
Winter State 2017

Dear Past Presidents,

This is my last CIP to you --- actually, it's my last CIP!! Wow, that realization knocked me for a loop ☺ We (you and me!) have one more trimester to make an impact as "Past Presidents"!

Many things should be happening in your chapter right now, and elections should be the top priority. As Chairman of the Board, this is usually your job. Set up a nominating committee with you as the chair, and start getting nominations from all members of your chapter. Everyone's opinion counts. At your February meeting send out a nominating form with all the positions listed and have everyone write in who they would like to see as next year's officers. Collect and tabulate them – and contact the people the members have selected. Be prepared, give encouragement, and turn a no into a yes! Perhaps they're interested in a different position than the one they were nominated for...boost their confidence and offer support. It may not be easy but your efforts will pay off when you have your board in place before May 1st.

And what are your plans for next year? How will you continue to spread the joy of friendship, service, and growth through Women of Today? The District Director position is one of the most rewarding in the organization, and as State Program Manager, you can share your interests and passion with others. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact AVP Lisa, IVP Julie, or EVP Brenda. I am also available to answer any questions.

Since this is the final CIP for the year, I'd like to remind you once again of the Butterfly Effect:

"Every single thing you do matters. You have been created as one of a kind. You have been created in order to make a difference. You have within you the power to change the world." -Andy Andrews

One trimester to go – let's make it a great one. ☺

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Dates to Remember:

February

- 10 March Planning recommendations due to COB
- 20 NEWSLET Articles for March Issue to NEWSLET SPM

March

- 4 Finance Committee Mtg
- 14 Out & About Night
- 15 Early Bird Renewals Due
- 18 State Committee Mtgs - Monticello
- 31 Area 2 Meeting, Rice

April

- 1 Area 1 Meeting, Bemidji
- 7 Area 3 Meeting, Golden Valley
- 8 Area 4 Meeting, Mankato
- 22 MNWT Foundation Mtg
- 30 Year End Close Out.

May

- 6 LOTS
- 19-21 Annual Convention, Bemidji

June

- 2-5 MNJOTS
- 8-11 USWT Year End Convention – Las Vegas

3rd Trimester membership rebate

One lucky chapter will receive a \$100 membership rebate provided by MNWT Foundation and all you need to do is have 80% retention and show growth to be eligible. Every chapter completing this challenge will receive a state store gift certificate and one lucky chapter name will be drawn to receive the \$100.

ONTO Shirts

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased an ONTO shirt, there are a limited number of shirts still available. Contact me today via email at cob@mnwt.org if you would like to purchase one. Priced at \$13 and \$15.

ONTO Flower Sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased ONTO flowers for delivery at the Winter State convention luncheon! The event was a great success.

March Planning and Area Meetings

March Planning is a one-day opportunity for any member to share recommendations with current and prospective staff. It is also an excellent way to learn more about our organization. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The March Planning registration form is included in this CIP.

Support your District Director by attending your Area Meeting! You will learn what the prospective Presidential and Treasurer candidates have planned for the new Women of Today year, and hear President Jane as she makes her final trip around the state.

Area Meeting information is included in this CIP; registration forms will be available on my webpage after February 10th.

3rd Trimester SUCCESS Bonus Points

Purchases of at least \$200 for state ways and means in any combination of state store, third trimester promotional, and Nice Spice convention fundraisers (50 points)

and/or

Participate in USWT President Barb's Blizzard Challenge (50 points)

and/or

Submit a nomination for one of the Community Connections Awards (50 points)

and/or

Show Chapter Growth for third trimester (50 points)

OR

Attain 80% member retention and growth +2 for third trimester (100 points)

Maximum of 100 points allowed

AREA MEETINGS

District Directors are hard at work planning the spring Area Meetings. The meeting in your area is a great opportunity to meet the President and Treasurer candidates for 2017-2018, and talk with President Jane as she makes her final travels around the state.

Area meetings traditionally provide break-out training sessions on relevant and trending Minnesota Women of Today topics. This year it will be especially important to attend and hear President Jane's informative training on the ****NEWLY REVISED**** programming report form and the new streamlined process for reporting. **PLUS...**the **SUCCESS** form (also known as the **best** Chapter Management tool in MNWT) has received a face-lift. President Jane will provide information on this as well.

Clearly, the Area Meeting is one meeting you won't want to miss! The following is general information of location, date, and time. Registration forms will be available on my webpage after February 10, 2017.

- Area 1** Saturday, April 1, 2017; Country Inn and Suites, Bemidji Time to be announced
- Area 2** Friday, March 31, 2017; Rice Lions Building, Rice; 6:00 Registration, 6:30 Meal, 7:00 Meeting
- Area 3** Friday, April 7, 2017; Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley Time to be announced
- Area 4 Saturday, April 8, 2017; Mankato Location and time to be announced

United States Women of Today

US Women of Today Year End Convention – *What happens in Vegas...*

National year end convention will be held in Las Vegas, June 8 – 11, 2017 at the LINQ Hotel. Room reservations must be made on-line using this link: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/SQUSW7>
If you call the hotel to make your reservation, you will incur a \$15 charge – so please, use the link to reserve your room. There will be a lot of fun planned throughout the weekend!!

Registration form and more details are available on the COB webpage at www.mnwt.org.

Why should I attend a National Convention?

Attending a USWT Convention will help you understand the US Women of Today better, and you can learn about projects and ideas from other states. An added bonus is the gaining of new friends along the way!

Consider joining us Las Vegas in June, and support Minnesota members Nicky Anderson, Cindy Umland, Laura Gaylord, Colleen Todd, and Kimberly Rowland, who are all serving on USWT staff.

2017 MARCH PLANNING REGISTRATION

March Planning is a one-day opportunity for any member to share recommendations with current and prospective staff. It is an excellent way to learn more about our organization. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required, so we can plan for food and space. If you cannot attend, you can still send recommendations to Terri Dahlberg by **February 12th** at cob@mnwt.org.

This year's March Planning will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 in Brainerd, Minnesota, hosted by the Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today Chapter. Registration/breakfast is from 8:30 - 8:55 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. Early registration is \$10 postmarked by February 21st, which includes breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack.

NOTE: We will be selling pop and water throughout the day.

Location: Park United Methodist Church, 315 North 6th Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

Area Hotels:

Rodeway Inn
7836 Fairview Road N
Baxter, MN 56425
218-829-0391

Baymont Inn & Suites
7208 Fairview Road N
Baxter, MN 56425
218-822-1133

Days Inn & Suites
14466 Dellwood Drive N
Baxter, MN 56425
218-829-3080

Country Inn & Suites
15058 Dellwood Drive N
Baxter, MN 56425
218-828-2161

For questions on this event, please contact Joanne Larson
joannelarson58@gmail.com or 612-709-2717

Please return bottom portion with your payment

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address/City/St/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Registration enclosed (\$10) postmarked on or before February 21st _____

Late Registration enclosed (\$15) postmarked after Feb 21st _____

Mail form with **payment payable to Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today**

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