



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

Happy September! This cooler weather has been very refreshing, I hope you are all enjoying it as much as I am! September is the month that we celebrate us! Women of Today Week is September 18-24 which is quickly approaching! What does your chapter have planned? This would be a great time to recruit new members!

I had a great time participating in the Millard Days Parade with the Heartland Chapter on August 27th. We handed out 400 flyers to people along the parade route. What a fun way to get the word out about Women of Today! Plus we got our exercise walking – it was a win-win situation!

So far I have had one chapter take advantage of my recruiting incentive. Amy Hardy from Kearney recruited Lisa Green to join their chapter. Way to go Amy and welcome to Lisa! That leaves 2 dues memberships that I will pay for newly recruited members. This offer is good until December 1st. Let's grown in 2nd Trimester! Let me know as soon as you have someone ready to sign up!

Region 3 is having a Bowl-a-Thon on September 25th at Farbke Lanes in Nebraska City. There will be a short meeting, lunch and bowling. This is a fundraiser for Domestic Violence so come have some fun and help out!

The National Mid-Year Convention for Women of Today is October 7-9 in Bismarck, ND. There is still time to get signed up if you are interested in attending. Deadline is September 15th.

Looking ahead.....does your chapter have a candidate for Outstanding Young Woman? Don't forget the competition is held at November convention. Information is on the Nebraska Women of Today website.

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.

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

See you soon!

Kim Hermann
State President



Membership VP

Hello Ladies,
Membership is the Emphasis for September. I hope you are all having some great M Nights. I sent you some great ideas. Hope you are using them. Don't forget..... we need to ROAR (Recruit, Orient Activate and Retain)!!

Women of Today Week is the third week in September. I hope you are planning on getting the word out about what a wonderful group Women of Today is. This is the week to celebrate US. Top 10 Reasons to join Women of Today! Learn something about yourself ~ Have fun! ~ Because you're passionate about a cause ~ Explore career possibilities ~ Give back to your community ~ Learn some new skills ~ Fulfill graduation requirements ~ Make someone else's day ~ Volunteering looks GREAT on college applications ~ Feel good about yourself ~ Make lifelong friends with some you'd never have met!



I would like to thank ALL of you for all that you do.

I would like to Thank Amy Hardy for recruiting a new member to the Kearney Chapter. Welcome Lisa Green, to the Nebraska and Kearney Women of Today.

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

STEP

Hello Everyone,
Just a reminder for all of you to include S.T.E.P. on your monthly agendas. This will help you keep on top of it. If you work on this each month before you know it you will have finished yours. If you need forms and the clarifications, I can send them email or through the mail. Just drop me a line, text or call me anytime.



I want everyone to S.T.E.P. up and be heard (your voice matters)

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Roberta Smith
Membership VP
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Chaplain

Hello,
The soul at its highest is found like God, but an angel gives a closer idea of Him. That is all an angel is; an idea of God. We are all angels, which means we are all ideas of God. Have you ever thought you were an idea of God? That's something to really TUG on.....



Kathy Morrow
State Chaplain
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Hall of Fame

Ladies,
I apologize for not writing an article in the last few newsletters. Most of you know that I graduated in May, graduated in June and moved in to a new apartment. This year has been a big year for me and I'm finally able to focus on other things. Thank you for all of your patience.

Thank you to the chapters that sent in their Success Systems. You will find out how your chapters did at convention in November.

The second and third trimester Success Systems have been updated. Copies will be sent to the chapter presidents within the next few weeks.

Jessica Cinnamon
LPA President
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Chairman of the Board

I hope all the state officers are considering competition in Outstanding State Personnel for year end. Keep track of your articles and mailings that you do along with any travel. It doesn't take too much more than that to do the competition and it would be great to see some submissions this year! Only 7 weeks until convention!! see you there!

Laura Wachter
NE State President 2010-2011
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Treasurer

Hello chapter members,
I can't believe that first trimester is over and were well into the second trimester. I would like to thank all chapters who have sent in their budgets and the fast starts. You will be recognized at convention in November. I will be sending each chapter the second trimester fast start this next week. Please come to convention and see what new items that will be coming to the State Store. I would also like to thank everyone who has suggested new items. As soon as I finalize all the new items I will have a new form for all chapters and officers.

Emphasis month for October is Domestic Violence Awareness. Please send in your paperwork to me with a brief description of what you did. I am looking forward to a great year. Any assistance please let me know.

Cindy Urlacher
State Treasurer
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OYW

Greeting Ladies!
Wow how time flies when you're having fun! Not sure were the summer went, but that means it's time to get your chapter's Outstanding Young Woman to dust off her interviewing skills and get her resume & letter ready to be sent to me by October 1st. It's a great way to show off the outstanding young women in our communities. Don't forget the

recommendation letter from the chapter and a \$30 entry fee, and you're set.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in York, November 4th & 5th.

Have a Great Halloween!

Karen Gruber
Convention Chair
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Convention Chairman

Do we have fun planned for you!

After the Summer meeting, Monarch chapter has really raised the bar for conventions.

But don't worry, I have a couple new people helping me with planning conventions & we are going to have a lot of fun.

So break out your best skills at spotting things alien & be ready for an "Out of this World" experience in York!

