



THE GAVEL

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Hello Ladies,

Our first trimester is almost over. We just have July left. Remember all certifications, fast starts, Membership Dues, Success systems and other paperwork is due on August 1st. Please be on time with the due dates. I would also like to remind everyone to put articles in the gavel. Our next gavel article due will be August 1st. And I would also like to see chapters put articles in so I can get reports on what you are doing and also find out about your upcoming projects so that our State Board could plan on coming to some. I've enjoyed the traveling that I've done so far. I've installed new officers and I rode in a parade, I have visited 2 chapters for meetings and I plan on traveling more. I will be notifying your chapters and finding out when would be the best time to come. I would like to visit all chapters twice.

We will be having a summer meeting on July 17-18th in Syracuse Nebraska and the Nebraska City chapter is hosting and they are having lots of fun. I encourage all members to attend. You will have a chance to certify in Personal Enrichment programs. All chapter Presidents will have a lot of training and please bring your Success System, we will help fill them out. Please bring your Chapter Plan of Actions, Your goals on what you would like to accomplish in your chapters this year and also please bring any questions or concerns that you have. We as a State Board are here to assist you in anything that you need. After Luncheon we will be having a Business Meeting and following that Angela Moody and Joyce Harpster will have a program on train the trainer.

I wanted to remind everyone that we are now in the trimesters and they go as follows:

April, May, June, July 1st Trimester
Aug, Sept, Oct, November 2nd Trimester
Dec, Jan, Feb, March 3rd trimester



One of my goals this year is for us to grow by 8 and to have 90% retention. We focus so much on recruiting, but we also need to focus on retention also. If you haven't seen a member in a while, call them and offer to take them to your next meeting or next project. Send them a special note. Make them feel special. Ask them what they would like your chapter to do. Maybe their tired of a project that you do every year, maybe they would like to see some changes. Change is always good. On the state level there will be some changes. Since we are in the Trimesters we have added the Summer Meeting. Instead of LOTS going to a location, we are going to go to the chapters and we are asking you what you would us to go over. We are going to be spreading our wings across the state.

Cindy Urlacher
State President
"Wind Beneath My Wings"



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Membership VP

Nebraska Women of Today:

I hope you are all having a great summer and managing to keep cool. By this time you should have received your 1st Trimester Dues Billing as well as the Membership information packet that was sent to chapter presidents the end of June.

Your dues billing is due **AUGUST 1st**. I have offered an Early Bird incentive to those chapters that have their dues to me before that date. I know we have a quick turn around this time but I know we'll get it done!



Information included in the membership packet was my Fast Start, Plan of Action, President Cindy's birthday challenge and much more. Hopefully your chapter president will be sharing all of this information with you.

Friendship Day is August 2nd. The Friendship Day form was included in the membership information packet. Friendship Day can be celebrated any day in August. Just fill out the form to let me know what you did. I will also accept an email.

Has your chapter talked about doing an extension this year? Be sure and let me know if you are. July is emphasis month for extensions so if your chapter has an extension in mind this is the time to talk about it and get started. I will be happy to help you in any way that I can.

I feel that our year is off to a great start. Remember R.O.A.R. – Recruit, Orient, Activate, Retain. New members are so awesome but let's remember that retention is also a very vital key to our success.

Hands of Friendship

Joyce Harpster
Membership Vice President
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Programming VP

Hi everybody! I hope that everyone has great plans for the 4th of July holiday even though at the time I'm writing this our part of the state is forecasted for rain over the weekend! Oh well- this is Nebraska and we know how to adjust!

Since it is a Holiday did you remember to fly your flag? GREAT! Now you can mark that off on your Governmental Affairs certification form! And I know that a lot of you have attended our Annual convention and attended the state board retreat at President Cindy's home! Go on the internet, go to maps and write down your one way mileage from your address to where you have traveled and send me the Road Runner miles form either by snail mail or email it to me – which ever is easiest for you- so I can start adding up your miles for the year! I would love to have an accurate account of ALL the miles traveled by everyone this year to announce at Annual convention next year!



I also emailed my fast start for the 1st trimester out to all the chapters in case it had been misplaced. I changed the due date to August 1st to accommodate the change to trimesters. Don't forget to send this in even if you don't get everything done on it! I will still recognize chapters for what they do finish at convention!!

