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# NEWSLET



Minnesota Women of Today Members,

At Winter State, we had fun with games. That made me think about how playing board games can correlate with us in our involvement with Women of Today. We live in a world in which connections are increasingly digital and screens dominate our interactions, there exists an awesome avenue to bridge divides, foster camaraderie, and empower each other – board games. It isn't just about rolling the dice but about forming bonds, igniting laughter and creating memories.

In our quest for empowerment and unity, we are sharing a journey. Our involvement is the picture of empowerment – it is about uplifting our communities, working towards the betterment of others, and supporting each other. The path to

empowerment isn't just in the outward activities but in the bonds, we build among ourselves. We are given a place for our connections to flourish.

Look at how we come together, united by a common cause, rolling the dice, making strategic moves, collaborating, and communicating with mutual respect. It isn't just the thrill of the win or graciousness in defeat in the game, it is in how we work towards achieving successes. Board games can be a microcosm of life – they present challenges, demand teamwork, and celebrate our individual strengths. Through the challenges, we learn to navigate complexities, find solutions and appreciate the unique contributions of each player. This mirrors our efforts in volunteering – we face obstacles, discover solutions and value the perspectives of the other members we work with and what they bring to the game.

The inclusivity of board games aligns well with the values we have as Women of Today members. There are no barriers to participating – everyone is welcomed and embraced (at least I hope that is the case in every chapter). The shared experience of learning, teaching, and playing levels the field – fostering an environment where every voice can be heard. We all want to be successful in the many facets of our organization.

Beyond the thrill of the game, the impact reaches so much deeper. Board games instill valuable lessons – strategic thinking, patience, teamwork and resilience – all essential traits in leaders within our organization. They encourage creativity, critical thinking, adaptability, nurturing skills that transform us into awesome individuals that do so much for ourselves and others.

As Women of Today members, our strength lies not just in our individual capabilities but in our unity. Board games offer a canvas for fostering unity, empathy and understanding which results in lasting friendships. They remind us that regardless of our serious pursuits, laughter and shared joy are equally important.

Let's roll the dice, move our pieces, and embrace the spirit of play. Let's create spaces where our laughter resonates, victories are shared, and barriers dissolve. Together, we can continue to make an impact both at the table and in the communities we serve. It really isn't about the game but the connections we make, embracing empowerment of each other that propels us forward. Board games are not just about play but a celebration of the remarkable strength and unity we have as we come together for a greater cause.

Thank you for being a part of the game of Women of Today, spreading your wings and taking flight with me as we create many "Visions of Success" this year! Amy

#### 2023-2024 Vision Award

There area 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:    |  |
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| Chapter name                  |  |
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| For the Vision Award because: |  |



## Minnesota Women of Today

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## STAFF REPORTS

### Leave A Little Sparkle Wherever You Go....Be a DISTRICT DIRECTOR

#### What is a District Director (DD)?

The role of DD is a very important link in our organization. Our districts need to have someone overseeing and leading them each year. This leader role is vital in the success of our local chapters and district activities!

#### What does a District Director do?

**Excite** your district members:

- ♦ Offer challenges for them to achieve
- ♦ Share new ideas for projects, recruitment, chapter management
- ♦ Plan fun, motivational visits with your chapters
- Promote membership nights, recruitment and retention ideas
- ♦ Promote attendance at conventions and district meetings

#### Inform them:

- Keeping them informed about deadlines and due dates of all state meetings and events
- ♦ Work with your chapters in getting renewals in on time
- ♦ Promote state and national programming
- ♦ About everything MNWT and USWT

Assist and support chapters and members:

- Trimester board meetings (if applicable)
- ♦ Help presidents with problem solving
- ♦ Be the voice for your chapters on Executive Council
- ♦ Identify problems in your chapters and then initiate action to find solutions (there are many resources to help you out!)

