



# Minnesota Women of Today Chapter Mailing



July 2024

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Happy Founder's Day & Happy July!

I am writing this after just getting home from USWT Year-End Convention in Des Moines. It was a fun weekend connecting with so many Women of Today, not only from Minnesota, but all over the US. There were members from 10 of the 12 USWT states represented. In addition to all of the awards that Minnesota received which will be handed out at your summer District meetings, the highlight of the weekend was the swearing in of the 40th USWT President, our own Jane Hanson from the Madelia chapter.

This weekend reminded me in so many ways of what makes Women of Today special and how our chapters benefit when we work together. So many of the chapters across the various states described how they support each other and lend a hand across their state when they are in need. I also noticed the excitement of newer members, especially as they learn more about the organization and have opportunities to engage in leadership roles. It can bring a whole new perspective and energy to chapters.

Let me share a few take-aways that you can apply to your chapter.

Education/orientation is important. When members understand where requests are coming from or how things impact their chapter and themselves, they take it more to heart.

Recruiting new members is important. Despite your best efforts, your chapter will eventually lose members and it is through a constant influx of some new members that your chapter will retain and even grow its energy.

A good leader uses positive communication, is approachable, and is open to new ideas. Attention in each of these areas will result in fresh energy and a willingness for members to engage and higher levels.

A mix of service, social, and personal growth is great and even better when they all work together. Finding events where you are working for a greater cause while having fun with friends and learning new skills is what Women of Today is all about. Where does your chapter have opportunities to combine all three?

Member recognition of their efforts can go along way. Even if you have members who are not motivated by recognition or awards, seeing them recognized can inspire others who are.

We are looking forward to a great month with so many activities. I truly hope that our paths cross this summer. Until then, please reach out to me at [president@mnwt.org](mailto:president@mnwt.org) if I can support you or your chapter in any way.

*Tevyan Sorensen*

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## Marketing Corner w/ Marketing VP Michelle Cloutier



Don't let your chapter Founders Day celebration go by without tooting the horn. Request a proclamation from your City or Mayor. Take a picture of receiving it or at least with someone in your chapter. Use this in social media posts or a newspaper article. Spread the word about what your chapter contributes to the community.



What makes a good Facebook post?

You want to have some image or photo to draw your perspective recipient in. :)

You want when possible to ask a question which will encourage comments/conversations to happen. You want it to be positive, and/or encouraging.



Founder's Day is July 1st! I have a challenge in my CIP to be entered into a drawing at Fall State. We are lighting up the bridge blue again this year to celebrate, just not on Founder's Day.

JULY 2nd, 8pm we will be meeting at the bridge. (When the Governor wants to have the bridge a different color, you have to wait one more day) :) President Tevyan and some staff will be there. We hope to see you there too.

## Tri 1 Presidential Success Bonus Points

- 1st Trimester Presidential Success Bonus Points Submit Chapter Officer Sheet by June 30th (25 points) – Verified by CSC
- Donate \$25 or more towards printing the State POA (25 points) – Verified by Secretary Or Submit at least 3 Fast Starts (25 points)
- 5 or more Fast Starts (50 points) – verified by CMVP
- Submit results of financial audit completed in 2024 to FVP (25 points) – Verified by FVP \*\* See FVP CIP for additional details
- Submit Outstanding Program Manager Nomination (25 points) – Verified by PVP
- Submit a picture of the City or Mayoral Proclamation for the chapter to MKVP (25 points) – Verified by MKVP

## Membership Team

We are coming off a magnificent year of growth across our chapters and state and looking forward to supporting all of the chapters as you look to build and strengthen your membership.

One way to build up your members is through Orientations. A new Chapter-focused Orientation packet was developed this past year and is available on the [mnwt.org](http://mnwt.org) website from the Membership Tools: Orientation page. This is an editable set of slides that chapters can customize to teach new members all they need to know to participate in your chapter. We took out the State-focused information and will be offering new online Orientations for any members interested to learn more about the District, MNWT, and USWT levels of our organization. The first State Orientation Zoom is July 11 and details are being sent to chapter emails or any members who register on [mnwt.org](http://mnwt.org) from the member homepage.

Secondly, we are encouraging all chapters to participate in the 1st Trimester Membership Week, July 28 – August 3. Our theme is “Ready, Start, It’s the Olympics!” Have fun and get your members together for an Olympic themed social or yard games. This is a great time to reach out to prospective members or call and invite members you haven’t seen in awhile. Send in pictures or updates on your events to [mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org) for fun prizes during M-Week.

The whole state staff is here to support our membership! If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to President Tevyan, CMVP Shirley or email [mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

# Membership Team, Continued

## Shirley Viesselman Chapter Management VP

Reminder to complete your fast starts by July 15th... they are a great way to put your thoughts together and get your year off to an amazing start.

