



# Today's Leader

First and foremost, I want to say, “Thank You”. Those seem like two small words, but they pack a world of memories and emotions. When I accepted this position of leadership, I had many doubts and fears. Through the support of previous and current leaders as well as the individual chapter members that I have met we have made it to the end of another year. I am looking forward to our June meeting to celebrate all the successes we have achieved this year.

As we enter the final months of our year, this is a meaningful time to both reflect on our journey and prepare for what lies ahead. Rather than slowing down, this season calls us to be intentional in supporting those who will carry our mission forward.

The work accomplished throughout the year has built a strong foundation. Now is the time to recognize those achievements, evaluate where we have grown, and identify opportunities for continued improvement. Reflection is not simply about looking back; it is about using what we have learned to guide our next steps.

Equally important is the responsibility to prepare and support incoming leaders. By inviting future officers and program managers into planning conversations, encouraging participation in decision-making, and sharing knowledge and experiences, we create a smoother and more confident transition. Investing in these members today ensures strength and continuity for tomorrow.

Membership and programming remain central to both our present success and future growth. Each new member brings fresh perspective and potential, while meaningful programming provides opportunities for service, connection, and leadership development. When we intentionally foster involvement and growth, we strengthen not only our chapters, but also the individuals within them.

As we close out the year, my hope is that we grow in understanding. Understanding ourselves leads to personal growth — recognizing our strengths, acknowledging our challenges, and identifying areas for improvement. Understanding one another deepens friendships and builds trust, compassion, and unity within our chapters.

When we understand ourselves and each other, our organization becomes stronger. And with that strength, we are better equipped to serve our communities with confidence, pride, and purpose. As we move forward together, let’s continue to reflect, reconnect, and recommit — ensuring that Women of Today remains strong today and well into the future.

*Yours in Friendship*  
*Mary Hansen*  
*USWT President 2025 -2026*



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# Calendar of Events

## May

*Emphasis areas: Website, Parliamentarian, Community Connections*

- ◆ 1st Third Trimester Renewals & New Member adds due to MVP
- ◆ 1st Third Trimester certificates, challenges & competitions dues
- ◆ 5th Monthly Reports due to USWT President
- ◆ 5th Agenda Items & Staff reports due to supervising officer
- ◆ 10th Third Trimester and Year End Script & awards list due to USWT President
- ◆ 10th Pin Nominations, Outstanding Local Officers due to USWT President
- ◆ 10th All American Chapter & Friendship Award nominations due
- ◆ 10th Mother's Day
- ◆ 12th Registration Book Items due to COB
- ◆ 20th Updated State Staff Listings due to USWT President
- ◆ 22nd Vouchers due to Treasurer & President
- ◆ 25th Memorial Day

## June

*Emphasis areas: Wellness & Personal Development, Public Relations, STEP*

- 1st New Member adds due to MVP
- ◆ 11th-13th ANNUAL CONVENTION in Burnsville, MN
- ◆ 12th 2025-2026 State President Roundtable 4:45-5:45 PM in President Mary's Suite
- ◆ 14th Flag Day
- ◆ 19th Juneteenth
- ◆ 21st Father's Day
- ◆ 20th Today's Leader Articles Due



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As we approach the close of another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together as a community.

This year has been defined by dedication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to our mission. Each of you, whether you joined recently or have been part of this organization for years, has contributed in meaningful ways. From volunteering your time and energy to supporting one another and welcoming new members, your efforts have strengthened the very foundation of who we are.

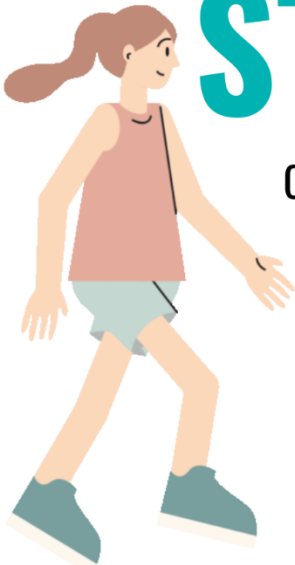
Membership growth is more than just numbers; it represents connection, trust, and shared purpose. Because of your outreach and enthusiasm, we've not only expanded our organization but also enriched it with new ideas, perspectives, and friendships. That kind of growth doesn't happen by accident—it's the direct result of your hard work and genuine passion.

I am deeply grateful for the time and care you've invested. It's inspiring to see how much can be achieved when people come together with a common goal and a willingness to serve.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I'm excited about the opportunities before us. Together, we will continue to build on this momentum, welcoming new members, strengthening our connections, and finding even more ways to make a positive impact.

Thank you for everything you've done this year. Just remember to continue to tell people, "you're invited"!

Shellie Haun, USWT Membership Vice President



# STEP I, II, III

Check the US Women of Today Website at  
<https://uswomenoftoday.org>  
and click on Member Resources  
for STEP I, II and III requirements.

Then use the corresponding form  
to submit your certification.

To submit your 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester dues, please complete the online  
Membership Dues Submission Form

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/255Qs6cILHOj>

## APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 is the official end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

*Be certain to complete and submit all paperwork by May 1st!*

### Let's 'GROW' Together!

I am challenging all chapters & states  
to help us grow by

**40 new members  
Between March & April**

Chapters who recruit a member will receive tickets  
to be first in line at the buffet at Annual Convention.



