



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

I can't believe our 1st Trimester is over already! Wow, that went fast! I hope you all had a great 1st Trimester and the paperwork has been sent. I know every chapter does great work for their communities; I read the Chapter Chatters and am always impressed by what gets done! Recognition is important so please make sure to send in your paperwork! If you didn't make it this time then make sure you do in 2nd Trimester.

Another way to get your chapter recognized is by sending in a Project Recognition for National Mid Year. Maxine had the info in last month's Gavel but thought I would remind everyone that your Project Recognition folders must be postmarked no later than August 31st to the National Programming Vice President. Let's show everyone what great things Nebraska WOT do!

Friendship Day was August 1st, I hope you all had a wonderful day! Several chapters are having special events to celebrate this day. Please remember to send in your certifications for this event.

Don't forget August is an Emphasis Month for Domestic Violence Awareness. What is your chapter doing for this?

As you know one of my goals is to visit each chapter for a meeting and/or event. Please let me know of any special events that you are doing and I will try to make it.

Also, just another reminder of the incentive I put in last month's Gavel.....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,

I hope all of you are surviving the heat we have had this summer.

You should have all received my 2nd Trimester Fast Starts. If you haven't, please let me know and I will email them to you. I would love to have **ALL** nine (9) chapters participate this trimester. You are all star members in this organization.

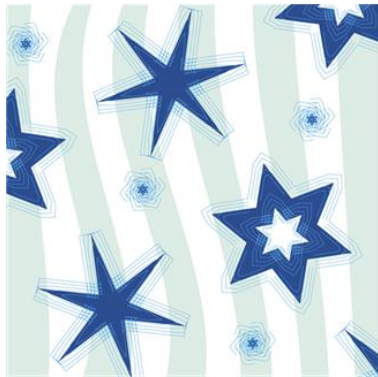
I would like to THANK ALL 9 CHAPTERS for getting your dues to me on time (100%) !!!! This is awesome! GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!

August is a busy month. We need to focus on Health and Wellness, Project Recognition, Domestic Violence and Team Building. Another thing we need to do is elect an OYW candidate. It would be really awesome if each chapter has someone to send to convention. I know there are a lot of women out there who deserve this honor.

I also want to focus on **RECRUITMENT** during the month of Septembers. As this is Membership Month, plus we will be celebrating Women of Today Week. I would like each chapter to hold an M-Night and send me an invitation with details of what you did. You should have received lots of M Nights ideas in the chapter packet from summer meeting. If you did not, please let me know and I will get them to you. Most of all just have fun!!

My goal for the end of 2nd Trimester is to have all chapters with Base +1 by November 30th. I will be getting this information from your Renewals which need to be sent to me

postmarked December 1st. I will recognize these chapters at Annual Convention.



**“Let’s Keep Our Star Members
And Grow “**

STEP

Hello Everyone,

S.T.E.P. (Success Through Enthusiastic Participation) is a great way to get **ALL** our members involved and enthused about what we do across the state.



I am very sad to say there were no S.T.E.P. certifications for this 1st trimester. I know you have all been very busy. Remember, if you have anyone in your chapter who joined in the last 120 days, you need to get their S.T.E.P. I forms turned in so they can get recognized for what they have done. Also, have the rest of your members work on their S.T.E.P.

certifications. Please, keep this on your monthly meeting agendas. If you look at your certification form each month, you will have it completed before you know it. Let’s All Remember To:



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

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Membership VP
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Chaplain

Hello,

[When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.](#)

Helen Keller

Helen Keller is one of my favorite people. "What does Helen have to do with TUG?" Helen has everything and more to do with TUG. Helen could have given up and done nothing, but she took something many people may have seen as a bad situation in her life and she turned it into something out of this world, with the help of Ann Sullivan, someone who never gave up on her. Have you been either a Helen or an Ann sometime in your life?

Were you there for someone who needed you or was someone there for you when you needed them?
TUG (Totally Understand God)

Kathy Morrow
State Chaplain
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Treasurer

Hello Ladies,
I am hearing from a few ladies that they are having a hard time filing their 990's. If you are having problems please let me know and I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can. I have been working on New items for the store and I would like to say thank you for all the suggestions that you would like to see in our State Store. I will have the new items at the November State Convention.