Karen Gruber
Convention Chair
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Region 3 Director

October is Emphasis Month for Domestic Violence Awareness. So please participate in our **Region 3 Meeting and BOWL-A-THON in September. The date is set for Sept. 25th and the event will be held in Nebraska City at Farbke Lanes.**

Registration forms were handed out at Summer Convention and have also been emailed to local chapter Presidents. 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 to purchase at the Bowling Alley. They had pretty good food if I recall from the last time we were there. The registration cost is only \$10/person which includes shoe rental and THREE games of bowling. If you

would like me to email you a copy of the registration form and pledge sheet, please let me know. We'd love to see a great turnout, to help support Domestic Violence Awareness in Nebraska!

Kelley Rosburg
Region 3 Director
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Parliamentarian

Ladies, I had requested the name of your Chapter's Parliamentarian. So far, I have heard from Heartland, Lincoln, Kearney and Fremont (but I couldn't open Fremont's email attachment, so I'll assume it is Maxine... ☺)

This month's "**Parli Tip of the Month**" is: **POINT OF CLARIFICATION**: Members who wish to correct something said in debate sometimes rise to a point of clarification. A Point of Information (sometimes called a Point of Clarification) may **ONLY** be used to gain, not give, information though a question.



Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary "Question of the Month" –**Do the Treasurer's Report and Annual Auditor's Report require a motion to accept or adopt?** 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! **Congratulations to Cindy Urlacher, last month's first person to guess correctly!**

Kelley Rosburg
Parliamentarian
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CHAPTER CHATTER

Heartland

The Heartland Chapter celebrated Friendship Day with Lunch and a Movie, and also worked on Chapter PR by participating in the Millard Days Parade. Members are making monthly donations to the Food Pantry which has experienced increasing

needs due to area flooding. Several members will be participating the Region 3 Bowl-a-thon.
Kelley Rosburg

Nebraska City

Nebraska City had a great time at their Family Picnic and we did a fun team building exercise with our families! We also went out for Ice Cream sundaes for Friendship Day. Yummy! We have our Women of Today Week activities planned out along with an M-Night. I think it will be a fun evening with hopefully some new members!
Laura Wachter, chapter president

Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter had a great time celebrating Friendship Day in August with a night at the salt Dogs baseball game; the weather was great! We had a Domestic Violence Awareness educational program at our August meeting, and are looking forward to our upcoming chapter social and picnic and participating in the Region 3 Bowl-a-thon!

Kearney

The Kearney Women of Today are headed into fall and with the start of the school year our thoughts have turned to our children. We are proud to have participated in the United Way Backpacks Program here in Kearney. Members of our group donated school supplies to the United Way. Backpacks were then put together to be given out to children in central Nebraska who could not afford to buy their own supplies. Our chapter has taken part in this for several year and we are proud to help in any way we can. Additionally we have just kicked off Kids Week--our Kids of Today remain very active and they are having a great time participating again this year!

The KWOT are getting ready to help out Habitat for Humanity in Kearney. There are three homes that will be done in early fall and our group will be donating three "Buckets of Sunshine" to each family as they move into their new homes! We are so excited to help these families out and proud to start working with wonderful organization.



KWOT is proud to have had %100 membership retention in the first trimester!! We are also happy to welcome new member Lisa Green to our group! Women of Today week is fast approaching and we are planning a special week and M-night. We are definitely hoping to continue our good luck and find some more members. Our chapter did celebrate

Founders Day in Holdrege because there is an interest by some ladies in that area about possibly starting a Women of Today chapter so we may have some news about that soon! We continue to do our best to spread the word about this great organization!

Nikki Runge, Chapter Secretary

Monarch Women of Today

Invite you to a Formal Tea Party



We will be serving tea and snack in formal style



Please Plan to Join us as we hold an Interclub Tea Party

On October 23rd at 2 pm

At The Sump Library

222 North Jefferson Street

Papillion, NE



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The Power of Teamwork!
Kim Hermann, State President



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Membership Public Relations Founders Club Charities Website			1 Happy WOT Anniversary Jessica Cinnamon Cheri Theesen! Happy Birthday Wauneta Kempf & Christine Rice	2 Happy WOT Anniversary Lisa Denny!	3
4 Happy Birthday Brandi Brown & Karen Gruber!	5	6 Nebraska City Meeting	7 Monarch Meeting Sterling Meeting	8 Kearney Meeting	9 Happy Birthday Kim Trout!	10
11 10 th Anniversary of 9/11	12 Beatrice Meeting	13 Heartland Meeting	14 Happy Birthday Susan Barnes!	15 Happy WOT Anniversary Laura Wachter! Deadline for USWT Mid-Year Registration	16	17 Happy WOT Anniversary Christine Rice & Nicole Cockerill!
18 WOT Week → Sept 18-24	19 Lincoln Meeting	20	21 Happy Birthday Carol Porter!	22	23 Happy Birthday Cheri Theesen!	24
25 Region 3 Meeting & Bowl- a-Thon Nebraska City	26 Fremont Meeting	27 Wauneta Meeting	28 Happy Birthday Julie Fogleman!	29	30	

“We believe that faith in God,
 Gives meaning and purpose to human endeavor:
 That for every wrong, there is a right;
 For every foe, there is a friend;
 That listening to all, then searching for truth,
 And learning to lose, makes winning sweeter;
 For we work with our hands
 As well as our hearts;
 And we know so well the work that is done when
WOMEN OF TODAY work together as **ONE!**