Being a district director can be a rewarding experience full of personal growth, leadership training and an increase in your self confidence. Strong commitment, a willingness to learn, and the belief in yourself and in the organization will help you fulfill the duties and enjoy the position of DD.

#### Why now?

As the District calendar has shifted with the first meeting being held in June, the earlier your district has a director in place, the smoother the transition will go. Election of the director position will take place at your district meeting in March/April or can take place at Annual Convention (May) if the position is not filled by then.

Making the decision early is helpful, as you will receive information from the AVP and current DD to help you get started and prepare for your new year. There are many rewards to holding this position, including improving your speaking, writing, communication, organizational, motivational and leadership skills. Plus, it is so much FUN!

#### Who can be a DD?

To be elected as District Director, you must be a member of MNWT for at least 2 years and in good standing. You will need the backing of your chapter and you shall have served as a local officer for at least one year.

#### What is really required of a DD?

The expectations of a DD can vary from District to District, but there are some basics for all.

- $lack \$  Make sure trimester newsletters go out to your district members
- ♦ Monthly contact with your chapter presidents
- Monthly report to your supervisor (AVP) and other staff members
- District Plan of Action
- Two visitations to all of your chapters (minimum)
- ♦ Coordinate trimester district meetings with hosting chapter
- ♦ Attendance at all state conventions with possible Friday morning training
- Attendance at Special Exec (Sunday Annual), MNJOTS (June) and Mid-Year Exec (November)
- ♦ Spring Regional Meeting (help coordinate and attend)

#### How do I know what to do?

- Initially, information will come from the current AVP regarding what to expect at Annual Convention and help you get your year started.
- ♦ Training should take place with current DD prior to Annual Convention (April/May)
- ♦ Read current District Plan of Action
- MNJOTs held the first weekend in June. You will receive extensive training on job responsibilities, requirements, paperwork procedures, chapter management, membership, goal setting and much, much more!
- ♦ DD meetings at convention with AVP
- ♦ Monthly information/newsletter from AVP with reminders, dates, training information, suggestions, etc.

If you have any questions on this information, or are interested in getting additional information, contact Shirley Viesselman, Administrative Vice President at <a href="mailto:avp@mnwt.org">avp@mnwt.org</a> or 320-298-5162.

#### **Proposed Bylaw change**

Article X, section 5 reads:

Section 5. A member must meet all the following qualifications to be eligible to serve as a State Program Manager:

- A. Be a member in good standing in his/her local Minnesota Women of Today chapter for at least two (2) years or more on assuming position.
- B. Have interest and knowledge of project areas on local level.
- C. Have personal backing of his/her chapter, as indicated by a letter of support.
- D. Shall seek and use the help of any agency concerned with his/her particular area.
- E. Have served as a Local Program Manager (LPM) and a District Program Manager (DPM) or a District Director or a District Programming Vice President a minimum of one (1) year each (can be concurrent).

I move that Article X, section 5 should read

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- B. Have personal backing of his/her chapter, as indicated by a letter of support
- C. Have served as a (LPM), served on a local board and or district board, a minimum of one (1) year. (can be concurrent)

The proposed Bylaw will be voted on at the Annual business Meeting 2024.

Tawn Hanson—MN Parliamentarian 2023-2024 Succeed with Bob and Coffee

#### **Policy Changes**

These policies were moved/seconded and passed at the Winter State Executive Council Meeting 1-26-2024

#### **POLICIES**

#### Policy E,1,b)

Existing Policy E1,b: Districts will be divided into three (3) sections for purposes of submitting a priority bid to host a state meeting.

I move that we change policy E1,b to read: Districts will be divided into two(2) sections for the purposes of submitting a priority bid to host a state meeting.

#### Policy E1,b1

Existing Policy E1,b,1: Section North/West includes districts 2,3,4; section 2 Central includes 5,6,7,8; section3 South includes districts 10,11.