What is your May membership base? What is your membership goal for this year? My challenge for each of the MNWT chapters is to reach 15 or more members. Do you already have 15 members... then I challenge you to increase your base membership by 5.... How are you going to do this? Do you need help? New ideas? Please reach out. I'm here to help. I love Random Acts of Kindness, and would like to show you what a difference they can make in your community.



Chapter Presidents and State Delegates I hope you have all marked your calendars and are planning to attend the President/State Delegate Retreat on Saturday, August 3rd. It's going to be a great day including position training, leadership development, team building and time sharing with each other.

Remember.... Success With Sparkle

## Kathy Hansen Extensions Director

### What is an extension of Interest?

- Any community that has been identified as having an interest in Women of today.
- To begin the official process a Charter Fee (\$20.00) and Intent to Charter Form must be filled with MNWT Extension Director.

### What is an extension in progress?

- The official forming of a new chapter within the Minnesota Women of Today (MNWT).
- An extensions team (an individual, chapter or district) sets up informational meetings in the area to attract prospective members by hosting events.

### How to complete an extension?

- Dues for a minimum of ten (10) chapter members must be paid to the MNWT before the chapter can be recognized.
- Names of all members along with their address, phone, email and birthdate, must be included on an add/change form and sent to the MNWT Chapter Service Center.

### Who can do an Extension?

- A chapter may choose to extend to a nearby community.
- A district may choose to work together to extend a community in close proximity to the chapters within their district.
- A person may join an extension team.
- ♦ Person may volunteer or be asked to work on an extension as a recruiter or trainer.

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO EXTEND A CHAPTER?

- ASK ME! I can help, on the website there is a 12 week plan you can follow, it does not have to take that long.
- There are specific guidelines you have to meet in order to extend a chapter—let me share them with you!

### DID YOU KNOW THE MNWT FOUNDATION HAS INCENTIVES?

- Any chapter to extend before July 15th 2024 the foundation will provide a \$500 incentive to help support your new chapter.
- Any chapter to extend after August 1st to the end of the trimester will be provided a \$300 incentive



# Programming

## Michelle Kocak-Jones Programming VP

Chapter PVPs, Fast Start completion is an effective tool to get your year off to a great start. They are due July 15th and should include:

1. An orientation for the LPMs that you supervise. This can be provided by you, the chapter or the district.
2. 3 goals for you PVP position, providing a copy to your chapter president or district director and a copy sent to [pvp@mnwt.org](mailto:pvp@mnwt.org)
3. A letter of introduction sent to [pvp@mnwt.org](mailto:pvp@mnwt.org)
4. Information for all LPM positions filled, including name, address, phone and email
5. An explanation on how you encouraged your LPMs to complete their Fast Starts

Reporting is the key to tracking the donations and hours served in our MNWT organization. You will continue to hear from me and our State Program Managers (SPMs) on how to write effective reports to include the 5 W's:

WHO: names of members who attended/participated

WHAT: name of the event/project/activity

WHEN: date and time of events

WHERE: place/location event was held

WHY: reason you held event, including hours/money donated

Remember, when reporting hours, include those of family members/friends who helped, travel time to and from events, to and from the store to get supplies, shopping, report writing. ANYTHING you do from pre-planning to the end of the event counts-setting up location, phone calls, emails, meetings, etc.

Please reach out to me throughout the year if you have any questions, concerns, and ideas. I look forward to Shaking It Up with all of you!

## Project of the Trimester and Outstanding Programming Manager Nominations

Due: September 1st

Be sure recognize your projects during the 1st trimester and enter them to earn a chance to receive the Project of the Trimester Award at Fall State Convention.

Has your programming manager in your chapter or district been great adding ideas and events to support the Programming Areas? Recognize their efforts by a nomination for the Outstanding Programming Manager Award!

## Deb Froemming Priority Area

I'm excited to serve as your Priority Area SPM!  
This is the first of three years helping the Reach program.

Excerpt from the local Hutchinson REACH webpage: "The success of REACH began with an out of the box approach from ISD 423 Administration to connect with a population of young people searching for a "sense of belonging". A "Safe Place" was created for ALL students who wanted/needed to be seen, heard and cared for unconditionally."

Summer is a great time to reach out to locate a school with the Reach program and invite a teacher to speak at your chapter or district meeting. Can they bring a student or two also? Ask what their needs are and how you can volunteer.

Join the monthly REACH - ZOOM meeting on July 23 at 7 pm to learn more and ask questions about Reach with myself and teachers from around the state. Watch your chapter emails for the ZOOM link and more information.

LPM fast starts are due on July 15. Many chapters don't have LPM's, it's ok if the board or a member completes the fast start. I look forward to hearing from you!

