



Mixing it up
with
Programming

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Happy New Year!

I am amazed how fast this year is going. You are all doing awesome! I'm thrilled so many are sending in the Community Connection reports. I was blown away in Pennsylvania to receive so many OAPs at the state meeting. Let's see if any other state can top the "Ten", I received from these ladies that day.

You still have time to send in your Project Library reports so I can make my goal of 15 for the year. I have only received a couple so far. In the last Today's Leader, I put out an incentive: to **"EVERYONE"** that sends in a Project Library report you not only get your name in the Basket drawing at Annual, but you will each receive an incentive from me in June.

So, let's jump into third 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 1st, 2025. You may submit it at any time prior to May 1st.

3rd Trimester Challenge- FOOD

DRIVE – deadline April 30th, 2025

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday's over, many of our local food pantries are bare. The need was so great this past year that our local Salvation Army started Bell Ringing early. I can only assume the same can be said for many of your local food pantries as well. Therefore, my challenge for this trimester is to either raise funds for your local food pantries or hold a food drive. You could make it as simple as having your chapter members drop off food items or hold a community wide food drive, or you could deliver food baskets to local families in need. The options are limitless. Send me an Email by May 1st to let me know what you did. We would love to see your pictures on Facebook as well.

Community Connection Reports

Keep sending in your CC reports. I love receiving and reading all the wonderful activities you all do. We are well on our way to reaching the 1-million-dollar goal I have set for this year. How exciting it will be at Annual to report all your in kind and monetary donations that were made this year. I can't wait to hand Pres. Jane all the certificates she will need to sign for all of you.



Now that Winter has arrived, I thought I would share an easy and delicious “**Banana Bread**” recipe.

- 2 ½ cups Flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. soda
- 1 cup softened butter (2 sticks)
- 2 cups sugar
- 6 ripe bananas (mashed)
- 4 eggs (well beaten)

Stir all to blend. Put in 2 greased loaf pans. Bake @ 350 degrees for 40-60 minutes. Feel free to add ½ cup mini chocolate chips, and/or 1 cup regular chocolate chips or maraschino cherries.

WE ARE HERE FOR EACH OTHER

Part of the benefit of belonging to Women of Today is to provide support for you when you need it. The US staff would love to hear from you, and we certainly would love to offer you, our support. If you have questions in the Areas we offer, that is DVA, WPD, Programming, Marketing, Membership, if you have questions on an Extension, or a Parliamentary question, a Treasurer or Secretary question etc. we will try to answer your questions the best we can. There are so many other ways to offer each other support as well; lending a hand, offering a shoulder when needed, writing a letter of encouragement or congratulations, calling a friend, are just a few examples. I'm sure you can think of many more ways. The wintertime can be long and many of us can feel very isolated and alone. Let's do our best to stay in touch with each other and help our Women of Today friends when we can.

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>