little face, made round by the Prednisone and the bald head with a few straggly hairs left, and I would cuddle with him on the couch until he fell asleep. Then, I could turn on Dynasty!

By the time I got to college, we knew he was losing his fight. I would come home on the weekends just to hang out with him, or help him with his Boy Scout badges. When my mom was out of sick days, I would take him to Mayo, and I learned to change his dressings and keep track of his blood counts. They were the barometer of our family activities. Would he need another transfusion, would he have the energy to go to his Boy Scout banquet? Those numbers had all the power.

Frankie got a Make a Wish for his 10th birthday. He got to take a limousine to the city, go shopping at Children's Palace, and buy all the toys he wanted! He even got to have lunch at the restaurant where the chefs flashed and clanged their knives and spatulas, and threw food into his mouth! What an exciting and exhausting day it was!

He never got to play with most of those toys, and he never made it to his 10th birthday. We had the party without him, and all of his presents were donated to the women's shelter.

Because of him, I am now a pediatric nurse, and I use the compassion and organizational skills I learned as a teenager to help other kids enjoy their lives despite the diseases trying to kill them.

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

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

**JANE HANSON - SECRETARY***"Just the Colorful Facts"*CONTACT: secretary@uswomenoftoday.org

Dear State Secretaries and Newsletter Editors:

Mid-Year convention in Lee's Summit, Missouri was a huge success! Thank you to the Missouri Women of Today for hosting this meeting. They did a great job!

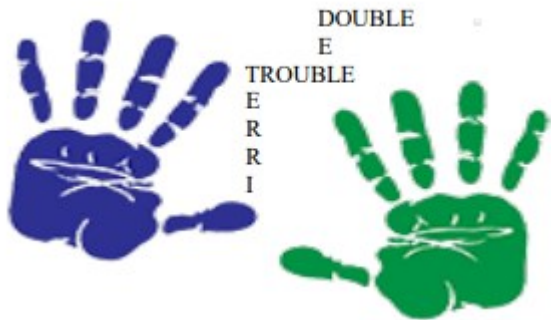
Please continue to send me your state and chapter newsletters. It's so fun to see what's happening in other state and chapters! I am also looking for your chapter/state meeting minutes. Please continue to send them to me.

And now we are half-way through second trimester. I hope you are working to make a difference in your chapter, state and life!

I hope you are enjoying the Today's Leader. If you have something you would like to submit for the January/February Today's Leader, please send it to me at secretary@uswomenoftoday.org by December 20th. I prefer to receive all submissions in Microsoft Word if possible. Thanks!

Please take the time to enjoy your family and friends during this upcoming holiday season.

Jane



**Presidential Assistants -
Deb McDonald and Terri Danner**
"Double Trouble"

We would like to begin by thanking Farmington, Kirksville and Macon for helping make the USWT midyear convention a smashing success. We could not have done it without your help. It was a great weekend with nothing but praise for a job well done. Setting up –to taking down you all made it possible.

Thanks to all the USWT members and staff who helped us set up and clean up Midyear Convention.

Congratulations to the newest USWT Ambassadors from Missouri -Nancy Asher, Kirksville and Laura Morris, Trumanland

Deb McDonald & Terri Danner – Double Trouble



I am excited to announce that we have new Ambassadors – Dee Clark from Massachusetts received hers at her June chapter meeting after it was presented at national convention and Nancy Asher and Laura Morris were honored with the award at Mid-Year meeting in Lees Summit. Be sure to congratulate all of them – they are so deserving of this honor!

As announced at mid-year, the email me format is no longer available to submit nominations – it does not allow the nominator to completely fill out the information. There is a PDF on the website. If you need help, please contact me and I will be happy to help with nomination information. Also, please note that the fee for a nomination is \$65. It will be great to honor even more deserving members with an Ambassador award throughout the year!