If your chapter celebrated Friendship Day in  
August, and held 3 additional socials  
throughout the year, you qualify for the

### Fellowship Builder Award!

Complete the online form at

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/0dPvJ72SQDkffCYst>

All New Members must be  
submitted through the online  
submission form  
to qualify for the

**Let's Grow Together  
Challenge**

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/hemn8uHcINPOc368sA9>

### Fellowship Builder Award



**Celebrating Friendship and Fun  
All Year Long!**





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May – June 2026 Article

Hello USWT Members!!

I want to start by expressing my gratitude for making this year truly unforgettable. Serving as the USWT Programming Vice President has been an incredible honor, and I've gained so much knowledge thanks to all of you. You submitted reports, took on my challenges, and exceeded expectations in your communities. The contributions you make within your communities are truly remarkable. You make a difference.

Please keep sending those final Community Connection Reports, Project Library Reports, and Outstanding Achievement in Programming forms. The relevant links are provided below.

My challenge for all of you Programming Vice Presidents is to help train in those amazing members who are stepping up to take on this role next year. You will be a great resource for them. Share what worked for you this year and if you have any tips to offer. Remind them to check out the USWT website and to look around and familiarize themselves with all the information they can find. There is a wealth of information they can read.

**Here is the link to the OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PROGRAMMING on-line form:**

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

**The link for the Community Connection report can be found at:**

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

**The link for the Project Library report can be found at:**

**<https://www.emailmeofrm.com/builder/form/NFWRVy8fO8dD6KTLlcj17>**

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Hello Members and Friends,

Where has this year gone?? We are fully into the 3rd trimester and very quickly approaching the end of the year for Women of Today. I can hardly believe that the time is almost here to start a new year.

## **Sister State Showdown**

“Connecting Across the Map!” is still going on so make sure you are sending me or PR- Allie Staley your activities so we can get your points tallied up before National Convention. We haven’t had many submissions overall so there is plenty of time to still win this challenge but you have to submit the data. The deadline for Sister State Showdown submissions by 5/31/2026 in order to count towards totals.

There is still time to get in on my 3rd Trimester Challenge: Any chapter or state that sends me minutes or newsletters to review will be entered into a drawing for a “Preserve Basket” at year end in June 2026

A friendly reminder that all submissions must be sent by 5/31/2026 to be considered for entry. Also, for every set of minutes or newsletter sent an entry will be given.

*Preserving our Minutes,*

*Aimee*





**Dawn Nissen**

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Hello Treasurers!!

Thank you for all your support this year. It has been a great year and will share totals at convention.

**FILL MY PIG** \$700 Raised so far



I am encouraging donations of at least \$25 from Chapters, States, Districts and membership. For each donation, you will be put into a drawing for a crisp \$50 at year-end. I have been approved by Finance to use my personal Venmo account. Send donations to **@Dawn-Nissen (2770 last 4 of phone number)**

**Year End Fundraiser – Fudge and Caramels – Last day to order is May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- All orders will be placed and paid for online. You can have them delivered to your home for an additional fee or I can deliver them to you at Annual Convention.
- Cost: \$10 a box (1/2 pound). The USWT will get \$5 per box sold.
- We will have a few extras at convention for sale but to assure you get the flavor of choice, please pre-order.
- Here is the link to order: <https://walnutgrovemerc.com/fundraising/product/general-fundraising-united-states-women-of-today/>

**WALNUT GROVE  
MERCANTILE**

*Fundraising*

Treat yourself to the old-fashioned goodness of our mouthwatering fresh fudge, made with real cream and butter!

Our fudge makes a great gift, so don't forget to get some for friends, relatives, and all of those special people you appreciate.

If you want to save your fudge for later, it will come out of the freezer just as fresh as when you put it in. Make sure to stock up!

Most importantly, **your organization receives 50% of the money** you spend today, so give them your support!

*Delicious Fudge and Caramels*

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|  <p><b>CHOCOLATE</b><br/>Our classic rich chocolate fudge.</p>                                   |  <p><b>CHOCOLATE WALNUT</b><br/>Rich chocolate with premium English walnuts.</p>              |  <p><b>CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER</b><br/>Creamy peanut butter fudge topped with rich chocolate.</p> |
|  <p><b>CHOCOLATE MINT SWIRL</b><br/>Chocolate fudge hand-swirled with refreshing mint.</p>       |  <p><b>CHOCOLATE AMARETTO SWIRL</b><br/>Rich chocolate fudge swirled with sweet amaretto.</p> |  <p><b>CHEWY PRALINE</b><br/>Rich vanilla with a center of chewy caramel and crunchy pecans.</p>  |
|  <p><b>SEA SALT CARAMEL</b><br/>Rich, sea salt topped chocolate fudge with a caramel center.</p> |  <p><b>RASPBERRY SWIRL</b><br/>Sweet raspberry fudge swirled with velvety vanilla.</p>        |  <p><b>HOMEMADE CARAMELS</b><br/>Our rich, extra-creamy caramels are simply irresistible.</p>     |
|  <p><b>BIRTHDAY CAKE</b><br/>Classic cake batter flavor with natural colored sprinkles.</p>      |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## **Year End Review**

As you approach the end of the Women of Today year, it is important to review your chapter's financial records. A review committee should include at least 2-3 members in good standing in the chapter. This should not include the out-going treasurer but the treasurer should be available to answer questions.

The amount of detail will depend on the size of the chapter and the amount of receipts and disbursements. A small chapter's records need not be detailed as long as you can track receipts and expenses and it is clear what project they belong to. A checkbook may be adequate for keeping your records. In a larger chapter or a chapter with a great deal of activity, a cash receipt and disbursement tracking system should be maintained by the treasurer. This can be on computer spreadsheet, bookkeeping software, or by hand. An audit report should be provided in the newsletter and/or given at a general meeting.

