

Chapter Mailing



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Dear Minnesota Women of Today Members,

Have you started “Making Connections” to begin the new year? There are so many ways you can do this: attend your chapter meetings, participate in a chapter project, help plan a social or membership event, invite a friend to join you at a chapter meeting or activity, serve as a local program manager or board officer, or just pick up the phone and call another member to see how things are going. One of the ways that Minnesota Women of Today makes connections with its members is through the Chapter Mailing, which is produced nine times a year. Please read and share these newsletters – they are chock full of information for you!

Here are some highlights for the first trimester:

- I’m excited that we have a number of **new member adds** submitted in May! Just as your chapter enjoys the excitement of new members, so does your state organization. You can send in new members as soon as they join – every new member will receive a special letter and gift certificate mailed to them at the end of each trimester. Chapters: there is a challenge for you for 1 st trimester. Check out the Membership VP’s CIP and see what’s in it for you!
- The 2019 [President/State Delegate Retreat](#) will be taking place on Saturday, August 3 rd in Monticello. The registration form is on the MNWT website home page and can be found in several of the chapter information packets (President, AVP, CMVP). State President Cat and Administrative VP Illeana will share lots of information and fun activities with you that day. Details of this event will be emailed to presidents and state delegates – register by July 19th.
- [Fast Starts](#) for all positions are due by July 15th. Please check the appropriate CIP for your area to find the Fast Start and please read your CIP for other information too. You can also find the Fast Start forms on the MNWT website in the Book of Forms. This is a great way to get your year moving in the right direction!

- State Committee Meetings for first trimester will be held on Saturday, July 27 th in White Bear Lake starting at 9 am. This includes Marketing, Membership Management, and Future Directions. The Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, August 17th and MNWT Foundation is planning to meet on Saturday, August 10 th . Interested in attending or being a part of any of these committees? Just let us know.

Welcome to our newest State Program Managers and assistant positions! Women's Wellness SPM is Colleen Todd and Wishes & More SPM is Glorie Balfanz. Jeny Ohr is our new Public Relations Assistant and Rita Johnson is our new Success Coordinator. We are still searching for a Newsletter Editor, and you can contact me if interested.

MNWT Executive Council held an invigorating and informative MNJOTS weekend on June 7-9th at Arrowwood Lodge in Brainerd. On Sunday morning, Thelma and Louise made an appearance and gave us a presentation on "Flip the Script," providing tips and scenarios on how to turn

negativity into a positive outcome. Your staff, district directors, and state program managers are looking forward to "making connections" with you and creating a positive experience for everyone.

Cat Shuman

State President 2019-2020

"A great attitude does much more than turn on the lights in our worlds; it seems to magically connect us to all sorts of serendipitous opportunities that were somehow absent before the change."

Membership Team

Chapter Management VP

Barb Zeroth

How are things going in your chapter so far? How are you keeping track of what you are doing as Chapter President and as a chapter? There are many ways to do this. One way is to consider journaling your year; what you have accomplished, any

struggles or what could be improved on. Take pictures at your meetings and events. It's a great way to track and evaluate your year and help mentor other members of your chapter to consider the role of Chapter President or other positions. You will then have a record of your ideas, concerns or questions to share with me.

This is the time to submit your [President Fast Start](#) - I look forward to reading about your goals this year and learn how I can be of help with your chapter. I can't wait to see you at the President/State Delegate retreat on August 3rd, where you will learn more on how to be the BEST in your position and a time to talk to the State President, now that your year has started, send in your registration now! http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/meetings/psdretreat-2019_registration.pdf Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I am here for you. I would love to visit your chapter and learn from you too!

Membership VP

Lisa Hahn

It's time to Connect with the Inspiration of MNWT and share all the fun with others. Membership is the heart of your chapter. New members strengthen your local chapter and community. They equal more hands to help with projects and events, more friends to share ideas and inspire others, and more women to mentor and be mentors within your community. At the same time seeking new members should only be half of the focus. All members both new and experienced, need to be recognized, included, and given growth opportunities. We are all valuable and you as a valued member of your chapter, can help share that message. Membership is more than numbers, it's the people we connect with and the communities we support. Let's work together to help them grow.

