



**Minnesota Women of Today
2025 – 2026 Winter State CIP
Chapter Management Vice President
You are a Blooming Rose**

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Hello Chapter Presidents

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year's

We are on to our last trimester! Don't forget the incentive for the year for the under-15 chapters.

You are all doing great, and I have enjoyed seeing all the fun events you have done. Let's make the 3rd trimester the best!

As you prepare for next year's chapter board, please encourage them to attend LOTS! The registration form is included in the CIP and online.

Also, review the changes made to the Success form. If you haven't done success in the past look at the new form and try it. We hope it will be a little easier to fill out!

I am here for you to be a Blooming Rose. I love seeing all the great things you are doing in the monthly reports and Facebook pages.

Chapter President Zoom

At the President/State Delegate Retreat, it was decided that they would like to hold a Monthly Zoom Meeting, and they chose the 15th of each month. Plan to join President Shirley and CMVP Connie. Watch for Zoom links in chapter emails and the President's Facebook page!

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Dates to Remember:

February

- 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 18-24 Membership Week
- 26 Webinar
- 28 Monthly Reports Due

March

- 7 March Planning
- 8 State Committee Meetings
- 21 Region 1 Meeting
- 28 Region 2 Meeting
- 31 Monthly Reports Due

April

- 18 MNWT Foundation Meeting
- 19-25 National Volunteer Week
- 25 LOTS
- 27 3rd Tri and Year-End Close Out
- 30 Monthly Reports Due

May

- 15-17 Annual Convention

June

- 5-7 MNJOTS
- 12-13 USWT Year-End Convention
- 23 MNWT Webinar

Under 15 Challenge

If a chapter reaches one of these goals (with a starting base on May 1, 2025, under 15 members) by April 30, 2026, they will receive ONE of the following at the Annual Convention 2026:

Growth plus 1 - \$25

Growth plus 2 - \$50

Growth plus 3 or more - \$75

Get to 15 or more members or growth plus 4 - \$100

From the USWT Membership VP.

How to Work Effectively as a Team in Your Chapter.

Focus on clear communication, defining roles, fostering a culture of collaboration and trust, and celebrating achievements to build camaraderie and motivate members.

Key Strategies for Teamwork

-Communicate Clearly:

Establish open lines of communication to ensure everyone is informed about tasks, goals, and challenges. This includes encouraging discussion, allowing members to voice their opinions, and providing regular updates.

-Define Roles and Goals:

Clarify individual roles and responsibilities so each volunteer knows their part and how they contribute to the bigger picture.

- Foster Collaboration and Trust:

Create an environment where team members feel comfortable sharing ideas and supporting each other. Team-building activities and a focus on shared values can help build trust and make the team more cohesive.

-Celebrate Achievements:

Acknowledge and celebrate the team's successes, no matter how small. This fosters a sense of pride and reinforces the positive impact of their efforts, boosting morale and engagement.

-Encourage Creativity and Input:

Seek input from all team members, as diverse perspectives can lead to innovative solutions and approaches. Create avenues for volunteers to offer suggestions and new ideas.

Tri 3 Presidential Success Bonus Points

Donate \$50 to the FVP "Ticket to Ride"
MNWT Ways and Means
(50 points – verified by CSC)

Or

Submit your Scrapbook pages by April 1st
(25 points – verified by PA)

Or

Participate in Random Acts of Kindness Day,
On February 17th
(50 points – verified by the PA)

Or

Submit a March Planning recommendation
By February 15th
(25 points – verified by COB)

Or

Call in for the Close-out Zoom on April 27th
(25 points – verified by the MVP)

(Maximum 100 points)

Webinar for 3rd Trimester

Thursday, February 26th

- 6:00 pm Consent Agenda: What is it?
How does it work?
- 6:30 pm MNWT Committee Meetings/
March Planning: Why attend?
- 7:00 pm Changing the Narrative on Mental
Health



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→ SUCCESS ←

"If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

Albert Schweitzer

➤ **Nineteen (19) chapters submitted**

➤ **1st trimester**

- Aitkin
- Albany
- Avon
- Blooming Prairie
- Brainerd Lakes Area
- Brooklyn Park
- Burnsville
- Champlin
- Coon Rapids
- Duluth
- Litchfield
- Maple Grove
- Morris
- New Hope
- Rice
- Sauk Rapids
- St. Joseph
- St. Michael Albertville
- Staples-Motley

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet." Lou Holtz

Welcome to 3rd trimester

Thank you to those who sent in SUCCESS 2nd trimester.