Also Emphasis month for Domestic Violence awareness is August. So if any chapters host a project or a program please send to me of what you did and you will go in the drawing and will receive something very special at State Convention in November.

Just a little reminder that the transmittal forms for Domestic Violence goes to the State Treasurer and the transmittal form that we report for our service hours and our community projects which is called the Community Development form would go to Maxine who is your Programming Vice President. With all the changes with programming this year I just wanted to clarify this.

I can't believe that the school year is around the corner, Boy how time flies fast. Everyone have a wonderful year. I know I am just beginning to plant the seed in Women of Today.

Cindy Urlacher
State Treasurer
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Chairman of the Board

Happy Friendship Day everyone! I hope everyone is able to go to a chapter activity and have some fun! If you are a State Board member now is the time to work on your entry for Outstanding State Personnel.

I've been reading over the requirements for this and it not nearly as hard as it looks. If you send out a newsletter for your area that will count as one of your "pages" as well as any other activities you participate in. Please take some time and look it over on our website and if you have any questions please contact me and if I don't know the answers we will find someone who does! It would be awesome to have some competition this year for OSP. Have a fun summer!!

Laura Wachter
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Personal Enrichment

Hello Ladies,
I hope that everyone enjoyed convention. I know summer is almost over, and school is about to begin. I will blame everyone for being on vacation. I hope that my mailbox is full of certifications. I have the topic for the Effective Writing and Speaking. If you did not get them let me know and I will get them to you. I hope to start off with second trimester with a big bang. I'll be sending out my fast start soon. Just to let you know that competition will be Speaking at Fall on Writing will be at year end. It would be a great time to start looking at those papers again to see if you accomplish any more on there. I have changed my E mail address. See below.

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. The date is set for Sept. 25th. Registration forms were handed out at the Summer Convention. All chapters are welcome, not just Region 3 chapters!

Region 3 chapters are Lincoln, Beatrice, Sterling and Nebraska City. There will be a short Region meeting prior to Bowling and lunch will be available. The location has not yet been confirmed due to a remodeling project at the original location selected.

Kelley Rosburg
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Parliamentarian

Ladies, I would like to have the name of your Chapter's Parliamentarian. Can you please email it to me if you haven't already (I have not received any, so that means YOU!) 😊

This month's “**Parli Tip of the Month**” is:

COUNTING ABSTENTIONS: Because to abstain means not to vote, there is no need to call for abstentions. Whether a person abstaining responds to such a call, abstains just as much as the person who does not respond.

Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary “Question of the Month” –**How many times can minutes be corrected after they are approved?** 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!

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CHAPTER CHATTER

Heartland

The Heartland Chapter held a Board meeting in July and are looking forward to a PEP Day with a speaker from the State Attorney General's Office, on Identity Theft. We have several activities coming up in August including our Friendship Day Lunch & Movie Social on August 21st, and the Millard Days Parade on the 27th. If you'd like to help with the parade, let Julie know!

Kelley Rosburg

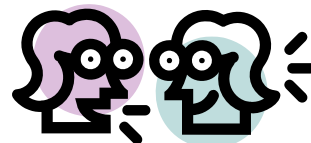
Nebraska City

The Nebraska City chapter celebrated Friendship Day by going out for ice cream after our chapter meeting this week! We were also busy making plans for Kid's Week and our Annual Family Picnic. I'm sure we will all have a great time with our kids and they love our prize raffle we have each year to raise money for Aid to Foster Children or Project Response.

Laura Wachter, chapter president

Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter had a great time at the Summer Convention, hosted by the Monarch Ladies, and want to say THANKS! Our Chapter is looking forward to celebrating Friendship Day in August with a night at the Salt Dogs baseball game on August 8th. We sure hope you can join us! Contact Kim McConnell for more information on tickets and the tailgate party preceding the game.



Monarch

The Monarch Chapter has been very busy this month making plans, shopping and fundraising...we are planning for the Tea Party in October, a Garage sale August 20th at the LaVista City Hall, and also the State Convention at York Nebraska, in November. We have had a fundraising garage sale. Made a large donation to Thrift America, and of course, visited the "Junk Store"! We hope you are all having a great summer, hope to see you soon!! Take care, and God Bless!!

Pat Matney