

STATE INFORMATION PACKET (SIP) 3rd Trimester 2024-2025 Extensions Director

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Happy New Year Women of Today members,

Here's hoping you all made sweet memories with family and friends over the holidays and are looking forward to new adventures in 2025!

Are you continuing to hold events in your communities where chapter members can share the excitement of being in Women of Today? Are you engaging with your members to keep them involved and interested in volunteering with upcoming projects?

Are you mentoring and encouraging members to stretch themselves and step outside of their comfort zones to take on new roles in your chapter? Are you listening to new ideas presented by old and new members alike to keep your chapter from getting stale?

Jenise

Share
The Excitement
Of Women of Today

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Thank you

Let's Talk!

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30pm—USWT Extensions Committee Meeting

Led by Extensions Director—"Brainstorming Ideas on Doing an Extension"

Zoom link to follow

INVITING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO JOIN:

What kind of group/organization would I be joining?

- ➤ Give a little history of the organization itself
- > Talk about past projects and how much fun they were
- > Be open and friendly so they feel welcome
- ➤ Have current members give one or two benefits they have found in the organization

I am already overcommitted with my time.

- There is not a mandatory amount of time needed to commit to in order to join
- > You can help with as many or as few projects as fit your schedule
- ➤ Chapter meetings are usually held monthly and last 1-2 hours

What is appropriate attire?

- > Casual attire is appropriate
- > Sometimes for special gatherings, with a special theme, members might dress in costume
- > At conventions we like to dress up for our Saturday night banquet

I am shy and do not do well with meeting new people.

- ➤ We have heard that from other members before they joined but go at your own pace—pair up with just one person at first to get to know us
- ➤ We are hoping that once you get to know us that we will become friends
- ➤ One of the things members say they love about this organization is the friends they have made and the personal growth they have experienced—sometimes even taking positions at district and state levels!

The dues seem expensive.

- > Break it down to monthly cost
- > Payment schedule can be arranged to make it less daunting
- > Tell them dues pay for training of members

February is Emphasis Month for Extensions
If you File an Intent to Extend or
Complete an Extension during February,
You will be entered into a Drawing for a Prize
At USWT Annual Convention in June

CHALLENGE FOR EXTENSIONS DIRECTORS AND/OR TEAMS

If you have ideas on how you might start to look at an extension, send an email to extensions@uswomenoftoday.org with the following:

- 1) Name of the community AND
- 2) What kind of event you would promote AND
- 3) A request to join the Extensions Committee meeting to Brainstorm.

 Deadline: May 1.

You will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to buy supplies for an event.

THANK YOU FOR

THE PRIVILEGE OF

SERVING AS YOUR

USWT EXTENSIONS DIRECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025