Remember to collect information on each event/project or activity that you do and submit on the Trimester programming report. The 5 W's (See Michelle's section) is all it takes to share what you've done. Let's make it a record year in reporting!

## Sue Bay Women's Wellness

Welcome to a year where I am going to encourage you to move your body with a Wiggle, Wiggle! Have you read my CIP with the I SPY wiggle worm image?

Begin thinking about starting the nomination process for the Women Who Impact award. Nominations are due November 1st. This award honors the wonderful woman, Lois M. Christensen, and any woman that is nominated for this award should feel privileged.

The SPM's are active on Facebook with daily posts for each area in programming. Wednesdays are for WIGGLES (and giggles too). Be watching for a post in June to share a Wiggle video at your chapter meeting for a chance to win a prize at convention. That Facebook page to follow is MNWT Programming.

# Programming, Continued

## Cheryl Watson Youth of Today

Happy beginning of Summer! Let's get ready to "Connect with Children" 1st trimester.

\*August is Youth of Today Emphasis month!

\*Kids Week is August 20th-26th

This is a great time to connect with children in your community. Here are some ideas for activities your chapter could host:

- Picnic Potluck in the Park
- Open Gym in a community center
- Kids crafts

Here are some activities chapters have done in the past:  
Rice: Bike Rodeo, Kiddie Parade & cookout  
Anoka: Refreshments & concert in the Park

There will be a Gift Basket drawing at Fall State for chapters that host an activity during kids week and submit a Youth of Today project of trimester report.

\*Trimester 1 President Success Bonus Points:

- Complete & submit Fast Start to [YT@mnwt.org](mailto:YT@mnwt.org) by July 15 (25 points)
- Submit an Outstanding Youth of Today Program manager nomination to [YT@mnwt.org](mailto:YT@mnwt.org) verified by PVP (25 points)

\*Outstanding Young Adult Nominations

Now is the time to plan ahead and start looking for Outstanding Young Adults in your community. The nominations are due in 2nd trimester.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks for all you do!

## Sharon Scholl Living and Learning

Grab your bag, pack some enthusiasm and buckle up as we start the journey down LIFE STREET. Don't forget your LIFE STREET Passport which can be found in the Living & Learning MNJOTS CIP. Exciting new twists and turns are in store for the 2024-25 year – check out the weekly Tuesday MNWT Programming Facebook posts for tips and event updates to assist you navigate life's highway.

During the lazy days of summer make time to relax in the shade with your favorite beverage –the perfect time to read Trimester 1 book – All Rise which is the truly remarkable inspirational life story of Alan Page. Join me at the Living & Learning Chit Chat session at Fall State Convention where we'll discuss the challenges Mr. Page experienced which are still relevant today. Joining together we can share our experiences to help each other maneuver thru similar challenges in your personal lives.

Stepping outside our comfort zone can be intimidating and overwhelming, but the self-confidence and self-esteem rewards will be lifetime enrichments. Join the Impromptu Speaking Contest at Fall Convention – the topics will be fun, light-hearted that will take us on a road trip. Follow me on MNWT Programming Facebook for more details.

Key dates to remember:

7/15 – LPM Fast Starts due

8/31 – L&L/US WPD certification due

9/2 – Outstanding Program Manager nominations & Project of Trimester due

“Taking a Journey Down LIFE STREET”

## Sara Rocksted Community Connections

Don't forget to complete your fast starts they are due July 15th. You can find the online form here: [EmailMe Form - MNWT Fast Start: Program Manager](#). Anyone who submits their fast Start to me by July 15th will get their name entered in a drawing for a basket at Fall State Convention. It's easy to complete and best of all it is Fast! Keep an eye on the MNWT Programming Facebook Page and your emails for Challenges and new ways to be entered into the drawing.

July is True Friends Emphasis Month. What is True Friends? True Friends is a nonprofit organization providing life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. True Friends' programs include camp, respite, retreats, team building, therapy and adaptive riding, and travel, serving over 25,000 individuals annually. You can find more information in my CIP and here:

[Camp | True Friends](#)

August 6th is NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!!! I am challenging all of you to get out into your communities and have a little fun or do some volunteering! I have heard of chapters meeting at a local park and having root beer floats. You could always encourage people to get out and go for a walk, host a book club outside, play outdoor games etc. The sky is the limit. And I want to hear all about it! Whatever you choose to do I am sure it will be great! You can tell me all about it at [cc@mnwt.org](mailto:cc@mnwt.org) or you could even go online and fill out a form to be nominated for project of the trimester! You can find that form here : Minnesota Women of Today (mnwt.org)

I am looking forward to the year ahead with all of you!

“Beautiful Things Come Together One Stitch at a Time”

**Andrea Schue**  
**Administrative VP**

The District Directors have their first meetings under their belts and are hopefully getting their bylaws and policies reviewed next. If you enjoyed your enrichment session or activity at your district meeting send me a message letting me know what it was and why you like it--I would love to share it with others in a Facebook post or CIP.