Who is ready for some membership FUN!!! Who will be the first chapter to send in a new member add (NMA) each month? The first with 4 new members this trimester? The first to turn in their Early Bird Renewals? The first to get 100% retention? Send in your membership information to the Chapter Service Center ASAP.

Join me on a scavenger hunt! “Collect” the four items below and email them to mvp@mnwt.org by Aug. 15th. Remember to include your chapter name in the email.

#1 A picture of your chapter members by your city sign or another city landmark.

#2 Describe your chapter’s largest community-based project. Include the project name and a few sentences about the project.

#3 Tell about your favorite chapter social or m-event, including the name, short description, and why it’s special.

#4 The date, time and location of your chapter’s September and October monthly general meetings.

Extensions Director

Jenise Teske

Working hard with Cathy Snyder and Lisa Hahn (our MVP for Tri I) to help St. Joseph recruit enough members to charter! If you know of anyone in the area, encourage them to come to our next event on Monday, June 24 at 6:30pm at Woodcrest of Country Manor in St. Joseph. Also looking for suggestions/connections in the east Metro area and Princeton area to build bridges/make connections to!

Organizational Rules & Records

Parliamentarian

Wendy Lindberg

As your year begins, it’s a great time to take a look at your Chapter and District By-Laws and Policies. Please set up time for you to get together with your members to review your by-laws and policies. When complete, don’t forget to submit them to me to review and make suggestions, and to be entered into a drawing for a picture perfect prize!

Secretary

Christine Sibilleau

Did you know there are 3 ways your chapter can be recognized for making a donation to the State Plan of Action in this first trimester?!

Donations of \$25 or more in the 1st Trimester by any chapter, district, or individual will have a chance to win a fabulous gift basket at Fall State Convention!

Claim 50 Bonus SUCCESS Points for donations of \$50 or more!

Donor names (for donations received by July 4th) will be published on the first page of the State POA!

There’s still time to complete your Secretary Fast Start! Click [here](#) for items due by July 15th!

Programming

Living and Learning

Sarah Sundine

1st trimester book read is The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown. There will be a book discussion at Fall State Convention w/ a Zoom meeting so those not at convention can participate. There will also be book discussion questions on Facebook starting in September. Everyone that participates in the book discussion at convention or through Facebook will be put in a drawing to win a copy of next trimester’s book.

1st trimester challenge goes along with the book read. In the L&L CIP there are two reflection questions. If members do the reflection and e-mail ll@mnwt.org letting me know that it was done they will get an incentive at convention.

First trimester I am focusing on the Living and Learning Certification, if a member leads a fellowship activity and sends me an e-mail on what they did, they will get a bonus incentive.

Priority Area - Wishes & More

Gloria Balfanz

Please send your Fast Starts to priority-area@mnwt.org. They are due July 15th. You can find the Fast Start Form in the Book of Forms on the MNWT website. Anyone who submits a Fast Start will have a chance to win a prize. The winner will be announced at the Fall State Convention.

Chapter & District Support

Financial VP Amy Pumper

Are you working on your budget and need help with it, don't hesitate to contact me. It is part of the president and treasurer fast starts and is a guide to help your chapter stay on course with projects and programs you run for the year. I hope to see many treasurers complete their fast starts - they are due July 15th.

The first trimester promotional is Cards for a Cause and it runs from July 1 through August 30th and can be ordered both online and through the order form in my CIP. The online form is available through the following link:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/UsborneLiz1/CardsForACauseOnlineOrderFormMNWomenOfToday>.

Your chapter can earn 20% of the orders. A new policy on the chapter percentage is that your chapter must have at least \$20 coming and need to let me know that you would like it - otherwise it will be a donation to the MNWT. Orders will be delivered at Fall State.

The other fundraising opportunity is through our partnership with Canterbury Park - see the dates and times in my CIP and contact Jeny Ohr hermanohr@yahoo.com or myself at fvp@mnwt.org or pumperamy@gmail.com to get signed up.