### **Steps to follow:**

Generally look at the records kept by the treasurer.

Are they easy to understand and follow?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is there a system to track receipts/expenses by project?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### **Deposits:**

Is there a record of deposits made?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is there a breakdown of where the money came from?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Select one deposit and follow it to the bank statement.

### **Expenses:**

Is there a record of checks paid?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is there detail of who the checks were paid to, when and for what project?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are paid invoices filed by date paid or vendor?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the check number written on the invoice?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is there someone other than the treasurer approving invoices for payment?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Select one to two checks and trace them to the bank statement.

Check to make sure that checks have the proper signatures.

### **Reconciliation:**

Are ALL statements reconciled each month?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the year end bank statement reconciled correctly?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

A year end report should be completed by the outgoing treasurer. This report should be traceable and agree to the cash receipts and disbursement records. If the records are all kept in the checkbook, a worksheet may have to be prepared or the checkbook itself added up.

### **Other considerations:**

Are there reconciliations and records for any savings account?

Has the chapter liability insurance been paid if applicable?

Has money been reserved and properly documented for special uses as directed by the chapter?

Has the sales tax return been filed if required?

Is there a sales tax worksheet prepared to pass on to the incoming treasurer for projects performed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30 if applicable?

Has your chapter filed its 990N postcard with the IRS?

Are there any additional items that are required by your state/chapter that need to be done?





## Adding the Color

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United States Women of Today Members:

It has been my pleasure to serve you last year as your National President and this year as your Chairman of the Board. I encourage anyone to consider being a part of the National Staff. You meet great people and it is very fulfilling!

### Open Positions:



We have 2 positions still open and I am looking for members to bid for Wellness and Personal Development and Extensions. Please reach out to me if you would like more information! I would love to talk to you about these positions.

### Upcoming Conventions:

**Year End 2026** will be held in Burnsville Minnesota and hosted by the Madelia Women of Today on June 11-13, 2026 with a theme of Enjoy a Slice of Minnesota Nice! See the updates on the next pages.

**Mid-Year 2026** will be held in Kansas City Missouri and hosted by the Trumanland Women of Today on October 2-3, 2026 with a theme of Bubbling with Excitement! The hotel is the Wyndham Garden at KC International Airport! I am pretty certain we will be eating some goood KC BBQ!

Message from Trumanland Women of Today: We are "Bubbling with Excitement" to be hosting the US Women of Today Midyear 2026 Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The registration form is available on the US Women of Today website under News & Events. You will note there is a question about whether you are interested in attending a Thursday (10/1/2026) group activity. We are looking into options for us to do that day as a group, and would like your feedback. Here are some possible fun things we could do during the day:

- Union Station, Crown Center (owned by Hallmark Cards), and/or Liberty Memorial (WWI Museum)
- Arabia Steamboat Museum (artifacts from a sunken 1856 steamboat) and City Market
- Country Club Plaza (historic outdoor shopping-dining center, fountains, Spanish architecture)
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
- Negro Leagues of Baseball and the American Jazz Museums (in same building)

Please feel free to look up information about each of these on the <https://www.visitkc.com/things-to-do/> website. Please send me an email with your top choices. Also, would you be willing to pay a fee to get a tour bus or trolley to take us to and from the final destination as a group? The hotel would be 20-30 minute drive from

any of these. Would you prefer to pitch in for group transportation or would you rather get yourself to the destination? If we go with driving ourselves, Trumanland WT would be happy to help transport those members who are flying in and would not have a vehicle. Most of these destinations would have parking costs associated, but most parking is very reasonable.

Please email me at [uswt2223preslauram@gmail.com](mailto:uswt2223preslauram@gmail.com) with your feedback. We want to make this a memorable weekend for all of you, and we look forward to welcoming each of you!

Laura Morris, President  
Trumanland Missouri Women of Today

## US Women of Today Year End Convention



Registrations are coming in and we are getting so excited to host all of you in Minnesota. See the registration form in this Today's Leader.

**HOTEL UPDATE:** I have added more rooms to the block but that might be all that is available. I am being told that they have rooms for Friday night but not Saturday night after our block is gone. The on-line reservation link for the hotel does not work most of the time. Please call the hotel to make your

reservation. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

**ADS IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET:** We are selling ads to help defray the cost of printing etc. Please refer to our ad sizes and prices in this issue of Today's Leader. A Full-Page ad will cost \$20, Half Page is \$15, and a Quarter Page ad will cost \$10.

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## USWT Annual Convention Schedule (Tentative)

June 11-13, 2026

Burnsville, MN

### Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30-10:00pm Staff Meeting w/supper

### Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Registration is available 8:00-10:00am & 4:30-6:30pm**

**National Store is available 9:00-11:00am & 3:00-4:00pm**

**Committee meetings are open to everyone, except for Elections Committee**

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| 8:00-8:30 am   | Elections Committee (Closed Meeting with Candidates)                  |
| 8:30-9:15am    | US Founders Charity Meeting                                           |
| 9:15-9:45am    | Finance Committee                                                     |
| 10:00-10:45am  | Future Directions                                                     |
| 10:45-11:00am  | Bylaws Committee                                                      |
| 11:00am-1:00pm | Lunch on your own                                                     |
| 1:00-3:00pm    | Board of Directors/US Founders Charities Meeting                      |
| 3:15-4:15pm    | Forum with PR Director Allie Staley – come learn above “Canva”        |
| 4:15-4:30pm    | First Timer’s Welcome/Orientation                                     |
| 4:30-6:00pm    | Dinner Break – on your own                                            |
| 4:45-5:45pm    | 2025-2026 State President Round Table                                 |
| 6:00-7:00pm    | Candidate Caucus                                                      |
| 7:00-7:45pm    | 2026-2027 Incoming State President Training                           |
| 7:15-7:45pm    | M-Event – <i>to be determined</i>                                     |
| 8:00-10:00pm   | Opening Ceremony/Incentive Session (2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Awards) |
| 10:00-12:00am  | Friday Night Social w/Bingo                                           |



### Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Registration is available 8:00-9:00am**

**National Store is available 8:00-8:50am and 3-4pm**

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:45-8:15am  | Breakfast with President Mary-by invitation                          |
| 8:15-8:45am  | Fellowship Forum                                                     |
| 8:30-9:00am  | Credentials                                                          |
| 9:00-11:30am | Annual Business Meeting/Elections Meeting                            |
| 12:00-2:30pm | Luncheon (3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Awards)/Charter Ceremony/Speaker |
| 2:30-3:00pm  | Speaking Competition                                                 |
| 3:00-4:15pm  | Incoming 2026-2027 National Staff Meeting                            |
| 4:15-5:00pm  | Incoming 2026-2027 Board of Directors Meeting                        |
| 5:00-5:30pm  | Ambassadors Reception                                                |
| 5:30-6:15pm  | Ambassadors Meeting                                                  |
| 6:00-6:30pm  | Social Hour                                                          |
| 6:30-10:00pm | Awards Banquet (Year End Awards)                                     |
| 10:15pm      | Reception in Presidential Suite                                      |

Schedule is subject to change



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## United States Women of Today Daniel Kaiser 2025-2026 Parliamentarian

### Hello Dear Members-

Where has the year gone. I can't believe that I am writing my last Today's Leader article for the 2025-2026 year. Thank you to all the parli's out there that have sent me information and questions over the past year.

There has been a revision to the proposed by-law change from the last today's leader. I have outlined the new proposed change below. This was sent out to the Board of Directors pursuant to the 45-day written notice requirement in our By-Laws. If you have any questions about this proposed change, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Chairman of the Board, Jane Hanson.

**Pursuant to Article XVII Section 1 the following was sent to the Board of Directors via email on April 15<sup>th</sup> and thereby served as the 45-day written notice to the Board of Directors regarding a Motion for Proposed By-Law Change:**

Future Directions has voted to remove the previously proposed By-Law change as published in the March/April Today's Leader and replace it with the following proposed amendment to the Mission, Vision, and Benefits Statements in Section 7 (A – C).

Future Directions moves that Section 7 (A – C) of the bylaws, Mission, Vision, and Benefits Statements, be amended as follows:

In Section 7(A), insert "and" after "training"; insert a comma after "growth"; insert "to" before "work"; and strike the "s" from "partnerships";

In Section 7(B), insert a period after the ellipsis;

In Section 7©(1), insert the letter "i" in "vison" to read "vision";

In Section 7©(2), strike "women" and insert "individuals";

In Section 7©(4), strike "Women" and insert "Members";

In Section 7©(5), strike "Creating" and insert "Create".

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### The bylaw would then read:

#### A. Mission Statement

"Our mission is to provide opportunities in the areas of community service, leadership training, and personal growth, and to work in partnership with multiple charities."

#### B. Vision Statement

"We are passionate people of action... . Empowering individuals to make a difference in their lives and communities."



### C. Benefits Statement

Benefits from participating in Women of Today:

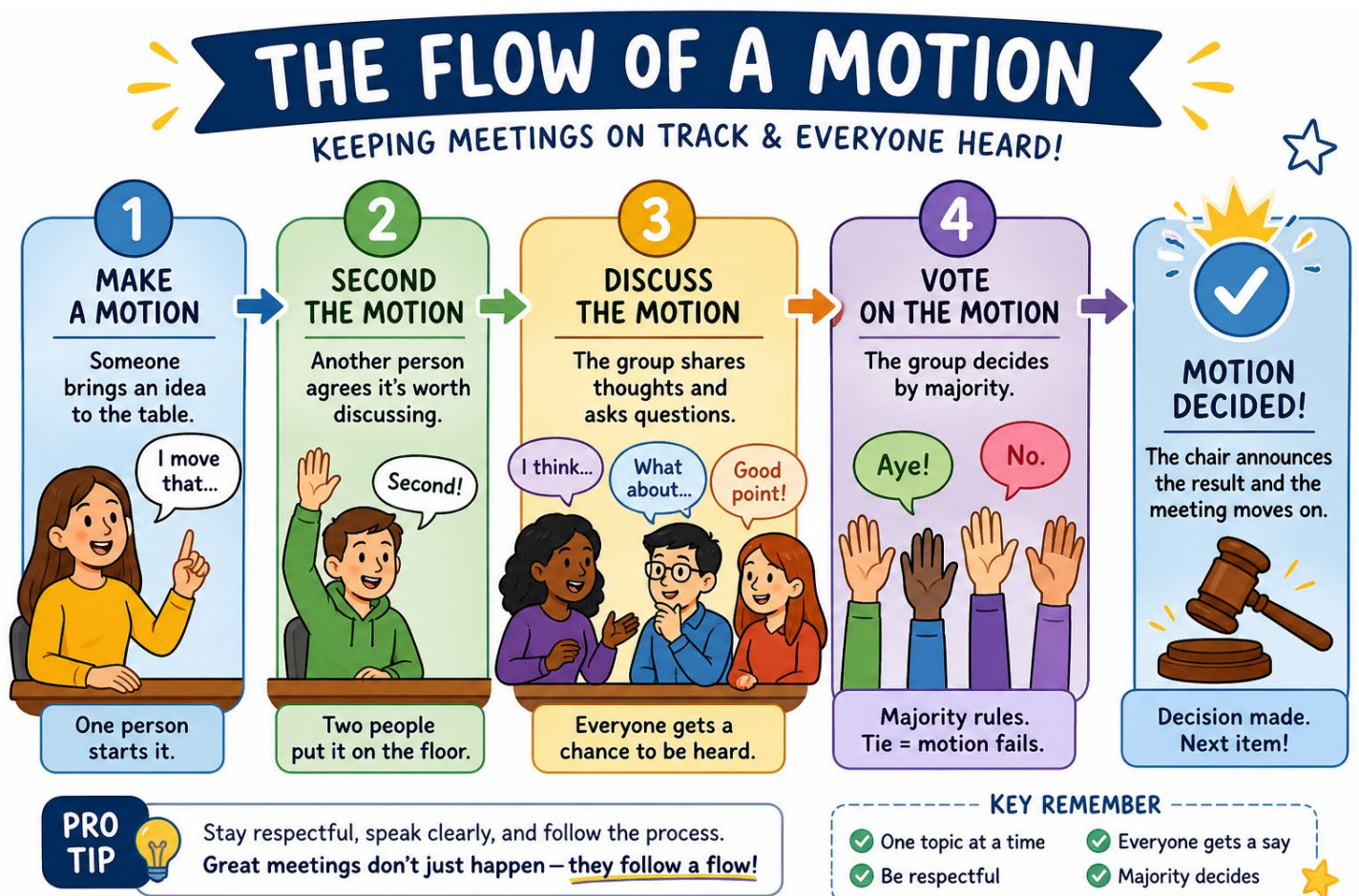
1. United in our vision to make a difference through service and community involvement
2. Enrich and empower individuals in our communities
3. Foster a welcoming and inclusive social experience
4. Members gain confidence to lead
5. Create supportive connections as we develop lifelong friendships

