



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

It was great to see many of you at the Summer Convention in Lincoln. The Monarch chapter did an outstanding job organizing and running the weekend! Thanks again ladies, it was definitely a *Holly Jolly Convention!* I am excited to see what you have planned for convention in November!

I would also like to thank Maxine and her programming team for doing a presentation on our new programming. It was very informative and I am looking forward to lots of certifications this year! We also had Karen, a dietician from Hy-Vee speak to us about eating healthy. It was very interesting and I hope everyone learned something, I know I did!

Laura Wachter presented awards from National Convention which was fun! Everyone did a great job last year, congratulations! I hope we can duplicate that effort. Remember, The Power of Teamwork!

As I have mentioned one of my goals is to visit each chapter for a meeting and/or event. I am looking forward to meeting those of you that I don't know. Please let me know of any special events that you are doing and I will try to make it. On August 27th I will be participating in the Millard Days Parade with the Heartland Chapter. This is a great way to get the word out about Women of Today! We need to spread the word about our great organization and recruit more people to join us.

Speaking of recruiting.....I would like to offer an incentive to help us get new members. I will pay the dues for the next 3 members to join Women of Today. This offer is good until December 1st. So start recruiting now! As soon as you have someone ready to sign up, let me know!

Don't forget... ...The Power of Teamwork!

See you soon!

Kim Hermann
State President



Membership VP

Hello Ladies,

You should have all gotten your Dues Billing for 1st Trimester. These are due to me by August 1, 2011. If these are not postmarked by August 1st your chapter will owe another \$50 to the State Nebraska Women of Today. I would like to thank the chapters who have already sent me theirs. I still need to hear from some of you. I also sent out a fast start for membership please send them back by August 1st so you can get recognized.

Have you had any M-Nights. I sent a lot of things on M-Night ideas in the chapter packets and on Retention. Please get with your local presidents to get these ideas. Most of all have fun. Whatever you do make sure you share how important your Women of Today group is to you and your community.

Just want to share this information to all of you. Our beginning Base for this year is 88. Renewals for 1st trimester is 14. I am hoping to get 100% retention for the year. I will have something special for each and every member who renews this year. I will also have something very special for each chapter for their group to share.

Hope you are all having a great summer.

Thank you,

“Let’s Keep Our Star Members And Grow “

STEP

Hello Ladies!

S.T.E.P. (Success Through Enthusiastic Participation) is a great opportunity of our new and experienced members to be recognized. Are your members working on their S.T.E.P. certifications? Please make sure S.T.E.P. is on your monthly agenda. This will help keep it top of mind. I would like to beat last years totals.

Also send me your fast starts by August 1, 2011.

S.T.E.P. Up and Be Heard (your voice matters)

Roberta Smith
Membership VP

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Programming VP

My fellow Members,

This month I would like to highlight **Project Recognition**, This program was designed as a monthly training tool for chapters. Participation by the individual chapter will result in effective management of projects, effective record keeping, a complete guide for future chairman’s use and a valuable critique for year –end Project Recognition competition

This year I am challenging each chapter to send in two Project Recognitions for year-end competition. Now, if you would like to send Project Recognitions for National Mid Year, these need to be postmarked September 1st to the National Programming Vice President. The projects need to be ran between May 1st and August 15th. Remember I did state in my first article, that I would be glad to critique them for you ahead of time.

A friendly reminder that August 1st is coming up very soon, be sure to send me your Road Runner, Donation Summary, Governmental Affairs, etc is due!

Maxine Turner
Programming VP
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Chaplain

Hello,

I hope you have found yourselves TUGGING now and then...? Even though we are continually learning and seeking to understand, it's good to TUG now and then... I told my 5 year old niece my

theme and she laughed at me, "Aunt Kathy nobody will EVER TOTALLY understand God until we die and get to meet Him" She has a point; however I told her I simply wanted people to think about understanding God and what He really means to you and me...? That made her stop and think....

Three things in life that once gone never come back: time, words, opportunity.

Three things in life that can destroy a person: anger, pride, unforgiveness.

Three things in life that you should never lose: hope, peace, honesty.

Three things in life that are most valuable love, family & friends, kindness.

Three things in life that are never certain: fortune, success, dreams.

Three things in life that make a person: commitment, sincerity, hard work.

Three things in life that are truly constant: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

I ask the Lord to bless you as I pray for you today to guide and protect you as you go along your way God's love is always with you.