I move that policy E1,b,1 should read Section North includes districts 2,3,4,5 and section 2 South includes districts 6,7,8,9.

#### Policy J,13,h

Existing policy h. Voting for all State Programmers' bids should be by paper ballots.

I move that policy J,13,h. should read: Voting for all State Program Managers' bids should be by paper ballots by the primary voting body of Executive Council and State Program Managers.

# **Chapter Happenings**







20 years of service with The ARC Minnesota

The Maple Grove chapter has been providing support services for The ARC Minnesota for 20 years in a program called Merry Thriftmas at their Value Village Thrift Store in New Hope.

Including and supporting people who have disabilities, The Arc Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People with disabilities and their families trust The Arc for information, assistance, education, and public policy leadership.

The chapter volunteers to help the Value Village store to unpack boxes, sort, and/or place holiday items on the sales floor. Whatever they need, we will help. We have unpacked boxes (hundreds of them!), priced items or placed items on the selling floor while the shoppers swarm the store in the first day of their Merry Thriftmas sale.

We make it fun! With a good attitude of service to others, we bring our muscles and a smile. This is a favored project of the chapter. We typically get a large number of volunteers.



#### **Longville Area Women of Today**

The annual Halloween Party at Camp Olson YMCA camp was held the same day as our October District 3 meeting. Six members braved the cold to decorate and host one of the cabins for Trick or Treating. At least 360 children knocked on our door and 1300 pieces of candy were handed out. The members baked and delivered thirty-six

cakes to be used as prizes for the Cake Walk in the lodge. The Headless Horseman also paid us a visit.



#### **Coon Rapids Women of Today**

The Coon Rapids Women of Today chapter held a birthday bag donation drive

in October for Domestic Violence Awareness month. The bags went to the local domestic violence shelter. The chapter had a goal of 40 bags to celebrate their chapter member turning 40. 9 members either donated items, packed bags or delivered the bags. 34 bags contain items for women (cakes, frosting and a couple of gifts) and 4 bags for kids (cake, frosting, toys, coloring books, crayons, etc). \$1,200 in-kind donations and 15 inservice hours. After packing the bags member went to a restaurant for food and fellowship.



#### **Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today**

We used some of the proceeds from our Butter Braid fundraiser to buy gifts for 10 seniors for the Be a Santa for a Senior program through Home Instead! Dropped off today! Excited to deliver next week!!!!



#### **Morris Area Women of Today**

The Morris Area Women of Today host Turkey Bingo in November. Our Chapter started organizing a Bunny Bingo years ago which was very successful so we decided to also try a Turkey Bingo. This is our 2nd year and 15 members of our chapter were there to put on a great night. To start the night there was a taco bar buffet option for those who want to eat before or during bingo. We had 12 silent auction baskets comprised of items donated from businesses in the community. We also did split the pot and had 10 different bingo games. We had a variety of prizes for the bingo winners and usually gave out prizes to two or more winners. Prizes to pick from are turkeys, prizes for kids and prizes for adults. We also had pictures with Mr. Turkey and a Kids Corner where kids can do fall themed games and color turkey pictures. The money raised is going towards finishing payment on the 34 benches we purchased for our neighborhood parks, other community projects and for needs at the Pomme De Terre Dog Park we established in 2019. Fun night for all! Gobble, Gobble!!!



#### **Aitkin Women of Today**

The Aitkin Women of Today were busy during the Holidays. We had a food drive/laundry pod bags for the food shelf, Kids Christmas movie with a bake sale, That Guy Letters sent out to the kiddos, Fish House Parade and 5K, Salvation Army Bell ringing, and PJ collection for local shelter.







# **Chapter Happenings**

#### Staples/Motley Area

We offered senior picture sessions for students in need whose families couldn't afford to have senior pictures done for their child. We picked two dates and the school counselor helped find us students and we had four students this year take this great opportunity. We had Mark from the newspaper take the photos. We picked a great location to do photos, each student could have a change of clothes. We bought jump drives and pictures were put on there and given to the students a week later.

