



Mixing it up  
with  
Programming

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State Information Packet 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester  
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Hello all! I hope everyone enjoyed their first trimester. It was a busy summer and now we can settle in to Fall and the beautiful fall weather. I love the fall and sitting outside in a comfy sweatshirt and enjoying a good book or a nice visit with the neighbors that we didn't get to visit with because everyone tries to get as much done as they can in the summer. We all talk about how fast the summer went by and that it's nice to have time for our block parties or our neighborhood potlucks now.

Now it's time to jump in to second trimester with both feet and enjoy the service, growth and fellowship with each other.

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Outstanding Achievement in Programming

All members can complete the Outstanding Achievement in Programming Certificate. It is the highest recognition a general WT member can receive in programming. Members earning this certification are well rounded in the area of programming at a local and State / National level. Certification submissions are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. You may submit it at any time prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have heard from our WPD program manager, Shellie Haun that she has received many WPD certifications first trimester. You are one step closer to completing the OAP. If you have chaired or co-chaired a project, participated in a DVA program whether educational, fundraising or a service project, participated in 1 state or national competition and participated in a program offered in your chapter or state (i.e. Ronald McDonald House, March of Dimes, Food Shelf, Relay for Life, etc.) either a fundraising or a service project, or educational area you are all set. Click on the link below, on page 3 to fill out your form.

**Make a “Colorful” Difference Day REMINDER!**

Our National President, Jane, is asking chapters to hold a volunteer activity on October 26<sup>th</sup>. When you hold your event email me at [pvp@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:pvp@uswomenoftoday.org) and let me know what you did for a colorful surprise given by our US president Jane. Don't forget to post pictures on FB for good PR. Tag Public Relations Program Manager Cindy in your pictures with #uswtmakeadifferenceday

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Challenge- send me a note on the following for an incentive at Annual:

1. What is your main role as PVP in your state?
2. Let me know if you have communicated with your chapter PVP's and how you contacted them? By phone, email, personal notes, etc.
3. I want you to recognize 1 or 2 of your chapter PVP's/PM's by sending them in for a Chapter, State or National award. Let me know how many you sent in.



**Community Connection Reports- NEEDED!!!**

A quick reminder to send in your Community Connection reports each trimester. Your name will go into a drawing at Mid-Year and Annual convention.

All reports submitted by the due date each trimester will receive a certificate as well.

Now that Fall is almost here, I thought I would share a delicious “Sloppy Joe” recipe to warm you up.

2 pounds hamburger – browned and drained  
1 cup Ketchup  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 tablespoon Lemon juice  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1 can tomato soup  
1 small onion (optional)  
Water as needed.

Mix all together in a pan on the stove and simmer for 30 minutes or more on medium/ low. Enjoy with your favorite salad, beans and chips.

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## Positive Programming: Communication

1. **Give and receive feedback appropriately.** Always try to stay in the “Positive” when giving constructive feedback. Share your concerns, find points that could be improved upon, and give praise as well.
2. **Know what form of communication to use.** Some individuals prefer to communicate in person, others prefer to talk over the phone and others do best with emails. Once you get to know a member, you can often tell which form of communication they prefer.
3. **Encourage engagement by personalizing your communications.** We always try to encourage conversations to be kind and polite. When you start a conversation on a friendly note, others will usually respond in kind. A smile goes a long way.
4. **Be Brief and Specific.** When nervous or passionate about a topic, most people will say more than necessary. If possible, prepare ahead of time what you want to say, take notes so you can refer to them if necessary. You can always edit as you go. Sometimes our passion overrides our thoughts, and we may lose sight of the core message we are trying to convey.
5. **Respect others.** It is important to listen to what the other person is saying before reacting or responding. If you do, they will usually respect your point of view as well. It is okay to agree to disagree.

### Online Resources

#### Community Connections Report:

<https://www.emailmeform.com//builder/form/d5eidGpBVfad95oDs>

#### Project Library Form:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/NFWRVy8f08dD6KTLIcj17>

#### Outstanding Achievement in Programming:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/2uO770fxqla4fajko>

#### Programming Manual:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1unD7v3a0yOq1K-8XGJsZ5d5uHWLusZZy/view>