Fast Starts are completed...Goals have been set for the year (remember to revisit them often!). I would say so far the first trimester has been SOLID GOLD!

The President/State Delegate Retreat is just around the corner and is another opportunity to learn and interact with other chapters from around the state and lastly, to have fun.

A Facebook page has been created for the State Delegates. If you haven't been invited to it please let me know. This will be used to share links, resources, or just a place to share ideas as well between the chapters and more importantly another facet to ask for help if needed.

Fall Convention will be here before we know it...and I hope to see so many of you in Brainerd.

I'm excited to serve as your Administrative Vice President this year. Along with District Directors, District Contacts and State Delegates, we are going to let everyone know they are SOLID GOLD.

I look forward to working with you this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. You can email me: [avp@mnwt.org](mailto:avp@mnwt.org)

**Connie Fink**  
**Financial VP**

I am so excited to take on this new adventure this year!

We will have many ways to have fun with the WHEEL OF TREASURE!

The 1st way to have fun is to Spin the Wheel at the Fall State Project Fair. \$/spin and win fun prizes. "Buy a Pie on the Wheel" There will be 28 spots on the wheel to buy! Chapters and Districts donate \$50 to Ways and Means and pick your spot on the wheel. President Tevyan will spin the wheel at Annual for two \$150 Amazon Gift Cards!

The first Finance Committee meeting will be via zoom on August 10th. More Details to come.

Fall Fundraiser will be Sheets Galore! Ordering information will be sent out soon. We will be taking online orders only. Order early for delivery at Fall State!



Don't forget to shop the State Store, president Tevyan's mug is beautiful!

**Mary Sobczak**  
**Presidential Assistant**

It's never too early to start collecting pictures and memorabilia from your chapter events to create awesome memories of your year!

All Executive Council members and Chapters are asked to create a 12 x 12 scrapbook page which will be placed into an album and given to President Tevyan at Annual Convention. Scrapbook pages were handed out to the District Director to distribute to chapters. Deadline is April 1, 2025. Have fun and be creative!

Districts and Chapters are asked to contribute \$10-\$20 for a Year End Gift for President Tevyan. Checks can be mailed to the Chapter Service Center with "Pres YE Gift" in the memo. Please reach out to me with any questions. Have a great year everyone!

**Amy Pumper**  
**Chairman of the Board**

As we head towards celebrating our 75 th Anniversary at Winter State, I want to share a little about the history of our organization in each Chapter Mailing. Our organization began as the Mrs. Jaycees.

In the fall of 1949, some Jaycee wives met to discuss the potential state organization. 27 women representing the cities of Brainerd, Minneapolis, White Bear Lake, Pipestone, Grand Rapids, Winona, Moorhead, Hibbing and St. Paul were in attendance. Plans were made to meet again in March of 1950. In May of 1950, at the Jaycee convention in Moorhead, those in attendance voted to form the state organization. The Minnesota Mrs. Jaycees were the ninth state to organize and in September 1950, the name, “Mrs. Jaycees of Minnesota” was born. Much work was done to get the organization going. The first president, Lois M. Christensen was instrumental in getting the organization started. Much work was done in those first few years and a focus was placed on membership and keeping the members active and interested. Minneapolis was the host of the national Jaycee convention. Each of the then 16 chapters submitted their favorite recipes which were made into a cookbook and sold as souvenirs as a state fundraising project. More next month on the beginning of what is now known as Minnesota Women of Today.

I am excited to share that we have **ONTO shirt** pre-orders going on and the shirts can be picked up at Fall State if ordered by September 5 th . Order forms can be found in my Chapter Information Packet. We will have a limited number of shirts available for sale at Fall State.

Several awesome members have joined the ONTO Committee: Carolyn Fortier, Char Ostenberg, Rochelle Platz, Jane Holmberg, Cat Shuman, Jean Wayne, Theresa Carpenter, Brandy Mausbach and Diane Grant. This great group will be helping to promote the ONTO committee activities throughout the year.

Start making plans to attend USWT Midyear meeting in Omaha, NE October 11-12, 2024 and USWT Annual Convention to be held June 13-14th, 2025 where we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the United States Women of Today.

Send an email to share how you plan to support your chapter this year – will you take on a new position, chair or co-chair a project, a fun social – share with me what you are doing via email at [cob@mnwt.org](mailto:cob@mnwt.org) by September 1, 2024. I know you will be there to support and mentor your president and board and deserve a little recognition too!