#### **Hutchinson Area Women of Today**

The Craft Sale was a great success. We had so much positive feedback from shoppers and vendors alike. The attendance was amazing. Thank you to each member for what they did to organize, and help in any way. A special thank you to Emmy's husband Gary who brought the golf cart so we could offer rides to people to and from their cars. They appreciated the rides with

their heavy packages.





#### **Duluth Women of Today**

DWT worked the Duluth Air Show on July 15-16, with 9 members and 27 other volunteers. Our WT Chapter friends from Aitkin, Brainerd & Staples/Motley help us raise over \$3500!





#### Sauk Rapids Women of Today

Members and a guest having fun at a Tastefully Simple open house and then social time at Dann's Dug-



#### St Joseph Women of Today

St. Joseph Women of Today is preparing for their Fourth Annual Bike Safety Event on Saturday, May 11 at Klinefelter Park. Donations are starting to come in to help purchase safety items, stickers, snack items, bicycles, helmets, and door prizes. Flyers be will posted at local businesses to promote the event two weeks prior to the event, in addition to publishing an ad in the area newspaper. We will again be collaborating with the Lions Y2K (selling food) and with representatives of the State Farm Insurance Agency, who last year had flowers for moms to put together in a bouquet for Mother's Day. A State Trooper or sheriff is usually present also so kids can see the inside of a squad car. This is a fun day where kids and their parents check in, get a passport so they can travel to each station and, when complete, put their name in a bucket for the bicycle they want to win. It is a chapter project that involves all of our members and we are looking forward to another successful event.

## Butterfly Messages

#### Staff,

You amaze me with your ideas, enthusiasm, and dedication! I truly appreciate you! Amy

#### SPMs,

You really stepped up this trimester and showed us what you have - great job! Amy

#### DDs

Thank you for your dedication to your chapters and ensuring they have what they need to succeed! Amy

#### Past Presidents,

Thank you for all your support and help this year! I absolutely love the necklace and earrings!

#### MNWT Members,

We cannot succeed without you - let's make this the best trimester ever! You are what keeps our organization the Minnesota Women of Today! Amy

#### Diane Grant,

I am so sorry you had to miss this convention - we will make up for it at Annual Convention! Amy Pumper

#### Michelle Cloutier

Congratulations on your Key Women award! We are so very proud of you. Your friends in Burnsville Women of Today

Tevyan Sorensen

| NEWSLET Personal Messages     |           |
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| Chapter:                      | District: |
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## Winter State Awards

#### **Success System**

Trimester 1

- 1. Monticello
- 2. Hutchinson
- 3. Sauk Rapids
- 4. Champlin
- 5. Aitkin
- 6. Burnsville
- 7. Brainerd Lakes Area
- 8. Coon Rapids
- 9. St Joseph
- 10. Duluth



District with Highest Percentage of Growth District 6 Director—Connie Fink



District with Highest Percent of Retention District 4 represented by —Kenya Czerwinski



#### **MNWT Foundation Chapter Incentives**

#### **STEP I or STEP II**

Received a \$5 State Store Gift Certificate Champlin—1 member Brainerd Lakes Area—1 member Monticello—2 members

Burnsville—3 members

Hutchinson Area—10 members

#### **Chapters Growth of 3 or 4 New Members**

Received \$30 Rebate

Hawley Rogers-Otsego-Dayton

Staple-Motley Area Warroad Area

#### **Chapters Growth of 5 or more Members**

Receive \$50 Rebate Hutchinson Area

#### **In Chapter Extensions**

(Signing 4 New Members in One Month)
Hawley Longville Hutchinson (2)

#### **USWT Awards Presented at Winter State**

#### Pins:

Judy Moldenhauer, Sauk Rapids Michelle McGowan, Byron Jeny Ohr, Coon Rapids Michelle Kocak-Jones, Monticello Lisa Hahn, Sauk Rapids