We have met as a Taskforce for SUCCESS and there are some updates on the guidelines and form to be implemented for the 26-27 Women of Today year. We can't wait to share these with you once they are approved at the next Future Directions meeting on March 8th. Questions regarding these documents will be taken at this meeting. The new guidelines and form will be available at the LOTS training, and more information will be in your MNJOTS CIP.

Have questions regarding your submission?

Email success@mnwt.org

or crnvp@mnwt.org, we are happy to assist.

Success documentation needs to be submitted for the third trimester by **May 2, 2026**. If submission is mailed:
38260 Deer Street, Aitkin, MN 56431

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Prepare for Chapter Success at
L(ocal) O(fficer) T(raining) S(ession)
 Zoom Position Registration
 April 28-30, 2026

Position Training

Led by staff or others who are versed in the position, you will review the responsibilities of your position, learn how to get your year started, and understand what to expect from your state counterpart.

Schedule Tuesday, April 28th

6:30-8:00 pm Chapter President Training

6:30-8:00 pm Membership VP Training

Schedule Wednesday, April 29th

6:30-8:00 pm Program VP Training

6:30-8:00 pm Treasurer Training

Schedule Thursday, April 30th

6:30-8:00 pm Secretary Training

6:30-8:00 pm State Delegate Training

For additional information, contact:
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New Offering

Position training is very important for chapters to get their year off to a great start. This year, you have the opportunity to register for a condensed version of position training for Chapter President, Membership VPs, Programming VP's, Treasurer, Secretary, and State Delegate positions

If possible, it is recommended to attend in person on April 25. You will miss the camaraderie of being together with others in your position, board training, and a few surprises, by not being in person. However, by attending this alternative offering, you will receive the materials and all the important information for your new position and for discussions with others in your position.

Please plan to attend either one.

Indicate # of Registrations

_____ Earlybird Zoom Registration (\$5/ea by 4/5) _____ Late Zoom Registration (\$7/ea)
 Includes emailed materials and link sent out the day before training

Names of Attendees:

Chapter President. _____	Membership VP _____
Email Address _____	Email Address _____
Programming VP _____	Treasurer _____
Email Address _____	Email Address _____
Secretary _____	State Delegate _____
Email Address _____	Email Address _____

Make Check Payable to MNWT Mail to: Connie Fink, 9311 Golden Pond Lane N, Monticello, MN 55362
 Include Online LOTS and Chapter in the memo line.



Prepare for Success at
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 Saturday, April 25, 2026
 Resurrection Lutheran Church,
 9300 Jason Ave NE, Monticello MN 55362

Schedule

9:00-9:30 Registration
9:30-9:45 Welcome
9:45-12:00 Position/Leadership Training
12:00-12:45 Lunch and Pictures
12:45-3:45 Board Training/Team Building
3:45-4:00 Evaluation

Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast, lunch and snacks.

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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, we'll be training in best practices for working together as a board to develop goals, positive communication 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.

LOTS 2026 Registration

Chapter: _____ Name: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Indicate # of Registrations

_____ Early In-Person Registration (\$16/ea by 4/5) _____ *Virtual LPM Registration (\$5/ea)
 _____ Late In-Person Registration (\$22/ea) _____ **Printed Materials (\$18/ea)
 * Includes emailed materials only **Includes printed materials and postage – 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 & Position) _____

Printed Materials: Check all requested

President _____ Membership VP _____ Programming VP _____ Local Program Manager _____
 State Delegate _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Parliamentarian _____

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