

Chapter Mailing



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Happy Fall!!

I must say that this is my most favorite time of the year. The smell of pumpkin spice everything, pumpkins everywhere, the cooler weather and most importantly snuggling up with a good book on chilly afternoons with a good cup of coffee. Being a Southern girl, we never really got the changes of the seasons so that is one thing that I have happily adapted to.

With the cooler temps, many chapters who had been meeting outside will be looking to go indoors. I encourage chapters to please be safe and take all precautions to ensure that you are following all the guidelines in place. Each and every member is a valuable member to our organization and we want to make sure you are all safe so we can celebrate in person in January. Our membership team has some great ideas to keep members engaged and how to recruit new members. Don't hesitate to reach out to us!

In regards to programming, did you know that you can still do many programming projects? Your state program managers have been hard at work coming up with new ideas and ways to help your chapter give back. We had a good start to the year, now let's keep the flow going and show everyone what we can do in our programming areas. We have so much to offer, so don't be afraid to step out of the box and try something new.

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual convention. We all had hopes that we would be able to meet in person, but during these unprecedented times we can never tell what will happen. The important thing is that we all still came together to celebrate our many accomplishments. I could not be prouder of this organization at this time. We are all working hard to make a difference in our communities through these tough times.

Membership Team

Chapter Membership VP

Jenise Teske

Thank you Chapter Presidents for your Mid-Year Evaluations! They will be returned to you at the Winter State Convention. Thank you to the members who attended the Trimester 2 Webinar on 10/28. I hope you went away with new information. Once again, as stated in my Fall State [CIP](#), if you want me to attend your chapter meeting to discuss creative ways to hold socials and/or membership events

Membership VP

Tevyan Sorensen

Happy November! Can you believe we are halfway through the year?? What are you doing to celebrate your members and "gather" them together? As we head into the colder months, many chapters are facing the challenge of how to do this and safely. There are creative options such as a member's garage or home, local VFW or Legion clubs, hotel meeting rooms, banks, or city community spaces. Trade out advertising on your facebook page or newsletter as a thank you! And now WHAT to do? Invite some prospects or put out an open call and let them know there is a place to gather where they can join others, spend time on themselves and make a difference in their community. Check out my MNJOTS and Fall State CIPS as well as the MNWT Membership Facebook page for lots of M-Event ideas.

Don't forget this Trimester challenge - hold 1 M-Event and 1 R-Event (member social) - and be entered into a drawing for a prize at Winter State. Tri 2 Incentives are \$10 State Store gift certificate for 100% retention and \$15 State Store gift certificate for signing 3 or more new members.

Contact Tevyan at mvp@mnwt.org for ideas or support with recruiting and retention.

Administrative VP

Michelle Kocak Jones

Mid-year evaluations are due November 8th. Remember if you turn yours in before the due date to PVP Anna, your name will go into a drawing for a movie/game night basket incentive.

Congratulations to the many award winners at the fall state convention! A special shout out to Presidential Medallion recipients, DD5 Shirley Viesselman and DD3 Linda Nindorf, state delegates; Judy Moldenhauer (Sauk Rapids), Leslie Goble (Aitkin) and Mercedes Turner (Monticello)

Organizational Rules & Records

Secretary

Barb Monsrud

Keep sending in your monthly minutes from your chapter meeting and district meetings. Have you read my [CIP](#)? Did you see that I have 2 Tri 2 Challenges??

Remember to check out the 2nd Trimester Success Points.

Parliamentarian

Melissa Redzuan

Congratulations to the winners of my 1st trimester challenge 'Burnsville WT and Rodger Otsego Dayton for submitting their Bylaw and Policy Review. Check out my [CIP](#) for my 2nd trimester challenge ' Making Motions at Meeting", all entries will be entered into a drawing at Winter State.

SAVE THE DATES- October 23 2020, Bylaws and Policies Review via Zoom and October 28 2020 MNWT WEBINAR-Parliamentary Procedure. All details of zoom will be emailed to our chapter email.

Programming

Programming VP Anna Nichols

2nd Trimester PVP Challenge

Review the PVP [CIP](#) for information on how to communicate effectively and show off your skills by creating a 2nd trimester Programming email or newsletter for your chapter's LPMs. No LPMs, that's okay, create one for your chapter instead. Include the [PVP Email](#) in your email to get credit for the challenge.

Why #1:

Many times we assume members should just know, and they don't. Think of all the times someone assumed you knew what to do and how frustrating it was to figure it out alone and stumble through it. By creating programming information for your LPMs and/or all chapter members you have an opportunity to train on things that were not covered in the 1st trimester. You also have a platform to share what you know and give others a hand up. By supporting each other in a positive way, we lift up not only our chapter, but our local community.

Why #2:

A PRIZE! Every PVP who completes the 2nd Trimester challenge will receive a fun surprise.

Living and Learning Melanie Chenoweth

Hello MNWT!!
Thank you for participating in all of my challenges and my facebook posts. My challenge for November: Do one thing that scares you and tell me what it was and how it went. It doesn't have to be grand. (When I first joined women of today just talking to the chapter in a meeting terrified me.)
I look forward to hearing all the things you do! You can do hard things! Just 1% better every day!