**Cat Schuman**  
**Future Directions Chair**

Future Directions is one of the MNWT state committees and meets the same day and location as the Membership Management and Marketing Committee. The **first trimester meetings will take place on July 13, 2024 at a location in Staples MN. Tentative meeting times are: 10 am for MMC, 11 am for Marketing, and 12:30 pm for Future Directions.** Watch for meeting information on the MNWT website. Zoom options are available in addition to in-person meetings. Lunch will be served by the state committee chairs; donations are appreciated.

If you are interested in serving on the Future Directions Committee, I am still looking for a Strategic Planning chair. Any members are welcome to attend the state committee meetings – it’s a great way to learn more about our organization!

**Jeny Ohr**  
**Parliamentarian**

Greetings!

Just a reminder to District Directors and Chapters to send me your district and/or chapter bylaws and policies for review and be added to the new District Bylaw/Policy Repository and Chapter Bylaw/Policy Repository. If you send them in by August 15th you will receive an incentive at Fall State. Thank you to the districts and chapters who have already sent theirs in.

**Parli Tip of the Month:**

Here is an example script to amend a motion. Your chapter would change anything *Underlined & Italicized*.

Pending motion: *“I move that we hold a craft show.”*

Member: I move to amend the motion by inserting in May after the words craft show.

Chair: *Is there a second to the motion?* (This statement is eliminated if a member calls out second)

Second Member: I second the motion.

Chair: *It is moved and seconded that we amend the main motion “that we hold a craft show” by inserting in May after the words craft show. If the amendment is adopted the main motion would then read “I move that we hold a craft show in May.” Is there any discussion on the amendment?*

(After Discussion) The motion on the floor is whether or not to amend the main motion. If the amendment is adopted, the main motion would then read *“I move that we hold a craft show in May.”* (Be sure the members realize that they are voting on the amendment only and not the main motion.)

All those in favor, say “Aye” (Pause for response)

All those opposed, Say “No”

The affirmative has it, the main motion is amended and now reads *“I move that we hold a craft show in May.”*

Or The negative has it, the motion is lost and “Motion A” is not amended. The motion before you is *“To hold a craft show.”*

**Liz Weigel**  
**Secretary**

**DONATIONS for State POA**

**A donation of \$25 first trimester will earn you 25 bonus points for SUCCESS.**

Also, for every \$25.00 that is donated to the State POA by your district, chapter, or by you as an individual member, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket at Fall State Convention!

***What is the State Plan of Action?*** Great Question!

This Plan of Action is a book full of great information compiled by many members. It will help your chapter conduct a membership orientation, file an extension, or install new members! It has so much information and it takes money to print it to have it as a resource for you! Donate today!

You can mail donations to the Chapter Service Center.

Be sure to let us know why you are sending money; whether it is on the memo of the check or a note inside the envelope! *Thank you so much in advance!*



## Remember to submit Presidential Pin and Medallion Nominations!

They are due to State President, Tevyan, n September 1st.

There is a nomination form that she would like to have filled out, but please do not have that stop you from nominating someone.

She will definitely take an email as well. Just be sure to list the person you are nominating and the reason why you think that this member is deserving of this award. These awards are given at District and Area Meetings too! Not only at conventions! Who has went above and beyond the call of duty in your chapter, or who is doing such a fabulous job you would like to make it known?

Who can fill out or nominate a member? Anyone!

## Fast Starts *Due: July 15th*

- President Fast Start
- District Director Fast Start
- State Delegate Fast Start
- Secretary Fast Start
- Treasurer Fast Start
- Parliamentarian Fast Start
- Programming VP Fast Start

## State Wide Committee Meetings

The first trimester meetings will take place on July 13, 2024 at a location in Staples MN.

Tentative meeting times are:

10 am for MMC

11 am for Marketing

12:30 pm for Future Directions

Watch for meeting information on the MNWT website. Zoom options are available in addition to in-person meetings. Lunch will be served by the state committee chairs; donations are appreciated.

### JULY

1st Founder's Day  
11th MNWT Orientation ZOOM  
13th Committee Meetings  
15th Fast Starts Due  
15th Early Bird Renewals Due  
28th – Aug 3rd MNWT Membership Week

### AUGUST

6th Award Nominations Due 15th Renewals Due  
(Postmarked)  
18th – 24th Kids Week  
27th – 28th Fall State Convention

The Meeting was called to order by President Tevyan Sorensen at 11:17 am.  
The invocation was given by Living and Learning SPM, Sharon Scholl.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 2 Director, Tami Borgen.  
The United States Women of today Creed was led by District 9 Director, Allie Staley.  
Orders of the Day were given by Parliamentarian, Jeny Ohr. A quorum was established.

**Secretary, Liz Weigel ([Secretary@mnwt.org](mailto:Secretary@mnwt.org))**

- Chapter Mailing Highlights – see calendar for due dates
- CIPS are uploaded & distributed into DD bags.

