



Light Their Path

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Welcome to 3rd Trimester in Youth of Today!

It is hard to believe that our Women of Today year together is two-thirds over!
Let's finish strong!!

It was a great privilege to recognize our 3 Outstanding Young Adult Honorees at Winter State convention. We all know there are TONS more youth in our communities who are deserving of this recognition. I encourage your chapter to find a way to recognize and honor them. What a GREAT way to invest in our next generation, and help them see their worth and value. Recognize them at a chapter meeting, honor them at a school event, or even hold a special night to honor numerous youth in your community. Let me know what you do, I can't wait to hear how you recognized those deserving youth in your community!

My focuses this final trimester will continue to be Girls Lead...and helping bring this program to at least 5 chapters across the state!

Which of YOU will be next years Youth of Today SPM! It's a great opportunity, so definitely ponder if this is a position that is calling your name!

Continue to be on the lookout for opportunities to serve and engage our youth, and 'Light Their Path' ~ your heart will thank you for it! ~ Sharla

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADULT HONOREES

We recognized three outstanding youth at Winter State Convention. Thank You young adults for seeing the value of service and investing your time into making a difference in the world around you.

The Women of Today chapters are honored to have you in our communities!

The 3 Young Adults Honored were:

Julia Brown ~ Eden Prairie

Myranda Turner ~ Monitcello

Heather Gaulke ~ Aitkin

And special congrats shout-out also to the 3 other nominees:

Aaliyah Creekmore ~ Greenbush

Savannah Deters ~ Melrose Area

Daniel Klassen ~ Melrose Area

3rd Trimester Success Points:

Submit a Nomination for a Community Connections Year End Award (50 points) and/or

Hold an M Event and Sign 3 New Members for 3rd Trimester (50 points) and/or

Reach 85% Retention for 3rd Trimester (50 points) and/or

Submit a Chapter Article to the NEWSLET (25 points) and/or

Have 2 Members of your Chapter Attend the February State Wide Webinar (25 points) and/or

Donate \$25 or more to the US Women of Today Ways and Means (25 points) and/or

Donate \$25 or more to MN Programming Area: Wishes and More (25 points)

Maximum of 100 Bonus Points

INSPIRATION CORNER:

I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.
- Rabindranath Tagore

GIRLS LEAD!

Girls Lead began in 2009 by a member of the Warroad Women of Today, Kim Hrubka. I am excited to have witnessed this program grow and evolve over the years, with the primary objective still focused on helping girls discover their strengths.

What is Girls Lead? {below are excerpts from www.peacemakerresources.org/girls-lead.html}

Girls Lead is a program with the mission to empower and equip young women to have positive relationships with self, others, and community. This program provides a one-day, community-based leadership experience for junior high or high school girls. Girls Lead is a youth leadership program that is community-driven and is designed to cultivate an inter-generational connection with local women leaders.

How Does the Program Work? *Girls Lead* is sponsored by a community service organization or agency. The sponsor organization provides space for the programming, snacks and a meal, and two or more women volunteers to assist with the *Girls Lead* day camp. Program staff from Peacemaker Resources facilitate and lead the day camp activities.

Each day camp curriculum includes: * Personal leadership activities *Team-building activities
*Community service learning planning *Celebration of the day's achievements

The Day Camp is designed to be fun and consists of hands-on activities that will keep the girls engaged all day long. The focus of our current Girls Lead day camp is to encourage girls to **discover their personal leadership strengths** and the strengths of their team members.

HOW DO YOU BRING GIRLS LEAD TO YOUR COMMUNITY? Contact me at yt@mnwt.org, or the program facilitator Kathy Magnusson at: kathy@wildewoodlearning.com, and she will be happy to talk through the program and any questions you may have. We could plan a Zoom meeting to virtually join one of your upcoming meetings!

My goal is to have at least 5 chapters hold Girls Lead events this year! This program is an invaluable investment into the lives of young girls in your community! Be a SUPERHERO for them!! AND what a great way to expose them to Women of Today as potential future members!



Quote Corner ~ In honor of MLK Day in January ~

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King Jr.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

- Martin Luther King Jr.