



# THE GAVEL

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Happy Holidays,

I can't believe that it's the holidays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester is over and now we are on to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter how time flies. We have lots of work to do. I have several goals and one of my goals is to grow by year end and I need each of you to help out. Please invite prospective members to your meetings and or your membership nights that you hold. I'm sure Joyce will be excited to see all of the new members that we receive. Also for every new member I will be sending out a special postcard to them from me. That will make them feel special. I know when I first became a member getting a special card made me feel very special and also very welcome to the organization.

During third trimester I will have a challenge for all members and the members who recruit during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester will receive an extra special angel from me. Remember my theme is Wind Beneath My Wings, and we need to spread our wings across Nebraska. Let's work together and achieve Joyce and President Cindy's goal for membership and goal for retention. We have already met the goal for 1<sup>st</sup> trimester for retention. Can we do it 2<sup>nd</sup> and third trimester. And the answer is yes we can. Now we can't forget our programming also. If you haven't filled out your certifications now is the time to do so. The third trimester is the last chance and we want to shine at National in June.



I hope we can have lots of members presenting Nebraska in Rochester Minnesota and this will be celebrating Cindy's Year. Also don't forget we are celebrating our 25 years in April and hopefully everyone will be able to attend. Mark your calendars now and there will be more information coming out. We are hoping for a great turnout. We are also having the National President Sue and her staff joining us. We will have a fun and exciting time. Roberta is also looking for pictures for her scrapbook. Please send them to her. If you have any pictures of when I visited please also send to her, she wants to have each chapter in the scrapbook.

I would like to visit, just let me know when would be a good time to visit. I have so much fun visiting and I will continue to visit to your projects or meetings or anything that you would like me to attend. Please let me know ahead of time because I work outside the home and I would need to make arrangements. If you would like me to present medallions at your meetings where your member doesn't attend conventions just let me know ahead of time to make the arrangements or if it's at a region meetings. Remember Let's Spread our WINGS across Nebraska.

Cindy Urlacher  
State President



***"Wind Beneath My Wings"***

## **Membership VP**

Merry Christmas!

Renewals for 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester were due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Retention remains good with renewals I have received to date.



I'm hoping my mailbox is full with new members as we enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester. If you've asked someone to come to a meeting and/or to join and it doesn't happen don't let that stop you. Ask again or give the Women of Today opportunity to someone else. We have so much to offer we need to remember to sell our organization! A Christmas Social is a great time to invite a prospective member.

I hope all of you have a very happy holiday with your family and friends. While you are gathered together don't forget to talk about Women of Today and what a "gift" your membership has been to you!

*Hands of Friendship*  
Joyce Harpster  
Membership Vice President  
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## **Programming VP**

Happy Holidays everyone! Can you believe our 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester is over already? I received fast starts and some donation summaries in the mail but would like to have every chapter send theirs in so I can forward them to National. Let's give an accurate account of everything that we do for our communities!

Keep working on your certifications and send them in. And don't forget Cindy Umland's Hook, Line and Sinker Award for year end! If you've completed your chaplain and FOW certifications, participated in Family Week just report ONE random act of kindness



to her to qualify! Let fill their mailboxes with stuff from Nebraska!! Have a great Christmas!

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"Jump into Programming"  
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## **STEP**

Season's Greetings!

We have had two new members so far this year so I should have two more S.T.E.P. I certifications and two S.T.E.P. III. If you haven't filled out your form yet just take a couple of minutes to complete it and sent it to me. If you need help completing your form or you need another form just let me know and I'll send another one to you right away.

I'm really excited to know that S.T.E.P. will remain a programming area for the USWT. It is a really important tool to keep us activated.

Joyce Harpster  
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## **Memory Book**

Hello Ladies,  
Keep the pictures and memorabilia coming my way. Year end will be here before you know it so I need to keep up. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Roberta Smith  
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## **GAVEL**

As you go back to your chapters in January please ask your fellow members is they are receiving the GAVEL by email. If not, please get me their email address. If they don't get it by email make sure they are getting it by mail.  
Terri Sherman  
GAVEL Editor

## **Local President's Association President**

Hello Ladies!

It was great to see many of you at the convention in York. It's always fun to spend time with friends! We held our LPA meeting on Saturday morning which I really enjoyed. We had a discussion about Women of Today and the passion that everyone has for our group is just awesome! Minutes from that meeting were sent out, please let me know if there are any additions or corrections that need made. Unfortunately Hillari had to resign as President of the Heartland Chapter so Jessica Urlacher has taken her place. Congrats Jessica!

Don't forget we are coming to the close of our second trimester. The Success System and Fast Starts are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. You may email, fax or snail mail me this information. My contact information is:

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The LPA Fast Start for the third trimester was in the chapter packets. One of the tasks on this is to send me pictures from your chapter events. I really need pictures! I am making a power point presentation for Nebraska Women of Today and I would like to have every chapter represented! Once I get this done I will make a copy for each chapter to use as a recruiting tool. We need more great ladies to join our organization! Thanks for all you do! Have a wonderful Christmas!

Take Care,

Kim Hermann  
LPA President  
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**EXTERNAL AREA**

Hope this Christmas season finds you all happy and well. External Programming has been very blessed this year with chapter donations, its great to know of the blessings bestowed across our state! Thank you for all you do throughout the year! Best Wishes for 2010!

Chris Rice  
External Program Manager

## **Chapter Chatter**

### **Nebraska City**

Happy Holidays! We celebrated the season with "Catch the Christmas Spirit" social hosted by Joyce and was quite enjoyable. We are making a donation to our local project response for needs they have at this time and feeling blessed that we have the means to do this. We wish you all the love and happiness that this season can bring!!

Chris Rice, President

### **Kearney**

'Tis the season to be giving, and the Kearney Women of Today are giving their time not only assisting Santa with his letter writing, but by Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army and helping a less fortunate family have a Merry Christmas. We even took some time to get together and share in some Christmas cheer. We are hoping to start the New Year with a bang as we have several prospective members we hope join us in our community and personal development activities. This would also help us celebrate our National President's half birthday in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!!  
Kim Troudt  
KWT Secretary