Amy Pumper
Ambassador President

USWT 2023 National Convention

June 9-10, 2023 Tempe, Arizona

Warm Welcome to the Wild West



Embassy Suites by Hilton ♦ 4400 South Rural Rd. ♦ Tempe, Arizona ♦ 480-897-7444
The block is under Mongold Social Event

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ First Timer _____

If Flying Arrival Date/time: _____ Flight #: _____

Sunday Departure Time: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

ROOMS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!! ROOMS HELD UNTIL 5-8-2023
\$119 per night plus tax – 1-4 people per room

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Advance</u>	<u>Late</u>
FULL (Includes all meetings, forums and meals)	_____ \$135.00 By May 1, 2023	_____ \$165.00
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
Friday Mtgs / Opening Ceremonies / Party	_____ \$45.00	_____ \$55.00
Saturday Forums / Meetings	_____ \$35.00	_____ \$40.00
Saturday Luncheon	_____ \$40.00	_____ \$50.00
Saturday Banquet	_____ \$55.00	_____ \$65.00
SATURDAY ONLY	_____ \$130.00	_____ \$155.00
	Total _____	Total _____

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE – POSTMARKED BY May 1, 2023

Make check payable to Carmella Mongold

Send registration form and check to:
Pat Saulina
2122 E. Dunbar Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85282-7453
480-332-2944

Any questions please contact co-chairmen:

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State of the States

WELCOME TO FALL!
OCTOBER, 2022



It may be the FALL of the year but, here in Arizona, we're still wearing white pants and shoes....the weather is still in the 90's during the day! Our chapter, the Valley of the Sun Women of Today, took most of the summertime off. But now that October has arrived, and many of our members have returned to the valley, we've resumed our monthly meetings and are preparing to sponsor upcoming projects.

Being a small chapter up until this year, we haven't been able to run any major fundraising events. Most of the money we raised in the past came from internal auctions. But that is going to change during the month of October.

For the first time, we are sponsoring a bake sale that will be held in conjunction with our fall community-wide garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. This is a first for us and probably the biggest event we have ever taken on for our chapter. The chairman for this bake sale has been going great-guns with her planning and arrangements for the day. Hooray for you, Darcie! We are going to try selling our baked offerings with a free will donation and hope the people who are cruising Sunland Village East looking for household bargains are in generous moods for their taste buds that day.



I don't know how successful our Fall Bake Sale will be, but we are all optimistic that it will greatly enhance our chapter treasury. We'd like to support a couple of Angel Trees this holiday season and want to be open to donate to other charities as they arise. In any case, you can be sure that we will update you about our anticipated success in the next newsletter!

I hope many of you plan to attend next June's National Convention in Tempe. For those of you who have never been to Arizona, you will be surprised at how diverse our state actually is. It might be a great idea to plan to stay a couple of extra days for sightseeing. If you need any suggestions, feel free to give me a call or message me at (701-567-3252).

Joey Hedstrom, President
VSWT & AZWT 2022-2023





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President: Laura Bentley

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS:

New Hampton: The holiday season is coming up and this chapter is in full swing. The Spook walk, 2 holiday fundraisers, the socials will wrap up this chapter's events for the 2nd trimester.

Nashua: Their annual trunk or treat is always a big hit in their community. They will hold this on the main street in their town. They added a new member and are excited to show her the ropes!

Spencer: They ended their 9-day taco stand fundraising event bringing in the most money for the year. What an exciting time to celebrate with this chapter. They are wrapping up their pie sales this week and will hold the 2nd trimester state meeting in January!

HOW WE RAISE MONEY:

Iowa has a philanthropic that we raise money for each trimester. We held a fundraising event for the cause that we chose at the start of the term. This term we are focused on mental health and giving back to the organization called NAMI. They assist folks with mental illnesses by finding resources and conduct research on mental illnesses.

How we conduct fundraisers is, each chapter typically takes a turn in hosting an event such as Tupperware, color street, scentsy and so many more. Each member is encouraged to sell on behalf of the state. We usually bring in a good little amount to assist with the state funds and the philanthropic. It is always a good time.

THANK YOU

We here in Iowa want to thank the Missouri WT for hosting an amazing Mid-Year. Several of us from Iowa were able to attend and had such a great experience. The welcome bags were out of this world, along with the delicious food and tail gating party Friday evening. Well done, Missouri!