Chairman of the Board Brenda Sather

I have several key responsibilities this next year. First off supporting President Cat but I also will be the chairperson for the 70th Anniversary Celebration for the MN Women of Today at Winter State. Plans are already in the works for this huge party so mark your calendars for January 23-25, 2020. Watch emails and future editions of this chapter mailing for more information. If you are willing to be a part of the party planning committee email me at cob@mnwt.org. Meetings will be held online.

I also work with the ONTO shirt orders that are due August 20th. See copy of the order form later in this Chapter Mailing. I am also still seeing members so let

As soon as I have information from Wishes and More on how we can help them, I will share it on the Priority Area FaceBook Page, via your chapter email and in your next CIP.

Please look at the Wishes and More website to familiarize yourself with the organization. View stories of children this organization helps. Per the website, this organization provides a unique personalized experience for each child. The children they are granting wishes for have a terminal or life threatening condition.

Youth of Today Michelle Kocak Jones

Fast starts for Youth of Today LPM's are due July 15th to yt@mnwt.org. Kids Week is Aug 12-16: Email or Facebook YT SPM Aug. 17 with Family Week activities held in your chapter. Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship nominations are due Nov. 1 but I will begin taking them now. Go to www.mnwt.org to find Book of Forms for the OYA application. Contact me if you need assistance. There will be a Project Fair booth at Fall State with a Boys and Girls Club of Minnesota representative in attendance. Stop by to check them out and drop off a brand new pair of socks to receive a sweet treat. Challenges this trimester can be found in my CIP.

2019-2020 Programming Evaluations

All program areas shall be included in the three (3) year review process. Each programming area is assigned a phase number, (ie, Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3). Each phase is a one-year period corresponding with the fiscal year of the Minnesota Women of Today. Each program follows the process indicated for that phase and at the end of the fiscal year rolls to the next phase in the model. The following Programming Areas are up for review in 2019-2020:

- Community Connections  
- Living & Learning  
- Priority Area  

me know prior to July 15th if you are willing to join this team. This team helps me fundraise to support delegation costs for national convention as well as to bring more awareness to the US Level. We have several MN members seeking national positions this year.

Finally, USWT National Convention was held in Duluth the weekend of June 14th. We had 37 members from MN represented there. See the article on National News for more information. It was a great way to end my year as MN State President. I am still humbled by the support I have received from the membership and look forward to continuing work with programming and strategic changes for this organization in the next year.

Presidential Assistant Barb Berndtson

Hello everyone! Welcome to a new WT year! What an awesome team we have on Exec Council this year - and we are looking forward to making connections throughout the state - can't wait!

I've noticed we all seem to enjoy seeing pictures of our chapters and districts - busy with events, meetings and especially having fun - on the slide shows during conventions, don't we?! Please send me copies of pictures that you take when President Cathy comes to visit your chapter or district - an easy way to share these with me is on social media by using #MakingConnectionsCathy. [Note that these photos must be set to public.] We will be collecting pictures all year - these will also be used for the year-end picture books to be displayed next Annual convention.



Committees and Foundation

Future Directions

Jen Kinzer

July 27 is the date of the first Future Directions Committee meeting! I would love to have you join us and invite you to do so. Guests in addition to committee members are always welcome. The meeting starts at 1:00. Contact me for an agenda and directions to our meeting location. We will be hearing several updates to active sub-committees and task forces including Strategic Plan, Outstanding Awards, Programming, Manual Review, OPDC Task Force, as well as others.

Membership Management Committee

Heidi Westerlund

Welcome to a new year of Membership Management Committee! We are going to get a lot accomplished this year! Follow us (the Membership Team) as we show you how to Connect with your Community! Come to the July 27th Membership Management Committee meeting which starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp! Please follow the times of the meetings on our CIP (One CIP, combined for the Committee Chairs). Come help me Connect the Dots!

Marketing

Daina Mirsh-Wenner

Saturday, July 27, 2019, is our first meeting! Please join us. Remember all three Statewide Committees meet the same day.