### Discussion:

These changes correct grammar and spelling and align language with existing bylaws to ensure inclusivity.

### Voting:

This motion will be voted on during the Business Meeting at the Year End Convention in Burnsville, MN. An amendment of the bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting of the general membership pursuant to Article XVII Section 1.



## **Awareness Bringing Change - the ABC's of DVA**



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**Domestic Violence Awareness Program Manager**

It has been an honor & pleasure to serve as your USWT Domestic Violence Awareness program manager. I loved serving on the national staff. We are blessed to have committed, hardworking leaders who are passionate about the mission of our organization. Thank you for all you did as states, chapters, and individuals to support DVA. Thanks for your support of the DVA store. All proceeds will be donated to the Lewis House at our year-end convention. One final plug for the...



**National Resource Center**  
**on Domestic Violence**

***NRCDV's mission is to strengthen and transform efforts to end domestic violence.***

At the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, we refer to the message “**Awareness + Action = Social Change**” as a call for all of us to play an active role in ending domestic violence. This message reflects an intentional integration of awareness and prevention, which NRCDV promotes across its projects and initiatives. I encourage our chapters to take advantage of the resources at <https://nrcdv.org/>



Continue to show your support of DVA by purchasing & wearing a DVA shirt. ***Awareness Brings Change!***

Our year-end Buckets of Sunshine will provide support to the Lewis House. 360 Communities Lewis House provides emergency housing and assistance to individuals and families escaping domestic or sexual violence. Trained advocates offer emotional support, safety planning, referrals to community resources, and help navigating the court system.

<https://360communities.org/violence-prevention/lewis-house/>

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<https://www.domesticshelters.org/mn/eagan/55122/360-communities-lewis-house/wish-list>

Below is a wish list of critical items needed by 360 Communities- Lewis House to continue helping domestic violence victims.

- Gift Cards for Gas, Target, Walmart, Walgreens & CVS
- Cell phone chargers
- Air mattresses with pumps
- Silverware, Cooking Utensils, Dishes, Pots, Pans & Bake Ware
- Diapers - Sizes 5 & 6 are most needed
- Baby Wipes, Formula, Wash, Vaseline & Diaper Rash Ointment
- Sensory Toys
- Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Bedding - Comforter, Blankets, Sheets (Twin & Mini/Portable Crib)
- Pajamas & Bath Robes - all sizes
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Ethnic Hair Care Products, Combs & Brushes
- Body Wash & Body Lotion
- Day/Month at a Glance Calendars
- Ladies Deodorant & Razors
- Advil, Tylenol, Cold Medicine for Children & Adults

**An important reminder...** When you support the Lewis House at year-end, submit a DVA transmittal to me in addition to submitting the Buckets of Sunshine form. That way I can recognize your chapter and/or state for supporting a DVA organization.





May-June Today's Leader

## Wellness and Personal Development

*Peace of Mind*  
Sammi Mongold-Cabral  
WPD PM 25-26

### Updates:



**Shout out to all the members/chapters/states who are promoting Wellness and Personal Development and getting those certifications in!**



### Speaking Competition:

There will be a speaking competition at Year-End!

For those submitting, please **mail me \$5** or please **bring your \$5** and your **500-700 word essay** (equals a 3–5-minute speech), to read aloud to the judges about the following topic:

Discuss a time where you made one change in your life to better yourself, why it was important to you, and how it impacted your life moving forward?

### Call to action!

If you would like to participate as a judge, and will be attending Year-End, please reach out to me: [wpd@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:wpd@uswomenoftoday.org) – you will be recognized in appreciation!

