



Winter 2018 CIP

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Dear Past Presidents,

Wow! Where has the year gone, I can't believe that this is my last CIP!

There are many things that should be happening in your chapter right now. Elections should be a top priority. As Chairman of the Board, this is usually your job. Set up a nominating committee with you as the chairperson. To make sure elections run smoothly, start now and get 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 on it. Have everyone write in who they would like to see as the next year's officers. Make sure you collect them all. Tabulate them and contact the persons who your chapter would love to see in positions. Do your homework and make sure you can tell them why they would be great at a position. If they say no to a certain position, respect that, but find out why. Maybe it is something that you can help them with to turn a no to a yes. Maybe they would like another position than the one offered. Be prepared and get your board in place by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

What will your role be next year? I encourage you to "Color Outside the Lines" and begin your next adventure, even if it is out of your comfort zone. Have you thought about becoming your next District Director (Contact AVP Christine or your DD) or bidding for a State Program Manager position (Contact IVP Jessy and EVP Barb). You may also contact me if you have any questions regarding these positions.

**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.

Support your District Director by attending your **Area Meeting!** You will learn what the prospective Presidential and Treasurer candidates have planned for the Women of Today and hear President Sherri as she makes her final trip around the state. One of the highlights will be our interactive training on recruitment – this is something that will benefit each member and chapter.

*See the registrations forms in this CIP for March Planning and your Area Meeting.*

**Join a Committee** – I am currently looking for chairs and members for the following committees:

***Future Directions ~ Membership Management ~ Marketing***

If you are interested in sharing your colors - committees are a great place to learn about our organization and make a difference.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to the Minnesota Women of Today, have a great 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester.

*Jane*

## **United States Year End Convention**



This will be hosted by Minnesota and held in Mankato, MN June 8-10<sup>th</sup>. I hope many of you will “Get Inspire” and join us as we celebrate with President Shelli and her staff and support US Women of Today President Nicky and the many national staff from MN.

There will be lots of fun throughout the weekend. Now is the time to plan to join us! A registration form and more details are available on the COB web page at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org). Please let me know if you are planning on attending so that I can include you with my newsletters.

### **Why Should I Attend a USWT Convention?**

- Have Fun and understand the USWT better.
- Convention is so close – here is your chance to find out what USWT is all about.
- Learn about projects and ideas from other states and an added bonus of gaining new friends along the way.
- Support Minnesota members Nicky Anderson, Colleen Todd, Laura Gaylord, Cathy Snyder, Daina Mirsch-Wenner, JoAnn Miller, Bonnie Waller, Cindy Sanders, Jane Hanson and Kayla Hermann who are all serving on USWT Staff.

### **Serving on Executive Council**

Many of you may be pondering the thought of what you will challenge yourself with next year in Women of Today. Now is the time to think about this and make some decisions. Whether you are thinking of being your district director, a state program manager or a state staff member, you will want to gather information to make an educated and sound decision. If you are thinking about being a DD, talk to Administrative Vice President Christine or your current DD. Each district has different guidelines and expectations for this position.



If programming interests you, talk to IVP Jessy or EVP Barb. They have lots of knowledge and want to help you in this process Bids for SPM positions are heard at Winter State and Annual, so it isn't too late!

Serving on executive council is an extremely rewarding endeavor, as well as a great opportunity to continue challenging yourself to grow. My time of serving on exec council is coming to a close and I can honestly say it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I encourage you to share your colors and know that you would do an excellent job in any of the above positions.

## 2018 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 Jane Hanson by February 24 at [cob@mnwt.org](mailto:cob@mnwt.org).



**This year's March Planning will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Shoreview, MN hosted by White Bear Lake Women of Today.**

Registration is from 8:30-8:55AM. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00AM and end by 3:00PM. Early registration is \$10 postmarked by February 24, which includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Soda and water will be available for sale all day.

**Checks payable to: White Bear Lake Women of Today**

**Location:** Presbyterian Church of the Way, 3382 Lexington Ave. N., Shoreview, MN 55126  
Church is located 1 mile south of Hwy. 694 & Lexington Ave. Close to Target, Cub, Trader Joe's and any restaurant you might be looking for, Caribou and Starbucks!