**AVP, Andrea Schue ([AVP@mnwt.org](mailto:AVP@mnwt.org))**

- Introduction of District Directors
- District 2 Director, Tami Borgen. My theme this year is “Bloom & Grow”.
  - District meeting is planned for Sunday, June 30th.
  - I am looking forward to getting to know each of the Chapters and how they are run.
- District 3 Contact Nicky Anderson (Absent) will kick off Tri 1.
  - District meeting will be Saturday, June 29th in Staples at 9:30am at Faith Lutheran Church.
- No update for District 4 at this time, Andrea will update once more information is available
- Anita Smoley is letting everyone know they are “Everyday Heroes” in District 5.
  - District 5 meeting in Rice on June 17th, at the Lions building.
- District 6 wants us to “Grow Together.”
  - District meeting is set for June 27th at Pizza Ranch in Monticello at 6pm. Looking forward to continuing to grow excitement in District 6!
- Laurie Lillie is excited to be stepping into the District 7 Director.
  - We Will be “Growing Together”.
  - Maple Grove will be hosting the District meeting in July. Location and time TBD.
- “Coming Together, One Stitch at a Time” in District 8 with Kenya Czerwinski.
  - Theme incorporates things that will be coming together for us this year – projects, events, chapter, and district members; and my love of crochet – you all have a Pocket Hug which I plan on handing out at each of my chapter visits.
  - Tri 1 meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22, 9:30 am breakfast, 10 am meeting.
  - Enrichment will be “the POWER of positive thinking”. If you would like to contribute to the session please contact me to discuss further.
  - This year, I’m looking forward to the possibilities in our District. I’d like to focus on growth and how I can support those efforts and come up with ideas on getting the district together for socials and service events.
- “Adventure is Out There” with District 9 Director Allie Staley.
- June 19, 2024 in Windom at the library in the BRAC building at @5:30 dinner with 6:30pm/7pm meeting start.
- I am excited to help chapters learn more about healthy traits and be successful as a chapter.

**Membership VP, Carla Hanson ([MVP@mnwt.org](mailto:MVP@mnwt.org))**

- Theme, “You Matter”
- Would like to make District visits
- Challenge for Tri 1- President Tevyan’s B-Day Challenge-add 22 members state-wide by June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tevyan’s Bday. At time of meeting, 8 members had been added.
- Love Notes-send/give to people you don’t typically connect with
- Thank you for all the help & support

**Chapter Management VP, Shirley Viesselman ([CMVP@mnwt.org](mailto:CMVP@mnwt.org))**

- TLC Chapters:
  - Fridley and St. James.
  - Goal: Get all our chapters to 15 or more members. This alone would increase our membership by 60 members. Including the TLC chapters, 18 chapters fall into this category. I’m going to be toughing base with these chapters, offering visits or help and guidance any way that I can.
- Chapter President Zoom
  - June 26<sup>th</sup>, w/ President Tevyan
  - Walk through the steps to complete their fast starts.
  - Show them how the POA can be an important tool for their chapter members.
- President/State Delegate Retreat
  - W/President Tevyan and AVP Andrea on the President/State Delegate Retreat on Saturday, August 3rd.
  - Position training, leadership development and focusing on chapters.

**Extensions Director, Kathy Hansen ([Extensions@mnwt.org](mailto:Extensions@mnwt.org))**

- First Tri Goal-2 extensions by the end of the year, focusing on Hibbing
- Challenges-if you reach out with a lead on an extension, your name will be put in a drawing held at Fall State
- Foundation Incentives:
  - Extend a chapter before July 15 and the foundation will provide a \$500 grant.
  - Extend a chapter by August 31 and the chapter will receive a \$300 grant.

**Programming VP, Michelle Kocak-Jones ([PVP@mnwt.org](mailto:PVP@mnwt.org))**

- Importance of Reporting
  - Emphasis on 5 W's: Who, What, When, Where, Why
- Trimester Programming Awards-encouraging chapters to submit nominations for Outstanding Program Manager
  - 25 presidential bonus success points in Tri 1 for those that nominate
- Fast Starts-encourage completion, more info in CIP
  - Incentives at Fall State

**Community Connections, Sara Rocksted ([CC@mnwt.org](mailto:CC@mnwt.org))**

- True Friends-hoping to set-up tour during True Friends Emphasis Month and determine needs.
- National Night Out - August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Encourage participation & those that report participation will be entered into a drawing at Fall State
- Community Reporting
  - Interested in making a CIP page dedicated specifically to what chapters are doing in their community, another way to showcase to other chapters