Kenya Czerwinski, Glenville **Medallions:** 

JoAnn Miller, US Extensions Director, Byron Mary Hansen, US Parliamentarian, St. Cloud

Award of Excellence:

Amy Pumper, President, Byron

#### **Outstanding Program Managers**

Community Connections
Ellen Anderson—Maple Grove Chapter

Women's Wellness Kylie Saari—Fairmont Chapter

Youth of Today Zachary Fincher—New Hope Chapter

Priority Area—Crescent Cove Ronda Wagner—Duluth Chapter

#### **Projects of the Trimester**

Community Connections
Duluth Chapter—Veterans' Day Program

Living and Learning
Monticello Chapter—Predictive Index (PI)
PEP course

Priority Area—Crescent Cove Brainerd Lakes Chapter—Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

Women's Wellness Fairmont Chapter—Community Doula Project

Youth of Today Anoka Chapter—Hope 4 Youth Meal

#### **Foundation Chapter Grants**



**New Hope—Habitat Restoration Program** 



**District 2—Girls State Project** 



MNWT State President
Amy Pumper
USWT President
Tracey Pierson

#### Presidential Pins

Pamela Brule Aitkin
Leslie Goble Aitkin
Tammy Schwerr Anoka
ErinTerrazas Anoka

Gerrin Dehn Brainerd Lakes Area

**Emily McDonald** Duluth Sheila Joslin Champlin Sue Lunseth Champlin Ellen Anderson Maple Grove Maple Grove Julie Keets Joan Loxtercamp Melrose Area Candy Freeman Melrose Area Melanie Girouard Monticello Kayla Kleinsteuber Monticello Naomi Skulan Morris Area **Deloris Hoseth** New Hope Becca Pitan New Hope Kaja Vukelich Rice Lisa Wallin Rice Amber Schramel St. Cloud Charity Pikkaraine St. Joseph Presented at District Meeting

Rita Johnson, New Hope

#### **Chapter Mile Award**

New Ulm

#### **Chapter Attendance Award**

Anoka

#### **District Excitement**

District 8

#### **Spot Light**

Cindy Olson—Anoka

#### **First Timer Overall**

Jenna Kazmierczak—Rice

## Winter State Awards



Chapter Presidents Medallions—Michelle Kocak-Jones—Monticello and Kenya Czerwinski, Glenville, Not pictured: Sherri Streff—STMA, Carolyn Fortier—Warroad Area



Programming Award of Excellence—
Sara Rocksted



Presidential Award of Excellence— Shirley Viesselman



**State Delegate Medallions**—Virginia Haberman—Coon Rapids, Sarah Sundine—Monticello

#### State Staff Medallions—

Glorie Balfanz, Membership VP Jane Holmberg, Financial VP Tawn Hanson, Parliamentarian Tanya Rothstein, Executive Director

#### **Staff Medallions at Midyear**

Andrea Schue, Extensions Director Cathy Shuman, Presidential Assistant Jenise Teske, Chairman of the Board



State Program Managers Medallions— Pat Undersander, Sandy Trossen and Sara Rocksted



Vision Award—Tom Eilman—Rice, Eryn Eken—Rice, Mike Jones—Monticello, Longville Volunteer Fire Department



#### **State Program Managers**

Sara Rocksted—Priority Area
Pat Undersander—Living and Learning
Amy Pumper—President
Mary Kaminski—MNWT PVP
Sharon Bergquist—Women's Wellness
Sandy Trossen - Youth of Today

#### MNWT State Staff 2023-2024

Jane Holmberg—Financial VP
Allie Staley—Marketing VP
Tawn Hanson—Parliamentarian
Mary Kaminski—Programming VP
Candi Frick—Secretary
Shirley Viesselman—Administrative VP
Amy Pumper—President
Jenise Teske—Chairman of the Board
Tanya Rothstein—Executive Director
Andrea Schue—Extensions Director
Tevyan Sorensen—Chapter Management VP
Cathy Shuman—Presidential Assistant
Glorie Balfanz—Membership VP