TUG (Totally Understand God)

Kathy Morrow
State Chaplain
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Today's Youth

Ladies,

Last month I talked about *Friendship Day* which is celebrated during the month of August, be sure to send in your certifications for this. These will be due November 1st.

Kids Week is celebrated the third full week in August, please be sure to send in your certifications will be due to me November 1st. Our chapter has

something planned for each day of the week, such as we do for Women of Today Week.

Since it is so hot outside, I thought I would write on heat safety for the youth.

Be sure to dress properly for the summer, wear light colors and stay away from dark colors. Be sure to drink plenty of water, tea, etc. No soda pop! In fact heat salty foods such as chips, the salt helps body retain your fluids. We don't want you to become hydrated.

Please sit down with your child and read this article to them. This can be used for a part of their certification.

If your chapter has a project coming up in the near future, please include the youth in your community. We need to instill volunteerism into our future leaders.

If you have any questions about this area, please feel free to contact me.

Maxine Turner
Today's Youth
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Chairman of the Board

Hello ladies: I would like to thank everyone for all of their efforts last year. I was honored to be able to present so many awards this weekend at summer meeting. Nebraska Women of Today members are truly "Outstanding" in every thing we do!

On another note I mentioned this weekend that State Board members are encouraged to start working on their "Outstanding State Personnel" competitions for year end. It is much easier to do this as the year goes along rather than doing it all in February or March. Please take a look at the manual and forms and if you have any questions give me a jingle or email! It would be great to have some competitors this year

Laura Wachter
NE State President 2010-2011
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Treasurer

Hello Ladies,
First trimester is almost to its end and don't forget to send my Fast start for first Trimester and it's important for you to file your 90's. You need to have them filed within 4 months of your year ending. Also when you sign your signature cards it's very important that you have two signatures on your checking account.

I still need some suggestions for the State Store. I would like to get new items by the November meeting.

Also your chapter mailings fees of \$30 were due to me by July 1st. I would like to thank the chapters who have sent them in: Fremont, Heartland, Monarch, Kearney, Nebraska City and Wauneta. The chapters who are still due can send to me.

Cindy Urlacher
State Treasurer
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Personal Enrichment

Hello Ladies,
I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer vacation. Summer Meeting is coming up around the corner. I hope to see a lot of you there. I will be doing a presentation on the new programming. I have not seen any certification, but I'll blame all the vacation and hot weather. I hope to see lots of certifications come in soon. The trimester is almost over. Let start Reaching for the stars.

Julie Fogleman
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Region 3 Director

August and October are both Emphasis Months for Domestic Violence Awareness. So we will "split the difference" and have our **Region 3 Meeting and BOWL-A-THON in September**. More details and registration forms will be sent to each chapter President. All chapters are welcome, not just Region 3 chapters! Region 3 chapters are Lincoln, Beatrice, Sterling and Nebraska City. If your

chapter has a project you need help with this summer, please let me know. I would love to visit and give you a hand!

Kelley Rosburg
Region 3 Director
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Parliamentarian

This month's "Parli Tip of the Month" is: MOTION TO TABLE: Often, in an attempt to kill a motion, members move to Table the Motion. This is an illegitimate use of the motion to Lay on the Table, since it would kill a motion by a majority vote without debate. Lay on the Table may only be made to temporarily dispose of a motion when something of greater urgency arises.

Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary "Question of the Month" –CAN A MEMBER VOTE ON OR SECOND THE MINUTES OF A MEETING THAT SHE DID NOT ATTEND? If you know the answer to this, Please email me the answer before Fall Convention. I will put the name of the first person who gets the answer correct, in a drawing to be held at Annual Convention!

Kelley Rosburg
Parliamentarian
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CHAPTER CHATTER

Kearney

The Kearney Women of Today were proud to once again take part in Relay for Life! Our team consisted of just our executive board of officers-- maybe small but definitely strong! We were accompanied by several of our Kids of Today and we raised over \$700.00--some of the ladies are still working at fund raising! It was a wonderful and memorable night--our Roberta Smith is a survivor and we will always celebrate her and the other loved ones in our lives who are survivors and who we have already lost. Quite a few of us stayed all night too. Amy Hardy headed up the Auction on the Relay Committee and Kathryn Wilson assisted her. Our group put together a scrap booking basket