### Area Hotels:

Best Western  
1000 Gramsie Rd.  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
651-482-0402  
Same building as Green Mill Pizza

Quality Inn & Suites Arden Hills  
1125 Red Fox Rd.  
Arden Hills, MN 55112  
651-484-6557  
Next to Perkins

Hilton Garden Inn  
1050 Gramsie Rd.  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
651-415-1956  
Across the street from Red Robin

Questions on this event, please contact Tami Zaragoza at [jtjbz@comcast.net](mailto:jtjbz@comcast.net) or 763-438-5589

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Cut here and mail with payment – retain top portion for hotel information

### March 2018 Planning Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (City, St, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Concerns (vegetarian, allergies, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration enclosed (\$10) postmarked on or before February 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration enclosed (\$15) postmarked after February 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration form and payment payable to WBL Women of Today by February 24 to: Tami Zaragoza, 1649 Dupre Road, Centerville, MN 55038.

# **YOUR INVITED!!**

## **AREA 1 MEETING**

**DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

**TIME: REGISTRATION/Lunch 10:30**

**MEETING: 11:00**

**LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BEMIDJI**

- Come listen to President Shelli speak
- Play Lucky Buck for State Store certificate
- Meet the prospective President and Treasurer
- Be a part of the interactive discussion/training on recruitment

**Lunch Includes: details soon**



# AREA 2 MEETING

## MARCH 23, 2018

### Meeting Highlights:

Chance to hear from State President Shelli one last time

Opportunity to hear from the Prospective President and Treasurer candidates and ask questions

Training on Recruitment Remedies – an interactive conversation about why and how to

Shop at the State Store – Lucky Buck auction for \$20 gift certificate for state store

REGISTRATION /  
DINNER  
6:00 – 6:45

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MEETING  
6:45 – 8:30

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WALKING TACOS  
SALAD  
DESSERT

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COST \$5.00 PER  
PERSON

RSVP

[dd05@mnwt.org](mailto:dd05@mnwt.org)

by

March 17, 2018





## **AREA 3 MEETING**

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018

DINNER AT 6:00PM

MEETING AT 7:00PM

MENU: SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, TREATS, SALAD, BEVERAGE

**COST: \$6.00 DINNER AND MEETING**  
**\$2.00 MEETING ONLY**

**RSVP TO YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR BY 3/23/2018**

LOCATION: VALLEY OF PEACE CHURCH  
4735 BASSET CREEK DRIVE  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

COME MEET THE 2018-2019 CANDIDATES  
LUCKY BUCK AUCTION FOR A \$20 STATE STORE GIFT CARD  
INTERACTIVE TRAINING/DISCUSSION ON RECRUITMENT  
CONTACT [DD08@MNWT.ORG](mailto:DD08@MNWT.ORG) CATHY S. 320-224-5722  
[DD07@MNWT.ORG](mailto:DD07@MNWT.ORG) BARB M. 651-278-3048

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## Area 4 Women of Today

Cordially invites you to

# FAN-tastic Superhero Flamingos

Tickets: \$5 per person (Advanced Registration \$4 per person)

Saturday, April 7  
Registration 9:30 am  
Meeting 10 AM  
LOCATION TBD - Mankato

Please R.S.V.P. by March 31 to Stephanie Putzier at  
dd11@mnwt.org or call (507) 273-7333.

There will be a light  
breakfast served consisting  
of bagels, egg bake, fruit,  
and juice.

Shop at the State Store!

Bring your \$\$\$\$ for a Lucky  
Buck Auction!

### Superhero Training:

#### **Recruitment Remedies:**

An interactive conversation  
about why and how to recruit

### **Special Guest Superheroes:**

MNWT President, Shelli Struzyk

Prospective MNWT President and  
Treasurer Candidates

DOTS Training Available via ZOOM!

(See registration form from CMVP Heidi.)

Break Out Session: District 9, 10, & 11 Annual Meetings

*(This will replace any other District Meetings for year-end.)*