



Ties bind us together

**FALL STATE CIP  
2017**

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Thank you to the chapters who let me visit your general meetings and promote my project for this year—Bundles of Love. And thank you to the Savage area chapter for inviting me to the “bundling” event on 9/26/17. I am looking forward to meeting more of you and talking more about what you can do individually and within your chapters to volunteer hours and needed items to this well-deserving organization. Please reach out to me if you would like me to be a guest at your general meeting in this next trimester or I will send out emails to coordinate visitations. Thank you for all your hard work so far!

Regards,  
Jenise

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b><u>September</u></b>	
Fall Convention, Hinckley	22-24
Shine/Women of Today week	24-30
<b><u>October</u></b>	
<b>(Domestic Violence Awareness)</b>	
USWT Convention, Ankeny IA	6-8
Make a Difference Day	28
<b><u>November</u></b>	
OPDC nominations due	1
Out and About Night	9
Mid-Year Evaluation due to R&R	10
Shine Week	12-18
Give to the Max Day	16
<b><u>December</u></b>	
State Committee meetings	9
Programming Trimester reports due to SPM	30

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Challenge

This is an and/or challenge (can be put in the drawing more than once).

To be entered into the drawing for a FANTASTIC basket at Fall State Convention:

- 1) Submit a Domestic Violence Awareness report to me and to the national DVA manager
- 2) Participate in the national October project for DVA

## Thanks to those who submitted Fast Starts!

Cheryl Watson, Burnsville  
Pat Hanks, St. Cloud  
Brittney Severson, Savage area  
Jeny Ohr, Coon Rapids  
Ashley Blaha, Monticello  
  
Jeny Ohr, District 6



## Domestic Violence Awareness

The theme of the USWT DVA program manager, Terri Hebda, is “Light a Path,” in order to bring awareness to the fact that every 9 seconds someone becomes a victim of Domestic Violence. **Terri would like to challenge every one of you to light a candle, porch light, or luminary on the 9th of every month to support ending the violence.** It takes an average of 7 times for a victim to leave the abuser before they realize that they might not make it the next time. Sadly, many do not make it to the 7<sup>th</sup> time. Let us find a way to educate, support and help those in abusive situations get out.

*Mark your calendars that October is DVA Month. Plan some events and projects to help those in your communities that may be dealing with these issues.*

Reports should be sent to myself, the SPM, as well as the USWT DVA.

### Presidential SUCCESS Bonus Points for Second Trimester—Maximum of 100 Bonus Points

Submit a nomination for the Outstanding Young Adult, Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges, or Lois M. Christensen Women Who Impact Award. (50 points)

and/or

Sell 2 books of Raffle Tickets (\$100) for the MNWT State Ways & Means fundraisers. (50 points)

and/or

Any chapter becoming a member of the Empower the Future Fundraising Campaign during 2nd trimester. (see Foundation Committee Chair) (50 points)

and/or

Sign at least two (2) new members during November Shine week of November 12-18 (50 points)

Maximum of 100 Bonus Points

## **Do you (or someone in your chapter) know of an outstanding individual in your community?**

- Someone who has overcome developmental challenges and shown talent, leadership abilities and accomplishments
- Someone who has made an impact in their community by initiating ideas for new and exciting projects and programs
- Someone who enjoys helping others

**Nominations are due postmarked by November 1 to the Community Connections SPM. We need at least 3 nominations to hold the competition. The award is presented at Winter State convention, Saturday night banquet. The recipient of the award receives a plaque and a camper's registration to True Friends**

Things to consider when planning a nomination for an Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges (OPDC) Award—

- Start planning early—select a committee now.
- Advertise—put an ad in a local newspaper on Facebook, etc.
- Look at the forms now in order to know what is needed for a complete application. (i.e., recommendation letters, a resume, money needed to submit the application)
- There are step-by-step instructions on how to complete the nomination and examples on the MNWT website--  
[http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/committees/fdc\\_OutstandingAwardsManual.pdf](http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/committees/fdc_OutstandingAwardsManual.pdf)
- Ask me questions about the process!

**Why nominate an individual for the Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award?**

- 1. Your chapter can make a difference in your nominee's life**
- 2. Your chapter earns SUCCESS points.**
- 3. Visibility in your community for your chapter**
- 4. It could help your chapter meet and recruit new members**
- 5. You will make your SPM very happy!**