



Minnesota Women of Today
2024-2025 Winter CIP
Living & Learning State Program Manager,
“Taking a Journey Down Life Street”

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We’re nearly 25 days into 2025 – over 60% of this chapter year is in the rear- view mirror. I don’t know about you, but when I embarked on this journey 8 months ago, it seemed like a daunting challenge. Did you feel the same way? But, in all honesty, it has been challenging but also filled with remarkable learning opportunities and new friendships.

There are still over 3 months remaining to work on your personal goals and learning opportunities. Use the Life Street Passport challenge as a guide to your rewarding journey. There’s still time to join me on this year’s JOURNEY. Please share with me either via email ll@mnwt.org or text/phone 320.761.1188 your Life’s journey accomplishments this year. I’m also available for questions, or to help you brainstorm on PEP ideas

Happy Trails to Everyone!

Sharon

IMPORTANT DATE



- Feb 13-19 Random Act of Kindness Week
- April 12 - MNWT Statewide Day of Service
- April 30 - L&L/USWT WPD Certifications due
- May 2 - Project of Trimester nominations due
- May 2 - Outstanding LPM nominations due
- **Consult MNWT official calendar at mnwt.org under "EVENTS" to ensure other key dates are not missed.*

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MNWT L&L CERTIFICATION

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| Stefany Nikolaus, Anoka | Sarah Midas, Rice |
| Jeanne Wolbeck, Albany | Kelly Neu, Melrose |
| Sandy Dinndorf, Sauk Rapids | Arlene Feldewerd, Avon |
| Char Ostenberg, Duluth | Kristen Luurs, Champlin |
| Julie Keets, Maple Grove | Pamela Brule, Aitkin |
| Teresa Earl, Maple Grove | |
| Michelle Kocak-Jones, Monticello | |

USWT WPD CERTIFICATIONS

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| Lorissa Hanson, Blooming Prairie | Teresa Earl, Maple Grove |
| Cindy Golbuff, Blooming Prairie | Char Ostenberg, Duluth |
| Brandy Mausbach, Blooming Prairie | |



EFFECTIVE WRITING COMPETITION

THANK YOU to the four participants who submitted essays for the Effective Writing Competition. Your stories have truly inspired me to become a more effective role model.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

ROBYN FARM, Eastern Carver County

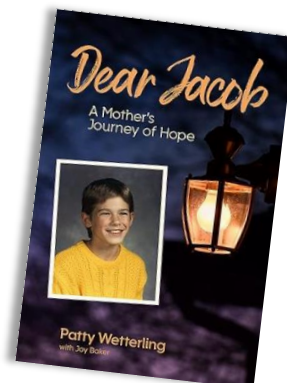
Watch for Robyn’s inspiring story to be published in an upcoming Monthly Chapter Mailing.



TRIMESTER 3 – “Sharon’s Book Club”

DEAR JACOB: A Mother’s Journey Of Hope by Patty Wetterling/Joy Baker

With stunning detail, Patty Wetterling shares the untold story of the 27-year search for her son Jacob – and its astonishing conclusion. Dear Jacob offers not only a behind-the-scenes account of one of American’s most notorious crimes, but also a historical account of what has been done in the years since his disappearance on the prevention of child abduction an exploitation.



Thank you to the generous donation from the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation, Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker will be the special guests at the Annual Convention. There will be a meet & greet along with book signing opportunity. This special moving story along with Patty and Joy’s visit is the perfect way to complete our 2024-25 journey along Life’s Street.

TRI 3 CHALLENGES



PASSPORT

This year there will be challenges for both the chapter LPM and the individual chapter members. Each LPM is to encourage their chapter members to participate in the **LIFE STREET PASSPORT** challenges. Both LPMs and chapter members who participate by providing the required completed passport will be entered into a **LIFE STREET JOURNEY** drawing. Refer to attached Passport to distribute to participating chapter members.

LPM Challenges:

1. Host a Chapter PEP course.
2. Submit a 3rd Trimester L&L Project of the Trimester Nomination.

Chapter Member Challenges: *To participate in Life Street Passport activity, must complete all three challenges listed below or any two plus one bonus challenge (total of 3 must be completed), record on Passport and submit per instructions below.*

1. Everyone has a special talent – perhaps cooking, baking, crafting, quilting – share this passion with another person or host a class for your chapter.
2. Update or create a family history book/document.
3. Read Trimester 3 book Dear Jacob: A Mother’s Journey of Hope. ***BONUS Challenges*** - *In addition to the basic sections of the **Living and Learning Certification**, each year the State Program Manager may add two additional items of their choice. Bonus Challenges are Optional.*
 1. Set a “stretch” goal to grow as an individual on the journey down Life Street. Start a journal to record your journey of individual growth.
 2. Visit an individual in your neighborhood and/or community who is new in your community, a neighbor or community members who may have lost a loved one or an elderly shut-in person, especially during special holidays. Record what you did to make brighten their day.

How To Participate?

Participating is very easy – chapters can work together as a group or on an individual base. Provide each chapter member with the challenges along with a copy of the **LIFE STREET PASSPORT**. Completed Passports must be submitted either via email to ll@mnwt.org or texting to 320.761.1188 by the due date. Each trimester the participants will continue to fill out their passport.

There will be drawings each trimester for those submitting their completed trimester passport PLUS a year-end drawing for those who complete all three trimester challenges.



PASSPORT

Name _____

Chapter _____

Tri 1 Challenges

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Due Date: Sept. 5



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Tri 2 Challenges:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Due Date: Jan. 5

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Tri 3 Challenges:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Due Date: May 5

Journey with MNWWT Down Life Street

- Complete Challenges each Trimester
- Email photo of completed Passport by due date to be entered into drawing
- Send photo or scanned copy to:

Email: Wmnwvt.org or
Text: 320-761-1188



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