#### **District Directors**

Kenya Czerwinski, District 8 Representative Linda Nindorf—District 3 Amy Pumper—President Shirley Viesselman—MNWT AVP Jennifer Wulff—District 7 Fawn Widman—District 5 Representative Connie Fink—District 6



## Winter State Awards



Key Women Award—Michelle Cloutier



Key Women Award—Sue Lemke In Memory





Ambassador Award—Anna Nichols









Cade Bunnell was nominated by the Burnsville chapter for recipient of the Outstanding Young Adult Award. He is a Burnsville High School student, served over 2000 hours as a volunteer in the last four years. His activities included collaborating with the Burnsville Women of Today in organizing student volunteers, school supplies, and blanket making for their Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. He also, as President of the Youth Service Advisory Council, helped bring together clubs and activities to clean up the campus. Cade was a Link Leader helping high school freshmen get acclimated to high school and understand how to be a successful high schooler. He has won several awards through the Minnesota Academy of Science and volunteered with Brain Power in a Back Pack, a hunger relief project for families in need. In his part-time job at American Montessori, he taught the kids that gender does not matter in sports and engaged them in a variety of sports activities, as well as showing them the importance of adopting a nearby park and keeping it clear of litter.

Andreya Clour was nominated by the Sauk Rapids Women of Today for the Outstanding Young Adult Award. She was adopted from Guatemala when she was six months old. She participates in the Pre-Med Club and Social Justice Club at school, as well as being involved in the Middle School Mentoring Program—tutoring and mentoring 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Andreya volunteers in the community with highway cleanup, recycling, helping with meal programs and assisting the elderly. She has been active in several sports—including cross country, track and field, horseback riding and swimming. She has shared her talents with acting in school plays and playing violin at St. Cloud Munsinger Gardens, a local senior center, and for Christmas shoppers at a local grocery store. Andreya has always considered volunteering a significant part of her life—not only to give back to the community but also to leave a worthwhile impact on those around her. She especially loves working with young children by being able to witness their willingness to learn, their love for another, and their curiosity.

Warren Annear, better known as Pat Mayer was nominated by the Aitkin chapter for the Person with Determination Award. He experienced an automobile accident as a child—resulting in almost dying and secondary effects of a stroke, a traumatic brain injury and a speech impediment. He has suffered from bullying from family and friends, making him feel like a failure. Despite comprehension and learning difficulties, though, he graduated college in Wilmar with two degrees in Occupational Skills and in an Entrepreneurial field. He has been able to live independently and is employed at the Development Achievement Center (DAC) in Aitkin. There he became involved with special crafts and writing and was encouraged to write a children's book. His co-workers' words have helped him, not so much in what they said but in how they said, to help him in his battle of depression. His book, titled, "Can I Please Play with You?" talks about treating children with disabilities as equals. When making a presentation of his book to a class of students at Ripple-side Elementary School, he was thrilled when they volunteered to be the illustrators for his book. In addition, the children were so affected after hearing his story, that they told him they were choosing to include their classmates and neighborhood children who have disabilities.

Kaitlyn Peterson was nominated by the Burnsville Women of Today and the second honoree of the Person with Determination Award. She is well known as an advocate for those with disabilities. From the time she started school, her parents fought hard to have her enrolled in mainstream classes. In middle school, her mother convinced her principal to start a Best Buddies so she could be in the same classes as her friends. By advocating for herself in high school, she was able to learn sign language, help pre-school students in her child development courses, and be part of a school play. Her passion for inclusion awareness led to bringing an official Best Buddies office to the state of Minnesota—by helping with fundraisers, being part of a Fashion Show and helping establish a virtual program during the pandemic. Her involvement with Best Buddies led to being crowned Minnesota Amazing Jr. Miss in 2020 and competing at the national level in Nashville, TN. In 2021 her photo was selected to be part of a National Down Syndrome Society video in New York City. As State Ambassador for the Best Buddies of Minnesota, Kaitlyn volunteers with training and giving speeches to school board meetings. She wants people to know that, even with limitations, people with disabilities can achieve goals and have dreams just like everyone else.