- [2019 Membership Management Committee Tri 1 Meeting](#)
9:30AM-11AM
- [2019 Marketing Tri 1 Meeting](#)
11AM-12:30PM
- [2019 Future Directions Committee Tri 1 Meeting](#) 1PM-3PM

We will be meeting at [Lake Area Bank in White Bear Lake](#), and the Marketing Committee is hosting it. Our plan is to have a pizza party from a nearby pizzeria. Members of the committee will also be providing desserts. Please bring your own beverages if you do not wish to drink just water.

MNWT | Day at the Diamond

Saturday, Sept 7 @7:10 pm
Twins vs Cleveland Indians

Be there by 6:30 to see our State President Cathy Shuman throw out the first pitch!

Order tickets by August 9th [click for [order form](#) or to find this event on [Facebook](#)!]



Donations for State POA

These are being solicited from chapters, districts, individuals and businesses to help pay for the State POA. Donate prior to July 4th to ensure that the donor's name will be published on the first page of the State POA. A donation of \$50 first trimester will earn you 50 bonus points for SUCCESS. In addition, any chapter, district, or individual who makes a donation of at least \$25 to the State POA in the 1st Trimester will have their name put in a drawing for a fabulous gift basket at Fall State Convention.



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Order yours by August 20, 2019 to ensure that you get a shirt. These will be delivered at Fall State Convention.

National News

Chairman of the Board Brenda Sather





















We had an exciting time in Duluth at National Convention on June 14-15th. We had almost 40 members of MN attending. A slideshow of photos from the weekend will be put together and shared at Fall State.

Congratulations to Cindy Sanders from the Duluth Chapter for being elected the United States Women of Today President. Also elected from MN were Robyn Farm from Eastern Carver County for Treasurer and Kelly Porter from Red Lake Falls for Secretary. We also have Cathy Snyder from Eastern Carver County serving as Personal Development/STEP Program Manager. Cindy Golbuff from Glenville as DVA Program Manager and Lisa Hahn from Sauk Rapids, appointed as Membership Vice President. We couldn't be more proud of these ladies for representing MN on the National level.

Much like has been done in MN, the USWT are looking at streamlining their programming areas. Although they do not mirror what we offer in MN, they also realize the need to combine areas to avoid open positions. There was a unanimous vote to combine the Personal Development and Health and Wellness in the 2020-21 year.

I look forward to being your liaison this year between the USWT and MN. I'll share updates and news as they come my way! Our next National Convention will be held in IOWA from October 11-12th. Mark your calendars now and watch for registration forms.

Important Dates for July

July 1, 2019		Cheryl L Anderson Scholarship applications due	Cheryl L Anderson scholarship applications due to MNWT Foundation Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 1, 2019		MNWT Website ReLaunch	A new look to the MNWT website! Many thanks to MNWT Webmaster Daina, the Web ReDo Team and testers! Click here for more information. Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 1, 2019		Programming Evaluations due	Send completed evaluations to PVP or use online submission form - Community Connections, Living & Learning, Priority Area Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 1, 2019		USWT Founder's Day	Celebrate the day that the Women of Today was founded Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Chapter President monthly reports due	Chapter Presidents: Submit your completed Fast Start to your DD Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		District Membership Fast Start due	Get your year off on the best foot by completing the Fast Start for your position. Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Early Bird Renewals due	Envelope must be POSTMARKED by the 15th for SUCCESS to Chapter Service Center Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		LPM Fast Starts due	Get your year off on the best foot by completing the Fast Start for your position. Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Membership VP Fast Start due	Get your year off on the best foot by completing the Fast Start for your position. Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Programming VP Fast Start due	Send completed Fast Start to the External and/or Internal Vice President Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Secretary Fast Start due	Send completed Fast Start to State Secretary Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		State Delegate Fast Start due	Send your completed Fast Starts by email or mail to your DD and AVP Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 15, 2019		Treasurer Fast Start due	Send completed Fast Start to Financial VP Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 25, 2019		Marketing Committee Meeting	Statewide Committee Meetings - Everyone welcome! Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 27, 2019		Future Directions Committee Meeting at TBD	Statewide Committee Meetings - Everyone welcome! Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 27, 2019		Membership Management Committee Meeting	Statewide Committee Meetings - Everyone welcome! Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 29, 2019		MNWT Membership Monday	hold M-events, chapter socials or PE course, volunteer & talk about us! Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 31, 2019		Chapter President monthly reports due	Click for PDF or complete online form. Chapter President monthly reports due to DD [Online form submissions viewable by appropriate supervisors]. Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 31, 2019		Key Woman Nominations for Fall State Convention due	Since 1975, the highest honor a MNWT member can receive; send to Key Woman President Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.
July 31, 2019		NMAs due	Email, phone or mail CSC - must have new member info to CSC by this date; due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center Click here to contact the person responsible for this activity.