### Third-Trimester Challenge

As WPD, or corresponding position, our duty is to provide invocations and benedictions for meetings!

Send me a list of some invocations/benedictions that you have enjoyed during the past two trimesters, so that I can create a list and send those out to all!



Cathy Snyder  
USWT Extension Director  
[extensions@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:extensions@uswomenoftoday.org)

Well what a ride it has been this past year. I had many intents to extend, and 2 more chapters were formed. There are several being worked on out there as well. I want to wish them all the best in getting members and becoming a chapter. I'm looking forward to year-end and celebrating with two new chapters as they will charter at Annual Convention in Burnsville, Minnesota.

I want to say thank you to many of you out there for your support this past year! Thank you to those of you who jumped on to play Bingo and raise money for the new extended chapters.

I want to say a big thank you to Membership VP Shellie for helping me out along the way. And to President Mary for believing in me this year.

I have enjoyed my many rides this year and hope to continue to support others with Extensions

Thank you all again, and I will see you in June as we charter two new chapters.

Cathy Snyder  
Extensions Director  
2025-2026

**CELEBRATE!**



## Exploring New Horizons – A PR Thank You & Farewell

As this journey comes to a close, I can't help but look back at all the incredible horizons we've explored together through Public Relations with the United States Women of Today.

From the first post to the final share...

From capturing moments of service to celebrating friendships...

Every story helped us discover just how far our impact can reach.

Being part of PR has been like setting out on an adventure—

Telling stories that inspire

Highlighting chapters that shine

Connecting communities across miles

And the best part?

You were the compass that guided it all.

Thank you to every chapter and member who:

Shared your moments

Told your stories

Showed the heart of USWT in action



Because of you, we didn't just share posts...

—we explored new possibilities, new connections, and new ways to grow.

To the next PR adventurer...

There are so many horizons still waiting

Stories yet to be told

And a community ready to support you every step of the way

And to USWT—thank you for letting me help chart this course and share your incredible journey. It's been an honor beyond words.

So here's to what's ahead...

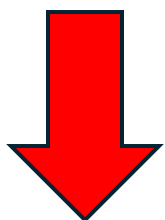
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Keep sharing

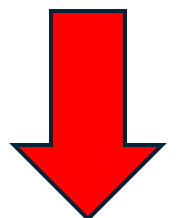
Keep shining

*Allie Staley*  
*USWT Public Relations Director*

The horizon is only the beginning.



**LOOK BELOW**  
**WE ARE VOTING ON**



**GUIDELINES BELOW AT ANNUAL**



## United States Women of Today Social Media Guidelines

### Social Media Definition:

- Forms of electronic communication (such as websites for social networking and microblogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (such as videos).

### Pages

- **United States Women of Today**
  - Purpose: Public Business Page, Public Relations Director, President, and Chairman of the Board are informing the general public about the organization and how others can join.
- **USWT Admin**
  - Purpose: Public Group; President, Chairman of the Board, Parliamentary, Treasurer, and Secretary are informing and educating members on various topics.
- **USWT Membership**
  - Purpose: Public Group; President, Chairman of the Board, Membership Vice President, Extensions Director, and Public Relations Director are informing and educating members on various topics.
- **USWT Programming**
  - Purpose: Public Group; President, Chairman of the Board, Programming Vice President, Domestic Violence Awareness Program Manager, Wellness and Personal Development Program Manager, and Public Relations Director are informing and educating members on various topics.

### Marketing Committee

- All Social media falls under the Marketing Committee
- Administrators report to the Marketing Committee Chair

### Administrator(s):

The following United State Staff will be considered the administrators of all Social Media platforms of United States Women of Today. The definition of Administrator is responsible for creating and scheduling content, responding to interactions, monitoring engagement, and keeping the brand consistent. They also handle basic tasks like tracking analytics, planning content, and supporting advertising efforts.

- President
- Public Relations Director
- Chairman of the Board
- Webmaster

***\*All Administrators must have their own social media to be an administrator.***

### Moderator(s):

The following United State Staff will be considered the moderators of the appropriate social media pages in accordance with their position with the United States Women of Today.

#### USWT Administration

- Secretary
- Parliamentary
- Treasurer

#### USWT Membership

- Membership Vice President
- Extensions

#### USWT Programming

- Programming Vice President
- Wellness & Personal Development Program Manager (WPD)
- Domestic Violence Awareness Program Manager (DVA)

***\*All Moderators must have their own social media to be a moderator.***

## **Switching of Administrators and Moderators**

1. Administrators will remain administrators until all new Administrators have been trained and have fully accepted the administrator invite. This should start happening within 5 business days after the annual convention.
2. Moderators will lose access to social media pages 5 business days after the annual convention for the new moderators to be added in a timely manner.
3. Webmaster will remain an Administrator if they are approved through their contract. Webmaster will be updated within 5 business days of the start of their contract start date.

## **Guidelines for Posting on Pages**

1. Posts on any USWT social media must be posted by USWT Staff member, unless it has been approved by the President of the USWT.
2. All posts are to be positive, respectful, and to promote the mission and values of the USWT.
3. Individual chapters/districts/states are not allowed to post on USWT social media.
4. Any photos/videos taken at United States Women of Today activities or sent to the USWT Marketing chair are assumed to be okay to post on any of our social media unless there has been an opt-out form on file with the National President.
5. All photos/videos should positively reflect the organization and the Marketing Committee Chair will remove any photos/videos that do not conform to this policy.
6. All posts to be monitored by the administrators and edited or removed as appropriate.