Let's all take the time to "Jump Into Programming" this year!
Laura Wachter PVP

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EXTERNAL AREA

Let's Make Every "Scent" count for external Programming! There will be a basket auction at the July convention with proceeds going to Aid for Foster Children! Come join the Fun in Syracuse!

Chris Rice
External Program Manager

Treasurer

Hello Treasurer's
Chapter Mailing Fees are \$30 and are due by July 1st each year. This fee is used by the state to send out correspondence from the state to the chapters.

I have received the following so far this year:
Heartland
Monarch
Nebraska City
Fremont

This should be paid by Summer Convention. You may bring it there if you like or mail to me. If you have any questions please contact me.

Terri Sherman
Treasurer
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STEP

Hello:
S.T.E.P. (Success Through Enthusiastic Participation) has been moved under the Membership area this year for the Nebraska Women of Today. S.T.E.P. is a great activation tool for our new members. I am hoping to increase our certification numbers this year so be sure and assist your new members with S.T.E.P. I. Also, recruiters don't forget to fill out your forms! It is so awesome to be recognized on the state and national level for our hard work. Start now to think about competing at year end!



If I can assist you at any time during the year, please let me know.

S.T.E.P. Right Up

Joyce Harpster
Membership Vice President



Local President's Association President

Hello Ladies!
I thought I would share my goals as LPA President for 2009-2010:

- Attend a monthly meeting or event held by each chapter
- 100% chapter participation in the Success System
- Send out monthly communication to local presidents
- Make a PowerPoint presentation of WOT activities

I know that every chapter does great things in their community and I would like to share these with others. Please send me pictures of what your group is doing and I will include them in the PowerPoint presentation which will be shown at convention next year.



I have also asked each local president to have a brainstorming session at their July meeting to come up with new project ideas. Once I get the list of ideas I will send them out to everyone! I think we all get used to doing the same things every year so I thought it would be nice to think of something new! Change is good!

Hope to see you in Syracuse!

Kim Hermann
LPA President
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Memory Book

Hello Ladies,
I would like to remind you all to send me articles, pictures, etc. whatever you want me to put in Cindy's memory book. I will be at July convention so you could give them to me then if you want. Thank you. See you all in July. Thank you

Thank you,
Roberta Smith

Hall of Fame

The Nebraska Women of Today Hall of Fame is busy working on a new Hall of Fame “pin” that we can have for members, and planning for upcoming silent auction opportunities☺. As mentioned last month, if you have a local member that is deserving of the Hall of Fame nomination, please get the nomination forms from the website, or contact me and I can get them to you. I will miss you all at the upcoming Summer Convention in Syracuse, as I already had my vacation planned to the Ozarks before I knew we were even having a Summer Convention!



Kelley Rosburg
Hall of Fame President

Focus on Women/Chaplain

Hi Everyone,
I am the state chaplain for this year so if you have any prayer requests or notifications you want your fellow members to know about, let me know. Also when you have Focus on Women or Chaplain certifications, you can e-mail them to me, or send them to my home. My address is: Linda Lenser, 7401 Decatur St. Omaha, Ne. 68114 and my e-mail is surlal@aol.com. Also, if you are the chaplain of your chapter, let me know so I can have an up to date list of all the chaplains. Thanks and keep me informed!!

Linda Lenser
Chaplain

Chapter Chatter

Lincoln

The Lincoln chapter is looking forward to our annual Founder’s Day Celebration by having Dinner at the Mahoney State Park Lodge and throwing popcorn at the Melodrama Villain! We will also be helping with the John C. Fremont Rodeo Concessions and representing our chapter in the Shrine Bowl Parade at the end of July. Please offer your prayers and best wishes to our member Bonnie Zinsmaster, for a speedy recovery from her recent knee replacement surgery.
Kelly Rosburg, President

Nebraska City

The Nebraska City ladies are looking forward to July's Convention! Hope to see you there! Our 4th of July coloring contest is a big spark with the kids, Barb & Laura are co-chairs, way to "blast" the word for our chapter! Have a safe & happy 4th!
Chris Rice, President

NOTE:

Please try to attend Summer Convention in Columbus if you can. Brandi will be holding a round robin on personal enrichment. We will be talking about how the US will be changing the PE area.

Don't forget to send in your registration for our “**Summer Splash**” state meeting. The deadline is **July 10th** and the meeting is scheduled for July 17th and 18th in Syracuse. If you have any questions be sure and ask. Any Nebraska City chapter member can help you.

Hope to see you there!
Joyce Harpster