**Living and Learning, Sharon Scholl ([LL@mnwt.org](mailto:LL@mnwt.org))**

- Life Street Passport –
  - Encourage members to participate in completion of the Living & Learning Certification & to examine their own individual life – where they've been, where they are now and where they want to go.
  - Activities planned will all correlate to items listed on the L&L certification.
  - The LIFE STREET Passport will record members progress with incentive drawings each trimester and year-end to encourage participation.
- Book Club
  - Each trimester a different book relating to a Minnesota person who has experienced social or emotional challenges will be selected.
  - Participating will fulfill a LIFE STREET Passport.
  - Each trimester the selected book will be the topic of discussion at the convention fellowship chat event.
- Proposed Change – Fellowship Service
  - Change Title to “Fellowship Chat Session”, or something similar
  - Change Scheduled Time from 8 am to immediately following Convention Business Meeting (open to other times as well)

**Priority Area – REACH, Deb Froemming ([Priority@mnwt.org](mailto:Priority@mnwt.org))**

- Trimester Challenge (Tri 2)-Drawing to be held at Winter State, to enter:
  - For a donation of \$25 or more,
  - introducing yourself to a school with the Reach program,
  - inviting a teacher to speak at your meeting or visiting a class or volunteering for the REACH program. (A list will be available soon of contacts and teachers.)
- MNWT Webinar-June 12th
  - Hoping to have Chad Harlander, program Founder & leader, as a speaker
- Zoom Info Meetings- bring members and REACH teachers together from around the state
  - Give the opportunity to meet and share what is needed and what we can do to help and fundraise.
  - The first 3 meeting dates are July 23, August 27 & September 24 at 7 pm.

**Women's Wellness, Sue Bay ([WW@mnwt.org](mailto:WW@mnwt.org)) (presented by Michelle K-J)**

- Wiggle to Wellness “Wednesday Wiggle” Facebook posts.
  - Challenge Chapters to make a quick video with members wiggling away at a meeting
- Women who Impact Award-Focus on Lois M. Christensen and her impact to the organization
  - Motions:
    - “I move to host a SINGO fundraiser event through Women's Wellness at Winter State for the Women Who Impact Award”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD9. Motion Passed Unanimously

- “I move to hold a fundraising campaign in January 2025 through Women’s Wellness to honor Lois M. Christensen.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD5. Motion Passed Unanimously.
  - This Campaign would consist of: in honor of her January birthday. She would have celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 22nd. I am going to request cash birthday gifts in memory of Lois be made to the Women Who Impact award by members, chapters, and Staff.
  - I will do a random drawing for all 3 groups of people that make a cash donation at Winter State
    - Staff members: If you make a donation for \$5 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.
    - Members: If you make a donation of \$10 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.
    - Chapters/Districts: If you make a donation of \$20 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.

**Youth of Today, Cheryl Watson ([YT@mnwt.org](mailto:YT@mnwt.org))**

- Kid’s Week is August 20-26
- YT Projects-open to chapter visits to help run/organize activities
- OYA Scholarship-supported by the SPOOKTACULAR scholarship silent auction, stop by the Fall State Project fair booth for more info

**Marketing VP, Michelle Cloutier ([MKVP@mnwt.org](mailto:MKVP@mnwt.org))**

- Founder’s Day-light up the bridge (Blue)
  - Encourage Chapters to join & post on Social media
  - Chapter Challenge-see facebook
- PWHL– (Professional Women’s Hockey League)-Puck drop instead of Day at the Diamond-more info to come
- Social Media-like, share, comment!

**Financial VP, Connie Fink ([FVP@mnwt.org](mailto:FVP@mnwt.org))**

- Wheel of Treasure-for \$5 spin the wheel at the Fall State Project Fair, Fun prizes can be won!
- Fall State Fundraiser-Sheets Galore, watch for ordering info
- “Buy a Pie” on the wheel
  - For every individual, chapter, or District who pays \$50 you will get to choose a “pie” on the wheel.
  - At Annual Convention, Tevyan will spin the wheel twice for two Amazon gift cards.
  - 1 spot per entity. 28 available. If all 28 are full we can have a 2nd board.

**Parliamentarian, Jeny Ohr ([Parli@mnwt.org](mailto:Parli@mnwt.org))**

- District Bylaw/Policy Repository
  - This is a place where all district bylaws and policies will be held
- DD Challenge- send in your district bylaws and policies by Aug. 15th you will get an incentive at Fall State.