Greetings from the Webmaster!

Website Address: [www.uswomenoftoday.org](http://www.uswomenoftoday.org)

**Looking for a form?** Check out the [List of Forms](#). This is a comprehensive list of all forms and their locations and whether or not the form is available as an electronic form or only PDF.

**Why is the Membership Directory password protected?** The directory contains personal contact information of members and we want to keep that information secure. If you need the password to the Membership Directory, please email me and I will provide that for you. It has not changed, so if you know it you are good

to go for access to that information.

Watch for more updates to our website as we continue to make changes to make this your one stop go to for all USWT information.

If you see information that is missing or incorrect, please email me at [webmaster@uswomenoftoday.org](mailto:webmaster@uswomenoftoday.org)

**Your Membership. ♥**  
**Your Website.**  
**All Yours!**

Your go-to hub for everything US Women of Today! ♥

**STAY CONNECTED**  
Get the latest news, updates and important announcements.

**ACCESS RESOURCES**  
Find tools, training, forms and helpful guides anytime you need them.

**FIND EVENTS**  
Discover upcoming events, deadlines and opportunities to get involved.

**SHARE & INSPIRE**  
Read stories, celebrate successes and be inspired by our community.

Everything you need. Right at your fingertips! ☆

Stronger Together. Better Connected.  
Thank you for being an amazing part of our community! ☆

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# UNITED STATES WOMEN OF TODAY

## STEP III

### SUCCESS THROUGH ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION

STEP III is designed for the member who has been a member for 1 or more years and for any past member in good standing that leaves the organization for any length of time and then rejoins the organization at a later date. This program is for the continual activation of those members in all areas of the organization. To certify in STEP III, the member must complete all of the mandatory requirements and eight of the optional requirements. This can be completed once per year. This certification form should be sent to your state contact by April 30th.

#### MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Know and recite the USWT Creed

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair or Co-Chair a Membership Night or Sign a

new member (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certify in Wellness and Personal Development or participate in a Domestic

Violence Awareness project (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attend another chapter, district, regional, state or national business meeting

(circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serve as a local officer or committee chair (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in a Ways and Means project (project) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS - complete eight of the following and please record the date of completion in addition to the mandatory requirements:**

Certify in Wellness and Personal Development or participate in a Domestic Violence Awareness

project (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attend another chapter, district, regional, state or national business meeting or state committee

meeting (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in a state or national Ways and Means project

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Give a report at a meeting (type) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serve as a mentor to a new member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attend a USWT Mid-Year or Annual Convention (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Create, maintain or contribute to any Women of Today social media or website.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Speak at a function on behalf of Women of Today

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reactivate a member or participate in an extension (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in Women of Today Week or Volunteer Recognition week (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in a state &/or national competition (circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serve as a state or national officer (position) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a project for the programming library

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in a local or state external organization activity

(name organization and project) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in the National President's Challenge

(organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# US Women of Today Mid-Year Meeting

## October 2-3, 2026

### Kansas City, Missouri



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you traveling? ☐ Driving ☐ Flying

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Airline & # : \_\_\_\_\_ **Interested in Thursday 10/1 Group Activity?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FLYING:** Fly into Kansas City International (MCI). The hotel provides free 24/7 airport shuttle to and from the airport. You will need to arrange with the hotel for your pick up and drop off, at least 2 days prior to travel.

| Check the event for which you wish to register | Advance Registration              | Late Registration                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>FULL REGISTRATION</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$140.00 |
| Friday Meetings/Forums                         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00  |
| Friday Night Party                             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00  |
| SATURDAY ONLY                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 |
| Saturday Meetings/Forums                       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00  |
| Saturday Luncheon                              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00  |
| Saturday Banquet                               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00  |

**Advance Registration must be postmarked by 9/7/2026**

Make Checks payable to:  
**Trumanland Women of Today**

Mail this form and check to:  
Laura Morris 2460 NE Dale Hunter Pl,  
Lees Summit, MO 64086

Email questions to:  
[uswt2223presLauraM@gmail.com](mailto:uswt2223presLauraM@gmail.com)

*Any cancelled registration refunds must be requested before 9/2/26, a \$10 cancellation fee will apply.*

### **HOTEL AND MEETING INFORMATION:** Rooms are held until 9/1/2026

**Wyndham Garden at Kansas City International Airport**

7600 NW 97<sup>th</sup> Terr, Kansas City, MO 64153

[Link to Hotel Reservation Block Rooms](#) or

**816-601-0417 tell them "US Women of Today Mid-Year"**

\$130 per night plus tax

Hotel will have a bar that is open in the evenings.

TLWT will provide beverages, snacks and treats at the meeting room instead of a hospitality room.

Block of Rooms include Junior Suites

with 2 Double Beds or 1 King Bed,

Rooms are spacious and include:

a sofa bed pull-out, mini-

fridge and coffee maker

Free: breakfast, parking and internet

**Please note any special dietary requirements or allergies here:**



*New Adventures, New Beginnings*  
Sammi Mongold-Cabral  
Arizona State President 25-26!