Prepare to be "Making Connections" at the 27th Annual

President/State Delegate Retreat

August 3, 2019

Saint Henry's Catholic Church

1001 E 7th St. Monticello MN 55362

For information contact:

Barb Zeroth (320)267-6546 or CMVP@mnwt.org

Katie Castro (952)406-8578 or CSC@mnwt.org

Nearby Hotels:

Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites
89 Chelsea Road Monticello MN 55362
763-271-8880

Super 8 Motel
114 Cedar Street Monticello MN 55362
763-295-1111

Tentative Schedule:

9:15 – 9:45 Registration
9:45 – 10:00 Welcome
10:00 – 12:00 Training
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 2:00 Team Building/Enrichment Course
2:00 – 4:00 Training
4:00 – 4:30 Evaluation, Closing & Pictures



MNWT FALL STATE CONVENTION

September 20-22, 2019

Arrowwood Lodge @ Brainerd Lakes

Saturday Luncheon

Choice of:

Turkey BLT Wrap – Turkey, bacon, tomatoes, romaine lettuce, avocado, ranch dressing and Colby jack cheese served w/fresh fruit & chips

Caesar Salad – Romaine lettuce tossed with creamy Caesar dressing, parmesan cheese & croutons.

Ice tea or Lemonade

Saturday Banquet

Choice of:

Creamy Tuscan Chicken – with a creamy sundried tomato sauce

Slow Braised Short Ribs – with red wine demi

All served with garlic mashed potatoes, chef's choice vegetable, mixed greens salad, bread, coffee or tea.

Saturday Tailgate Party

Don your team's jersey & come prepared to tailgate. Test your skills at football toss & many other games.

Tailgating Snacks Available.

Drink Specials:

Purple PeopleEaters

or

Go-Pack-Go

Sunday Brunch Buffet

Scrambled Eggs w/ham & cheese, Texas style French toast, fresh fruit medley, has browns, bacon, sausage & assorted pastries with coffee, tea & orange juice.

Don't forget the Fall State Project Fair on Friday Night!

Handcrafted Greeting Cards
Cards for a Cause Fundraisers

My Name: _____

Benefiting: **MN Women of Today**

Our goal is _____ boxes

So we can _____

Take orders from July 1 - Aug 30, 2019



Save money now and time later... Have cards on hand for every occasion.



Product images are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.

Minnesota Women of Today ONTO T-shirt Order Form

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Order by August 20, 2019 to ensure that you get a shirt. These will be delivered at Fall State Convention. We do order a handful of additional shirts in anticipation of addition sales at convention but sizes are not always guaranteed. For more information, contact COB Brenda Sather at 218-242-0328 or email cob@mnwt.org.

**Checks payable to:
Minnesota Women of Today**

**Order forms and payment to (due August 20th):
Brenda K. Sather, COB
PO Box 27
Greenbush, MN 56726**

Checks must be included with order form and will not be cashed until prior to the order going in after August 20th.

Unisex Sizes: S, M, L, XL = \$12.00

2 XL, 3XL, 4XL = \$13.00

Remember to add \$5.00 to each order (per shirt) if want it shipped otherwise arrangements will be made to distribute at Fall State and sent with your District Director or chapter representative.



Member Name, Chapter, and phone number	Size	Amount Due

Mail bottom portion of this form along with a check to COB Brenda at address noted above. If you want it shipped, be sure to include \$5.00 along with a shipping address.