Greetings from Minnesota,

It was great to see all of you who attended Mid-Year convention in Lee's Summit the weekend of October 7-8 to reconnect with old friends and get acquainted with new friends.

The suggested topic for this issue is fundraisers. We just had a very successful fundraiser at our Fall State meeting, earning 20% of the profits selling Sheets Galore! giving Ways & Means just over \$600. We will be distributing raffle tickets at our winter state meeting for chances to win an overnight stay at one of our three venues for convention or \$100 in cash. Chapters also have a lot of success with local fundraising—including craft fairs (usually in the fall), fudge sales, Butter Braid sales, pizza sales, painting parties (a stenciled design on a wood palette), decorating neighbors' yards with plastic pink flamingoes, hiding Easter eggs, running bingo events—to name a few. Of course, the Lucky Buck raffles at our state meetings are always popular and raise money (usually over \$1000) for the MNWT Foundation chapter grants and scholarships. One fundraising endeavor by our District 2 (in the northern part of the state) supports Girls Rock the Capitol—a day long event taking 20+ girls to the capital in St. Paul to introduce young ladies to policy advocacy, public leadership and civic engagement.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life," by Amy Poehler

Jenise Teske
MNWT State President
2022-2023



Hello Everyone,

We just finished hosting a great National Midyear Meeting and State Meeting in Lee's Summit. The Trumanland chapter hosted the meetings and the Famington, Kirksville and Macon chapters helped out.

Congratulations to the two Ambassadors award winners from Missouri; Laura Morris and Nancy Asher. Both of these ladies are important to not only Missouri but to the United States Women of Today.

Awards were handed out at the banquet. Congratulations to all 4 of our Missouri chapters for 100% retention for first trimester. Plus Kirksville was a plus 1! Way to go Missouri.

Thank you to the national staff who stayed for our Missouri State Meeting. It was nice to meet each of you. Let's have a great 2nd trimester.

Katie Nelson
Missouri State President



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Hello from the great state of Nebraska!

Our state has held successful fundraisers each year with our state store. We have sold items with our logo and wording Nebraska Women of Today. We also have held Thirty-One Bags project.

We have three chapters that have superb fun raisers. Fremont Area has found two concession stands through out the year. Lincoln has served in the Husker concessions for the past couple of years. Heartland has found a restaurant that will put a jar by the cash register, customers put their receipt in it and the restaurants will give 10% back to their organizations. Heartland has also held Thirty-One Bag project around Christmas time.

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Greetings from chilly Pennsylvania,

The fall season is fully upon us here in Pennsylvania. We are having colder than usual evenings and sunny brisk days. But oh, the fall leaves are so gorgeous as the trees are painted beautiful reds, oranges, and yellows. Mother Nature may be getting ready for a long quiet winter but not our members and chapters. Fall leads into some of our busy times with large Holiday projects that serve many of individual communities. As I continue to help with various projects, it warms my heart to see firsthand, how our 4 chapters are reaching out and making a difference in their communities. “It is a “Gnome” fact, we are the Best!”

To celebrate Women of Today week, on Saturday September 24th, 10 of our members attended a luncheon hosted in an Amish home. It was such a beautiful day as we gathered in fellowship and enjoyed some delicious food. Our hostess Suzy and her husband Joe took us into their home and made you feel just like family.

Each year our Northeastern chapter host a “Girls Getaway” for their members. It is always a fun filled weekend just hanging out and chilling with fellow members. Well, many members from our other chapters have been asking to join us, so instead we are incorporating a statewide “Girls Getaway” with our state meeting on November 4-6, 2022. This will be our first overnight weekend event in several years. We have the entire pre-civil war home built in 1841 to ourselves. We have planned a full weekend including meals, forums, and a special craft. For those who are not staying the week, our business and luncheon will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 5th. We are excited that President Laura and PA Deb will be joining us. As always anyone is more than welcome to join us. I’m so excited to be spending a weekend with all my “gnomies”.From here in

PA, we wish each of you a Happy Holiday and a safe and healthy New Year!



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