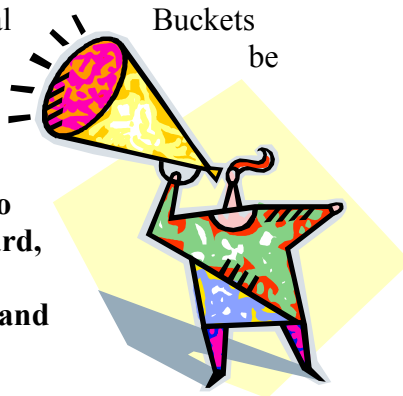
to contribute to the auction so we were really proud to be a part of that. We decided on a more laid-back approach to our campsite this year since we didn't have a very large team. That cut way back on the stress and increased the enjoyment of the event-- we still raised money, sold the last of our "Fight Like a Girl" t-shirts and had a great night!! We are so proud to support the American Cancer Society-- we are small but mighty!! Go KWOT!

Nikki Runge
Chapter Secretary

Heartland

The Heartland Chapter had several members attend the USWT National Convention in PA, and two members attended the Founders Day Melodrama at Mahoney State Park, hosted by the Lincoln chapter. We donated personal care items to the Lydia House DV Shelter, participated in the LaVista Days parade and donated to the National Buckets project in PA. We will be holding a Board meeting in July and are looking forward to a PEP Day.

Special congratulations to our Chair of the Board, Jessica (Urlacher) Cinnamon, and her husband Andrew on their recent marriage!



Kelley Rosburg

Nebraska City

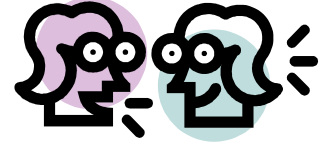
Nebraska City just finished up with our Founder's Day / 4th of July coloring contest! It is so much fun seeing the children's eyes light up when they are awarded their prizes! And we get a lot of great PR! Our chapter would like to "Thank" Donnette Hoyle our newest member for chairing this project this year and doing an awesome job!

And Nebraska City Women of Today are now on Face Book and we would LOVE to have you like us and be our friends! ☺

Laura Wachter, chapter president

Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter has been busy helping with the "Celebrate Lincoln" Ethnic Festival and presented a "Bucket of Sunshine" to a new Habitat for Humanity House owner. We enjoyed hosting our annual Founder's Day Melodrama at Mahoney State Park and had several members attend Summer Convention. Our chapter made a \$50 donation to the National Buckets project in PA. We are looking forward to celebrating Friendship Day in August with a night at the Salt Dogs baseball game. We also want to tell our local member, Judy Christensen, **congratulations, on becoming a Grandma** for the first time!



Fremont Area

Fremont Area is planning our coffee and lunch project for the workers for the Fremont Area Humanity and Habitant the end of July. We also are preparing for our Family Interclub with a baseball game "Storm Chasers" and fireworks on August 5th at Werner Park in Omaha. If you want to attend please let me know so that we can get tickets as a group. It will cost \$10 per person, please have your request postmarked to me by August 1st.
Maxine Turner
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTICE

**Julie Fogleman's new email is:
Jfogleman2008@yahoo.com**

National Year End Awards List for 2010-2011

TREASURER

Donation Summary/submission

2nd trimester:

Fremont Area
Kearney
Nebraska City

3rd trimester:

Kearney
Lincoln
Nebraska City

SECRETARY:

2nd Trimester Outstanding State Newsletter

Nebraska- Terri Sherman

Outstanding 3rd trimester contact

Nebraska City- Laura Wachter

Secretary Challenge

Laura Wachter

State Parliamentarian Participation:

Angela Moody

Public Relations:

Kids Week- Kearney
Shout Out with Pride- WOT Week- Kearney

PROGRAMMING:

Project Recognitions - Chapter Submission

Fremont Area

State submission- Nebraska

Project Recognition Winners:

Internal Ways & Means 1st Place-
Fremont Area John C. Fremont Days concessions

State- Educational: 1st Place-

Nebraska-Today's Promise For Tomorrow

Focus on Women/ Chaplain Certifications:

Fremont Area:

Laura Taua-FOW/Chaplain
Marilyn Shanks- Chaplain
Maxine Turner- FOW-Chaplain

Heartland:

Angela Moody-FOW
Cindy Urlacher-FOW/Chaplain
Jessica Urlacher Cinnamon- FOW/Chaplain
Linda Lenser- FOW/Chaplain
Terica Hudson- FOW/Chaplain