Priority Area - Wishes & More Jennifer Auger

November is here.....which means not too long before we will be heading to Winter State.....start collecting your stickers for the joint Bucket of Sunshine and Priority Area project....every thousand you donate gets your name into a drawing. How many thousands of stickers do you think we can collect? Think we can do at least 100,000???

Let's try it!

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to step up when volunteers are needed for WAM activities, including the most recent need of completion of the mailings. Wishes & More are so glad that we step up to help them with this huge project since Covid-19 makes it more challenging. A last note regarding the VERY successful fundraiser at Thor's aproom/Aamodt's Apple Orchard-together we made over \$1,000 that weekend to support 10-year-old Brooklyn's wish for a diabetic alert dog.

Youth of Today Glorie Balfanz

Hello to all of you who are Young at Heart. I hope you have found the information on Children's MN interesting. If you do not know I have been sharing posts from Children's MN on the MNWT Programming Facebook Page. You will see posts regarding Youth of Today on Fridays. If you are unable to see information on Children's MN or want another way to share with your chapter email me at yt@mnwt.org. I will collect what I can to mail to you.

Reminder to collect at least \$2 in your chapter to support Children's MN. If we all donate \$2 we can donate at least \$100 to this great organization. Please send your checks written to MNWT to the chapter service center with Children's MN in the memo line.

If you did not receive information regarding the new Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship Fundraiser in your chapter email please contact me at the email above. I think you would enjoy the items that are for sale. This fundraiser not only helps us fund the scholarship it will also support special students in the Monticello School District. For more information regarding that see your chapter email.

Please see my Fall State CIP for information on Trimester 2 challenges and how to help Children's MN

Community Connections

Tawn Hanson

Hello WT chapters! I have two 2nd trimester challenges.

- ★ **First**, I am putting out a challenge to every member, chapter, and district to send at least a \$5 donation to help fund the PWD award and honorarium. For every \$5 donation the donator's name will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket to be awarded at Winter State.
 - ★ **Second**, I am challenging each chapter and district to support Habitat for humanity. Send me a report, it can be as simple as an email to cc@MNWT.org, you will receive an incentive and be entered into a drawing for a gift basket to be awarded at Winter State.
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Women's Wellness

Jeny Ohr

Happy November!

A thank you to the chapters who submitted a Woman Who Impact nomination. We looked forward to seeing the winner at Winter State.

Remember to keep collecting your loose change! Which chapter will come out on top! We will find out at Winter State!

The holidays can be such a magical time. It can also be an extremely stressful time. Here are some ways to reduce stress:

- Plan ahead.
- Stick to a budget.
- Spend time with loved ones.
- Take breaks from group activities.
- Learn to say no.
- Be realistic.
- Keep to a regular schedule if you can.
- Indulge without overconsuming.
- Pay attention to your feelings and needs.
- Stay hydrated.
- Pamper yourself.

I would love to hear from all the Women's Wellness LPMs and what your chapter has been during this trimester. Have a wonderful month.

Chapter & District Support

Financial VP

Mary Hansen

MNWT State Store

Have you shopped at the State Store? The State Store is a great place to purchase gifts for your fellow chapter officers, outstanding members and yourself. Always available you will find the mug for the current and previous state president. There are note cards (a great way to connect with other members), pens, certificates to recognize outstanding accomplishments and of course charms and pins for all the various positions in our organization. Right now we have fans, pop-sockets and garment bags. This is just a sample of what is available.

We have a fantastic State Store manager—Jane Holmberg from the St. Cloud chapter. She is always enthusiastic about the various items and looking for new ideas. She can be contacted through her email of statestore@mnwt.org.

The State Store is always open during conventions to make your purchases, but you don't need to wait—send Jane an email with what you would like and for a reasonable shipping fee she will get it to you when you need it.

Committees and Foundation

Future Directions

Jen Kinzer

I hope you enjoyed the October Webinar! Our next Webinar will be held in February. More information will be included in my Winter State [CIP](#). The Future Directions Meeting will be held on November 21st, beginning at noon. Hope to see many of you there either in person or online. For those of you coming in person, the meeting is being held at Star Bank in Eden Prairie.

Membership Management Committee

Michelle Cloutier

Thank you to the 4 new members who joined us at our New Member On-line Social at Convention! Check out my CIP for the Orientation Material Challenge. Join us for our next Committee Meeting on November 21st.

Marketing Committee Chair

Christine Sibilleau

A note from the Statewide Bucket of Sunshine Chair Jeny! In case you hadn't heard the Marketing Committee voted to use the MNWT Priority Area as its Statewide Buckets of Sunshine Project as of November 2019. Priority Area SPM Jennifer and I are looking to host a sticker drive for Wishes and More at Winter State. For every 1,000 stickers members or

chapters donate, your name will be entered into a drawing for a cool gift at Winter State.

A note from Public Relations Assistant Jeny! Has your chapter held a really fun social or membership event? Have you stepped outside the box for a service project? I would love to feature as many chapters as possible this year on our blog. Please send me any pictures and write ups pr@mnwt.org to be in the next blog post! Thank you to the chapters that have already submitted theirs.



