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# NEWSLET



Minnesota Women of Today Members,

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life”. – Amy Poehler

If you are like me, this quote really speaks to membership in Women of Today. I think we can all agree that we found our people when we joined our chapter and became involved, whether it is on the local, district, state, and national levels – our people are there to encourage and help us become an even better version of ourselves. Without those people, we might learn and grow but with them, it is more fun and seems effortless.

How has it changed your life? Are you taking advantage of the many opportunities available whether it is as a chapter board member, a local program manager, expanding your horizons into the district, state, or even national level? There are so many ways you can learn and grow and become the best version of you! Have you thought about serving on a statewide committee or even attending those meetings? Members of those committees are making decisions that impact our organization – you could be that impact!

Members are needed to help with extensions to new communities – you could share your experience with others to help them to have an impact on their community. It is a great way to meet others and learn more about Women of Today in the process. We are hoping to have a minimum of one extension completed by the end of this year – you could help make it happen. How about sharing the organization with a friend or co-worker – your enthusiasm and excitement could help them find their people too.

What about chairing a project or hosting a state convention – several of the state delegates are working together to host the Annual Convention and are doing an amazing job putting things together to ensure a great time! How can you step out or up and take the lead on something within your chapter or on another level? It is up to you to take the lead and change your life while helping others do the same.

I challenge you to try something outside your comfort zone to help you learn and grow and share your talents with others in our organization. Our members are the ones that make a difference for our organization – it takes all of us as a team to ensure we have a solid future.

Thank you for being Women of Today members, sharing your talents, experiences, and abilities as we create many “Visions of Success” this year and beyond!

Amy



## 2023-2024 Vision Award

There are many individuals and businesses that help us be able to hold projects, events and positions on all levels of the organization. I would like to recognize these people who share themselves with us. It could be a spouse, another family member, a business, or another organization that has been helpful to your chapter or our organization. This award is to recognize non-members only and will be awarded during visits, district meetings and state conventions. The nomination form can be filled out online.

Name of person nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Who is (relationship to chapter) \_\_\_\_\_

For the Vision Award because:

### Minnesota Women of Today

Chapter Service Center  
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Albany, MN 56307

**President**  
Amy Pumper

**Administrative VP**  
Shirley Viesselman

**Membership VP**  
Glorie Balfanz

**Marketing VP**  
Allie Staley

**Chapter Management VP**  
Tevyan Sorensen

**Programming VP**  
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Tawn Hanson

**Presidential Assistant**  
Cathy Shuman

**Chairman of the Board**  
Jenise Teske

**Executive Director**  
Tanya Rothstein

# Introducing your 2024-2025 Presidential Candidates

By Jenise Teske, Chairman of the Board

Tevyan Sorensen of the Burnsville Women of Today is pleased to announce her candidacy for the office of State President of the Minnesota Women of Today.

Tevyan's background in membership, leadership and committee chair work has given her the experience needed to lead this organization forward to a positive and promising future. Joining Minnesota Women of Today in 2010, Tevyan has been an active member ever since. She has held programming, membership, administrative, and supervisory positions at the local, district and state levels. On a local level, she has held positions including chapter President, Parliamentarian, Membership VP, Programming VP, Treasurer, Local Program Manager, Public Relations, and social media. On the district level, Tevyan was District Director, Parliamentarian, Treasurer X3 years, and District Program Manager. On the state level, she served as the Living & Learning State Program Manager 2013-2014 and most recently, Future Directions Committee Chairperson 2016-2018, Membership Management Committee Chairperson 2018-2019, Membership VP 2020-2021, Administrative VP 2021-2022, and Chapter Management VP 2023-2024. Tevyan has the knowledge, with her diverse experience to support Minnesota Women of Today in all areas.

In her career as an IT consultant and then as a Life Coach, Tevyan has learned to focus on intentionality and putting effort into alignment with purposes and goals. She also learned the importance of communication when working with others as well as looking at things from various perspectives to ensure the needs of the group are being met. Her involvement with Peacemaker Minnesota—working with schools to create safer places that are bullying and harassment free, and serving on the Lakeville School ECFE Advisory Council and Community Education Advisory Council will serve her well as she leads the Minnesota Women of Today as State President. Her love and dedication to Women of Today for what it does for members, the friendships, and opportunities available shines through in all she does.

Tevyan's belief statement about why she wishes to serve and what she will bring to the organization states, "I believe in the mission of Women of Today because I have experienced it all for myself through being an active and engaged member. If elected, I will bring a positive and encouraging vision for our members to make the most of their membership. I will share my experience, my knowledge, and my passion to support the engagement and growth of our chapters and individual members. And I will approach the year and all we do by leading with intention and a lens of simplicity and collaboration."

## WT and Beyond

By Jenise Teske, Chairman of the Board

Tevyan is part of the Burnsville Women of Today, wife to Anton and mother to Aiden (8) and Kieran(7). She grew up in Texas, lived for a time in Florida until her and her husband's jobs brought them back to his home state of Minnesota.

## Chapter Support Letter By Burnsville Women of Today

Tevyan is the current chapter President of her chapter. Her chapter states they wholeheartedly support her in her seeking the office of MNWT State President. They plan to best support her by keeping their chapter strong, keeping their members active and involved, keeping a full and varied calendar of events every month and finding members to take over the co-editor position for their chapter newsletter and parliamentarian next year. They promise to support and encourage her however they can. They are excited for Tevyan to showcase her leadership skills as State President. She will be a wonderful MNWT President and her chapter is 100% behind her taking on this new challenge.



### Tevyan's Prospective State Staff

Administrative Vice President: Andrea Schue, Roseau

Membership Vice President: Carla Hanson, Maple Grove

Chapter Management Vice President: Shirley Viesselman, Hutchinson area

Marketing Vice President: Michelle Cloutier, Burnsville

Programming Vice President: Michelle Kocak-Jones, Monticello

Financial Vice President: Connie Fink, Monticello

Extensions Director: Kathy Hansen, St. Michael-Albertville area

Secretary: Liz Weigel, Lake of the Woods

Parliamentarian: Jeny Ohr, Coon Rapids

Presidential Assistant: Mary Sobczak, Burnsville



## Yee Haw! Howdy Partners



**The State Delegates are planning a hootin and hollerin good time at Annual Convention that you won't want to miss! Registrations can be done online or via mail - visit [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org) and check out the registration form today!**

# Chapter Happenings

## Coon Rapids Women of Today

On Feb. 17, 2024 ten members and one guest of the Coon Rapids Women of Today chapter had a fun morning creating tie blankets for youth at our local homeless shelter Hope 4 Youth. This was a membership event open for all community members. They were able to make twelve blankets. The guest was signed on as a member! After making the blankets six members then had a wonderful lunch and great conversation.



## Aitkin Women of Today

Participated in Aitkin Community Health Fair on March 6th at the Aitkin High School. Leslie & Marie presented information on the importance of heart health and our AWT group.



Our chapter also wore red to our February meeting to show support for Heart health month. A coin collection was also taken up for the American Heart Association.



## Longville Area Women of Today—CALL ARE ARTISTS

On June 29, 2024, the Turtle Town Art Fair in Longville will celebrate more than 20 years. It's a key fundraiser for the Longville Area Women of Today and a favorite for locals, weekenders and visitors in the Longville summer lineup! This juried fair features original artwork, hand-crafted artisan home goods, a Kid's Court, Food Court, music and more. Always rain or shine on the last Saturday in June from 9am to 3pm.

MNWT ARTISTS OR "ART FANS" are encouraged to direct their favorite artists to inquire at [turtletownartfair@gmail.com](mailto:turtletownartfair@gmail.com) for more information. Applications close on June 9.

## Hutchinson Area Women of Today

February Random Act of Kindness project was a huge success. We collected items to assemble over 60 Birthday Boxes for the McLeod County Food Shelf. We are so thankful for all the donations we received. Thank you to Lisa and Donna for organizing this amazing project.

## Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today

Great night celebrating MNWT Membership Week with these lovely ladies at Dunmires, had a fun evening getting to know each other and signed 2 new members!!!!



## St. Joseph Women of Today

For our March Chapter meeting this past Monday we had a food drive with our members for the

[St. Joseph Community Food Shelf](#)

♥ just a portion of our offerings 🍌





**Prepare for Success at  
L(ocal) O(fficer) T(raining) S(ession)  
May 4th, 2024**

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
145 2nd Ave NE, Rice, MN 56367

**Schedule:**

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome
<b>9:45-12:00</b>	<b>Position or Leadership Training</b>
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>Lunch 6 Pictures</b>
<b>12:45-3:45</b>	<b>Board Training</b>
<b>3:45-4:00</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>

**Position Training**

Lead by Staff or others who are versed in that position, review the responsibilities of your position, how to get your year started and what to expect from your state counterpart.

**Board Training**

After a fun team building activity, this is training in working together as a board to develop goals and an action plan for your chapter.

**Leadership Training**

Offered as an alternative to Position Training for those serving for at least the third time in the same position and previously attended LOTS training for that position.

For more information contact:

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Nearby Hotels:

AmericInn - Sartell  
AmericInn- Little Falls  
Country Inn & Suites - Little Falls

Registration Includes printed materials, light breakfast, lunch & snacks

**LOTS 2024 Registration**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate # of Registrations:

___ Early In-Person Registration (\$15/ea by 4/12)	___ *Virtual LPM Registration (\$5/ea)
___ Late In-Person Registration (\$20/ea)	___ ** Printed Materials (\$10/ea)
* Includes emailed materials only	** Mailed week after LOTS

Names of Attendees:

Chapter President _____	State Delegate _____
Membership VP _____	Secretary _____
Programming VP _____	Treasurer _____
LPM (In Person) _____	Parliamentarian _____
LPM (Virtual) _____	

Leadership (Name 6 Position) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Materials: Check all requested

President <input type="checkbox"/>	Membership VP <input type="checkbox"/>	Programming VP <input type="checkbox"/>	Local Program Manager <input type="checkbox"/>
State Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary <input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>	Parliamentarian <input type="checkbox"/>

Make Checks Payable to: MNWT

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