Kearney:

Amy Hardy-FOW/Chaplain
Carol Porter- FOW/Chaplain
Kathryn Wilson- FOW/Chaplain
Kim Troudt- FOW/Chaplain Nicole Runge-
FOW/Chaplain
Roberta Smith- FOW/Chaplain

Lincoln:

Bonnie Zinsmaster- FOW/Chaplain
Christine Coash- FOW/Chaplain
Diana McNeese- Chaplain
Judy Christensen-Chaplain
Kelley Rosburg- Chaplain
Terri Sherman- Chaplain

Nebraska City:

Christine Rice- FOW/Chaplain
Joyce Harpster- FOW/Chaplain
Laura Wachter- FOW/Chaplain

Judges Thank You: Angela Moody

Chaplains Challenge: Laura Wachter

Personal Enrichment Certifications:

Fremont:

Laura Taua-Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff. Writing,
Team Building
Marilyn Shanks- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Team
Building
Maxine Turner- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.
Writing, Listening, Team Building

Heartland:

Angela Moody- Leadership, Eff. Writing, Team
Building
Cindy Urlacher- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.
Writing, Listening, Team Building
Jessica Cinnamon- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.
Writing
Julie Fogleman- Leadership, Eff. Writing, Team
Building

Terica Hudson-Leadership

Kearney:

Amy Hardy- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.

Writing, Listening, Team Building

Carol Porter- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Listening

Jan Maaske- Leadership

Kathryn Wilson- Eff. Speaking

Kathy Morrow- Leadership, Listening

Katie Smith- Leadership, Listening

Kim Troudt- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Team

Building

Lynn Ploeger- Leadership, Listening

Nikki Runge- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Listening

Roberta Smith- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.

Writing, Listening

Lincoln:

Kelley Rosburg- Leadership, Eff. Speaking,
Listening

Kim Hermann- Leadership

Terri Sherman- Listening

Monarch:

Karen Gruber- Leadership

Nebraska City:

Barb Hendershot- Leadership

Christine Rice- Leadership

Donnette Hoyle- Leadership

Joyce Harpster- Leadership

Laura Wachter- Leadership, Eff. Speaking, Eff.

Writing, Listening, Team building

**Personal Enrichment Certifications- Certifying
in ALL 5 areas:**

Maxine Turner, Cindy Urlacher, Amy Hardy, Laura
Wachter

STEP Certifications:

Marilyn Shanks STEP I

Maxine Turner STEP III

Sandra Spencer STEP I

Cindy Urlacher STEP III

Angela Moody STEP III

Katie Smith STEP I

Kathryn Wilson STEP I

Kimberlie McConnell STEP I

Kelley Rosburg STEP III

Donnette Hoyle STEP I

Laura Wachter STEP III

**Domestic Violence Awareness events during
2010-2011**

Nebraska State

Fremont

Heartland

Kearney

Lincoln

Monarch

Nebraska City

Wauneta

**DVA Project- August- not recognized at Mid-
Year**

Kearney

Nebraska City

DVA Projects- October

Kearney

Lincoln

MEMBERSHIP:

2nd Trimester- 100% Retention

Kearney, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Sterling, Wauneta

States with 2nd Trimester Growth-NEBRASKA

**Highest % of Growth- 2nd Trimester-
NEBRASKA**

3rd Trimester- 100% Retention:

Fremont, Nebraska City, Sterling, Wauneta

**Chapters w/ 3rd Trimester Growth- Fremont,
Heartland**

**Chapters w/ Year End Growth-
Fremont, Heartland**

**Chapters w/ 100% Retention for year-
Fremont, Nebraska City**

PRECIOUS Gem Awards

Lincoln- Fellowship Community Church

Nebraska City- Project Response of SE Nebraska

Chaplain

God In My Life Essay winner:

Laura Wachter

Presidential Medallions: National Staff-

Maxine Turner

Outstanding Achievement in Programming:

Maxine Turner

Angela Moody

Cindy Urlacher

Kelley Rosburg

Laura Wachter

Presidential Pins:

Angela Moody

Cindy Urlacher

Outstanding Local Presidents

Jessica Urlacher Cinnamon- Heartland

Christine Rice- Nebraska City

Outstanding State Officers:

Kelley Rosburg- LPA President

Kim Hermann- Membership VP

Outstanding State President- Laura Wachter