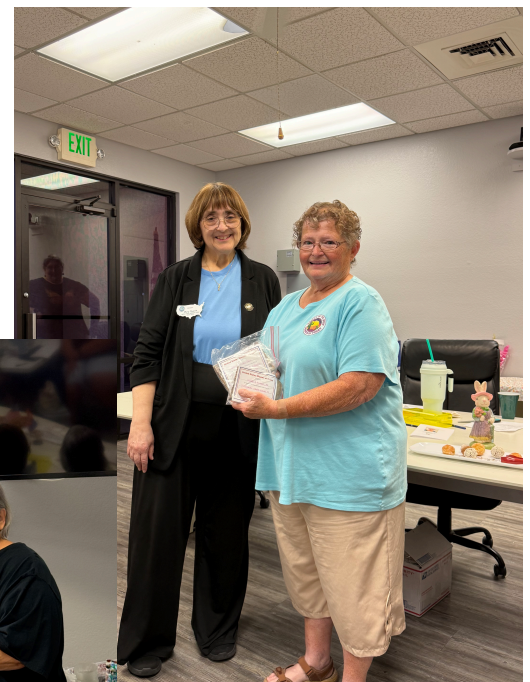
## **Sending Warm Wishes from Arizona 🌵**

My goodness it's getting warm again, here!

I am happy to share the Chandler East Valley Women of Today chapter is UP AND RUNNING and doing amazing.

Our State Meeting in March was well attended, and we have a full board with members from all three chapters! WOOHOO! We will be getting together in May to install the officers.

A BIG shout out and thank you to President Mary Hansen, Secretary Aimee Kaiser, Parliamentarian/Webmaster Daniel Kaiser for visiting and attending the meeting!





Hello from Illinois! The place where you wake up in the morning and it's freezing but by noon you will have a severe thunderstorm and then by supper time it's sunny and 75 degrees!!! We are deep in spring mode here lately but we are definitely enjoying the slightly longer days and sunshine we are seeing more often.

Our chapters in Illinois have been busy these last few months serving our communities in various ways. They have collected donations for food pantries, domestic violence shelters, pet rescues, and many other wonderful things all while planning for our new year in Women of Today. We were also blessed with a visit from USWT President Mary Hansen and some of her staff including Cindy Umland, PA and past USWT President, Vicky Donbaugh, DVA Program Manager, and Shellie Haun, Membership VP. We enjoyed a great time at our state meeting with all of them.

We successfully held our biannual elections and a new board was elected. We are excited to have Barb Wigell serving us again as President.

In closing, several of IWT members look forward to seeing all of our Women of Today friends, June 11-13, 2026 in Burnsville, MN for year end! Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and spreading kindness like confetti everywhere you go!

In Kindness,

Aimee Kaiser  
Illinois Women of Today President 2023-2026

*Kindness  
Lights the Way*



Aimee Kaiser  
IWT President  
2023-2026





Spring Greetings from Massachusetts!

Massachusetts Women of Today chapters are always hard at work in our communities—showing up, stepping up, and making a difference. 💜

From supporting Teen Violence Awareness efforts to raising Domestic Violence Awareness, our members are taking action where it matters most. One meaningful way we're giving back is by assembling toiletry kits for survivors through Project PACK—small items that bring dignity, comfort, and care during incredibly difficult times. Massachusetts is also working on updating our By-Laws.

- **Bellingham** – Hosting a “You and Me” Tea; Snacks for Seniors; Families in Need and By-Laws
- **Chelmsford** - Creating Fleece Blankets for A Bed for Every Child; Volunteering at Catie’s Closet; Easter Baskets for children; Scholarships and By-Laws
- **Easton** – Women’s Wellness Event; Keeping Easton Beautiful; Scholarships; Step Into Wonderland: Me & Someone Special Tea Party; Project PACK and By-Laws
- **Greater Attleboro** – Hosting Year-End Meeting; Food drive; Personal Hygiene drive; Lucky Ticket Raffle; Keep Attleboro Beautiful
- **Greater Bridgewater** – Comedy Fundraiser; Daughter Sweetheart Dance; Son & Someone Special Dance; Easter Egg Hunt and upcoming Back to the 80’s Mrs. Roper Romp
- **Mansfield** – Valentine’s for Seniors; Veterans Support; Keep Mansfield Beautiful; Eileen & Marty Murray Scholarships

As we reflect on this past year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every chapter for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment. Your efforts have made a real impact, and it does not go unnoticed.

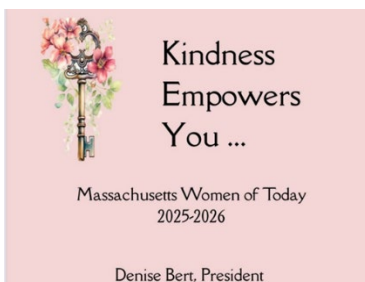
We look forward to coming together at our Year End Meeting to celebrate the successes of every chapter, honor the impact we’ve made, and recognize the incredible women behind it all. We are also excited that seven of our members will be representing us at the National Convention in June—an amazing opportunity to connect, learn, and bring back even more inspiration to our chapters.

Together, we continue to serve, support, and strengthen our communities—one act of kindness at a time. 💜

Yours in Friendship,

Denise Bert, President  
Massachusetts Women of Today, Inc.

*Kindness Empowers You*



## Adventures Await in Pennsylvania



Greetings from your Pennsylvania Possie!



This year has surely been a year of adventures for our chapters and members. We held 3 successful meetings where we celebrated so many outstanding achievements. Together at these meetings, we collected food, clothing and monetary donations of over \$1500 for 3 local non-profit organizations. Our latest recipient, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center of York, received \$350 worth of food to help those fighting cancer.



Our chapters have also been busy with egg hunts, craft days, bingos, bus trips, year-end banquets, scholarships and local elections. I'm so proud of all the good they do for their communities!

Lastly, our members would like to thank President Mary and her hard-working staff for dedicating this past year to the Women of Today.

May your life be full of Memorable Adventures. And may you embrace each one, hold on tight and enjoy the ride!