**Chairman of the Board, Amy Pumper ([COB@mnwt.org](mailto:COB@mnwt.org))**

- ONTO Committee-looking for members
- ONTO Committee Motions
  - “I move to approve Brandy Mausbach, Diane Grant, Jean Wayne, Cat Shuman, Theresa Carpenter, Rochelle Platz, Jane Holmberg, and Carolyn Fortier as members of the 2024-2025 ONTO Committee”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD(. Motion Passed Unanimously.
  - “I Move to hold an ONTO T-shirt Quilt Fundraiser for the ONTO committee with chances selling for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD9. Motion Passed Unanimously.
    - Collection of shirts to take place at Fall State
- National Year End Convention-June 7-8, Des Moines, IA
- Statewide committee meetings-
  - July 13<sup>th</sup> in Staples/Motley Area
  - Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, Star Bank in Eden Prairie
  - Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rochester
- Statewide Committee Motions
  - “I move to approve Heidi Westerlund as the 2024-2025 Leadership Subcommittee Chair”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD5. Motion passed unanimously
  - “I move to approve the following as the 2024-2025 Membership Management Committee Area Representatives. Area 1-Liz Weigel, Area 2-Mary Hansen, Area 3-Connie Fink, Area 4-Michelle McGowan”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marketing VP. Motion Passed Unanimously.
  - “I move to approve Jeny Ohr, bonnie Martin, Wendy Homyak, and Flora Crenshaw as the 2024-2025 Membership Management Committee General Representatives:. 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD8. Motion passed unanimously.
- Redistricting-work with AVP & DDs

**Membership Management Committee Chair, Anna Nichols ([MMC@mnwt.org](mailto:MMC@mnwt.org))** (presented by Amy Pumper)

- Committee Members-all are welcome, Contact Anna for more info
- New Leadership Subcommittee Chair
- Next Meeting-July 13<sup>th</sup>-contact Anna to get on email list for ZOOM link if unable to attend in-person

**Executive Director, Tanya Rothstein ([CSC@mnwt.org](mailto:CSC@mnwt.org))**

- I am looking for a host for Fall State 2024, Winter 2026, annual 2025 and Fall State 2025. Fall state 2024 & 2025 is at Arrowwood in Brainerd, Winter 2025 at \_\_\_\_\_ in Burnsville and Annual 2025 will be at Arrowwood Alexandra. I am going to be checking out other hotels to host winter state we are looking to find one with some deals.
- Don't forget to follow up with your chapters about officer sheets; the link is on the home page of the website. Remember to indicate if you wish to receive CIPs, the State Plan of Action hard copy or electronically. Also, DD could you please fill out the District Officer Sheet for your board.
- I put the statewide calendar and membership bases with the cips in DD bags. I've handed out the EC calendar so if you did not get one, please let me know. If any chapter did not receive the paper copies but stated, they wanted some they need to fill out the form online checking they want printed copies.
- Reminder your chapters to file their 990s with the IRS and their Annual Registration with the State of MN Secretary of State's office as it was available as of June 1. These must be filed no later than September 1 to avoid late fees.
- If you are still needing help with your email or google account, please let me know. We did do some training on it this weekend but there may still be questions so please ask. Check out what is in the EC only area on the web site to see what is in there. If you need help with that let me know. You use the same password as the email and google drive. Make sure to not change the google password or personalize it. It is better if you don't change or personalize the email and email password either. Make sure to keep your email clean up keeping the emails in the folders on the side of the email still counts as the amount in the Email. If you have attachments and want to save them, you may want to put it in google drive. Also make sure the check the spam/blocklist that you don't have any MNWT.org emails addresses in there.
- **Presidential Assistant, Mary Sobczak ([PA@mnwt.org](mailto:PA@mnwt.org))**
- Exec Council Directories are ready to go
- Scrap book pages-handed out to DDs, return at Regional meetings or by April 1, 2025
- PR Photos-submit photos throughout the year for the year end slideshow
- Year End Gift-each chapter & district is asked to donate \$10-20 towards YE gift for President Tevyan. Please mail to CSC or to PA Mary & notate "Year End Gift"

**MNWT Foundation Chair, Laura Gaylord ([Foundation@mnwt.org](mailto:Foundation@mnwt.org))** (presented by Amy Pumper)

- Scholarship Deadlines
  - Cheryl L Anderson (August 1st)
  - Straight River Scholarship (anytime) is approaching
  - Applications can be found linked from the MNWT Foundation page or contact Anna Nichols for information
- Lucky Buck Baskets this year will be at Fall State. We are looking for donations:
  - Home Sweet Home in MN
  - Gift Card
  - Tech basket.
- Donations are needed for the MNWT programs. Become a sustaining member for \$25. Give a tax deductible donation at any time, designated for a certain event or program or undesignated and we will put it to use where it is most needed. Make a plan in your chapter, district or personal budget to support the MNWT Foundation. Contact Laura or Mary Kaminski for more information.
- Meeting: August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7p.m. via zoom. Contact Laura for the meeting link to attend.

**MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen ([President@mnwt.org](mailto:President@mnwt.org))**

**Ongoing Business**-None

**New Business**-None

**Announcements**-None

Benediction was said by LL SPM, Sharon Scholl

Minnesota Women of Today Creed Was Led by District 8 Director, Kenya Czerwinski

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm by MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen