



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska Women of Today members!!

I hope that everyone is staying warm and toasty during this blast of “lovely” weather we are having! I’m definitely ready for spring to arrive. And with the arrival of spring it is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through our 3rd Trimester! Time has certainly flown.

As we all know one of our 3rd trimester projects is an M-Night for March Madness. Most chapters have done very well in the membership area but we are staying even with last years membership numbers for the year so far. One of my goals was to try and have 10% growth for the year which would only be 9- 10 new members more. So I am issuing a challenge for all the chapters in the State! I got this idea from the Minnesota State President and I know it would not be a huge sacrifice for me to do.

For every new member that is signed before May 1st, 2011- not just during March Madness- I will have one inch of hair cut off. Trust me- I love my long hair but I have had it cut 2 other times and I donated the “remains” to Locks of Love which makes wigs for children going through chemo therapy from the donations it receives. It is a great cause that helps children and is worth the “sacrifice”. One of their requirements is to have at least 10 -12 inches for a donation. So that means we need at least 10 new members ladies! Can we do it? Oh yeah! The Nebraska Women of Today can do anything if we set our minds to it!! I will be in touch with the girls from Kearney to see if they know of a good hairstylist and I will have it done there during convention if at all possible.



So it is up to all of you how much gets taken off. 10 would be good- more is better. I’ve got up to 24 inches that I could possibly donate so you guys get to decide through your hard work and dedication how short my new style will be.

We also need to work on our certifications for the year. This is our last chance to do these particular forms so let’s make the big push to set some records for Nebraska! Also if you do many of the certifications and sign a new member you will complete the “Outstanding Achievement in Programming” form. We can go out with a Bang this year and show the National staff what we can achieve when we are “*Working Together For Our Future!*”

All the Best,

Laura Wachter
State President
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Membership VP

Hello Ladies!

I hope 2011 is starting out well and you are staying warm! Believe it or not we are in our final trimester, where does the time go?



Be watching your mailbox, I am sending out Membership Dues for 3rd Trimester this week. Don't forget these are due to me by April 1st. I must get these turned in to National on time or we will be charged a \$50 late fee. Every chapter was on time last trimester, let's do it again!

February is Aid to Foster Children month and an emphasis on Extensions. As usual March is all about Membership! Starting planning ahead to have a Guest Night. Have fun and show your guests that Women of Today is a great organization! Any chapter that signs a new member in March will receive a treat at convention. Also, please let me know when you are having your Guest Night I would like to attend if possible.

Let's help President Laura end her year with several new members!

Thanks for all you do!

Let's Keep Growing

STEP

Congratulations to Laura Wachter who completed her S.T.E.P. III certification, thank you!

It's time to focus and finish our year with lots of certifications! Let's end our year on a high note!

My goals at the beginning of the year were to beat last year's numbers:

Last Year:
S.T.E.P. I - 3

S.T.E.P. II - 0
S.T.E.P. III - 5

We still have time to beat these numbers. Please make sure you are discussing this at your monthly meetings!

If you have any questions about certifications or need forms, let me know.

Let's S.T.E.P. High in 2010!

Kim Hermann
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Local Presidents

Association

Hello Ladies! Please send in your 3rd Trimester Fast Starts, and make sure your chapter sends in the Success System for your final trimester. Remember, that the LPA Fast Start is an individual Challenge, and not a chapter challenge; so the items listed on the form, must be accomplished by the chapter president herself.

If you cannot locate a copy of the current success system form, please let me know, and I will email the forms to you. Thanks to the chapters that are participating in the Success System; Sometimes you don't realize how much your chapter does, until you write it all down. Your chapter members deserve recognition for all their hard work, so please take the time to document it and send it in!



My 3rd trimester Fast Start is as follows:

Complete 4 out of 5 items below:

1. Personally sign a new member
(Name: _____)
2. Run a fundraiser for Aid to Foster Children in your chapter.

3. Certify in Step III (can be anytime this year).
Date certified: _____
4. File for an elected or appointed position on the State Board for 2011-2012.
5. Host an M-Night in your chapter.

Please remember everything is due postmarked to me by April 1st!!!

Kelley Rosburg, LPA President
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Be Ewe'r Best!



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

I am ready for spring and I can't believe that this is the last trimester for Women of Today and now is the time to start thinking of moving up onto the state Board. If you are interested in a position you need to let me know ASAP. Also I will be calling you. Also our Year end National is in Pittsburgh and I will need to know who will be attending, so I can reserve rooms. This last Trimester is going to be very Busy. I know this is early to say, but time will come fast. I know our deadline is April 1st, As soon as you know what awards you will be needing. You need to let me know right away so we can get them done in a timely manner. The next gavel article I will let you know what awards are given and what qualifies for the Red White and Blue certificates. Let's rock in Nebraska for Year End.

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CHAPTER CHATTER

Kearney

We are off to a great start in 2011 here in Kearney and looking forward to Spring. We have had several snow storms and snow days with kids off of school and it is definitely time

for some warm weather! We had a great time on Valentines Day! Our chapter is very lucky to have a wonderful meeting place in a retirement/assisted living home called Northridge Retirement Home--so we decided to surprise their residents by decorating all of their doors with Valentines! We also decided to involve our Kids of Today in this project. The Kids did the Valentines--so many creative designs!--and during our regular Thursday night meeting, the week before Valentine's Day, the members and Kids of Today went around and decorated the doors. It was a great project that involved our moms and kids and grand kids (and some dad's too!--thanks for helping!!)

Of course next month is time for chapter elections so our members are considering who will be our next chapter leaders! One of the big subjects in this month's newsletter is the election of officers and we've included a little bit about each office. The rumor is that our president is stepping down after two years (really Amy??) so who knows who will be taking over next year?

The Kearney Woman of Today are very pleased to be hosting the State Convention in April. We are hard at work to plan a great weekend for everybody! Set aside time April 15-17 to come to Kearney and have fun with your WOT friends and enjoy our beautiful city!

Nikki Runge
Chapter Secretary
Kearney Women of Today

Nebraska City

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine & increasing temps! For Valentines our Chapter donated cookies to the Ambassador Care Center, we had to cancel our Feb meeting due to weather, but we are hopeful that is past us now! Go Spring!!
Chris Rice