## Winter Convention Pictures

#### **Youth Of Today** Card Sale



**Key Women Project** 

Women's purses were filled with personal products to be donated to Women's shelters through out the state.



#### **Jewelry Auction**



**Breakout Session USWT President Tracey Pierson** 



#### Friday Night—Game Night





#### MIDYEAR AWARDS LIST

#### **SECRETARY**

Fast Start: Candi Frick

Minutes/Newsletters submitted:

Candi Frick, Secretary and Jean Wayne,

Coon Rapids

Outstanding Secretary: Candi Frick

Outstanding Newsletter: Jean Wayne, CR

#### PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT

Fast Start: Mary Kaminski and Anna Nichols

Challenge award winners: Mary Kaminski and Anna Nichols

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Fast Start : Anna Nichols—New Hope

Founder's Day certificates: Aitkin, Avon, Burnsville, Byron, Coon Rapids

Maple Grove, Melrose Area, Monticello, New Hope, Rice, St Cloud

St. Joseph, Sauk Rapids, Staples Motley Area, Warroad Area, White Bear Lake

Staples Motley Area, Warroad Area and White Bear Lake

#### PRESIDENTIAL PINS

Sharon Bergquist, Women's Wellness SPM, Duluth Rochelle Platz, Chapter President, Sauk Rapids Anita Smoley, St Joseph Chapter President

Joanne Larson, Aitkin State Delegate

Tevyan Sorensen, Chapter Management VP, Burnsville

Cheryl Watson, State Delegate, Burnsville

Shelly DeCamp, State Delegate, Staples/Motley Area

Connie Fink, District 6 Director, Monticello

Michelle Cloutier, District 8 First Trimester Rep, Burnsville Shirley Viesselman, Administrative VP, Hutchinson Area

Candi Frick, State Sectary, Brooklyn Park

Mary Kaminski, Programming VP, New Hope

Theresa Carpenter, State Delegate, New Hope

#### **TREASURER**

Fast Start: Jane Holmberg

#### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Fast Start: Tawn Hanson

#### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Fast Start—Jenise Teske

#### MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

3rd Place Cindy Umland

2nd Place—Anna Nichols

Fast Start: Sue Lemke, Avon; Tevyan Sorensen, Burnsville; Glorie

Balfanz, Monticello, and Cindy Umland, St. Cloud

WELLNESS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Impromptu Winners 3rd Place—Cindy Umland

Friendship Day submissions: Anoka, Avon, Burnsville, Byron, Duluth, Eastern Carver County, Melrose Area, Madelia, New Hope, Rice, Sauk

Rapids, St. Joseph and Staples/Motley

Chapters with Growth +1: Aitkin, Albany, Blooming Prairie, Eastern Carver County, Rogers/Otsego/Dayton, Sauk Rapids, White Bear Lake, and Windom

Chapters with Growth +2: Anoka, Avon, Fairmont, Lake of the Woods

Chapters with Growth +3: Burnsville

Chapters with Growth +4: St. Cloud and Warroad Area

Gold Chapter: St. Cloud

One-A-Month Club: Rogers/Otsego/Dayton

Chapter with Highest Percent of Growth: Warroad Area Outstanding State Contact: Tevyan Sorensen, CMVP

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLIONS:

Treasurer—Jane Hanson

Public Relations Director—Shellie Matthes

State President—Amy Pumper

#### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

US Public Relations Director—Shellie Matthes

US Treasurer—Jane Hanson

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