



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

Happy October! I just returned from the National Mid-Year Meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota. Julie Fogleman, Maxine Turner and Cindy Urlacher also attended and we had a great time! North Dakota did an awesome job hosting! We had informative seminars, fun time and great food! Nebraska Women of Today was honored with many awards which was very exciting!

Our OYW Convention is coming up soon! It is being held November 4th and 5th in York with the Monarch chapter hosting. Please mark your calendar for this. I look forward to seeing many of you there. In addition to our business meeting, seminars, etc, awards will be handed out from Mid-Year so you don't want to miss out!

As you know I offered a recruiting incentive for our 2nd trimester. I'm happy to announce that the Pam Matney from the Monarch chapter has recruited two new members! Welcome to Sara Bird and Theresa Johnson!

I also want to thank everyone who attended and raised money for the Region 3 Bowl-a-Thon held on September 25th. This was a fundraiser for Domestic Violence and we raised \$485! A big thank you to Kelley Rosburg for organizing this, awesome job!

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 everyone! Hope you all have a great Halloween! It is time for all the Nebraska Women of Today to get out there and ROAR.

Recruit-Bring in new people

Orient-Get Members Oriented

Activate-Keep members already signed-use the STEP Program

Retain-Keep those members year after year-Use the STEP II, III, and IV forms and keep them involved in projects, encourage them to attend meetings.



The USWT VP (Debbie Funsch) has a December Challenge for everyone since **December is Membership, Emphasis Month.** For every new member signed up in December, you will get your chapters name into a drawing for \$25.

Getting new members is a blessing to any chapter.

New manpower to help with our projects.

New ideas for our ways and means.

New project ideas.

New friends.

Keeping current members is a blessing always.

They can teach new members about Women of Today.

They know what projects they will always volunteer for.

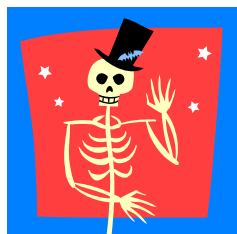
They are the ones you know you can count on to show up at all events.

They are your friends.

Remember,

Any chapter who has Base + 1 by December 1, 2011 will have their name in a drawing for a special gift. Send me those fast starts. I am sending each chapter their Dues Billing. Early Bird Renewals by Nov. 10, 2011 will be recognized. These are due by December 1, 2011. Let's have another 100% on time renewals. This would be GREAT.

OYW Convention is soon approaching. Hope to see many of you there.



Emphasis in October is: Domestic Violence Awareness, Extensions, Buckets of Sunshine, Make a Difference, and Chaplin Area.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Lisa Green from Kearney (Kearney Chapter)
Sara Bird from Plattsmouth (Monarch Chapter)
Theresa Johnson from Plattsmouth (Monarch Chapter)

Thanks for all you do!

“Let’s Keep Our Star Members And Grow “

STEP

I am still waiting for those S.T.E.P. I, II, III, and IV certifications. Please put the S.T.E.P. on your monthly meeting agendas. I know there are lots of you who have done a lot. Just fill out these forms and send them to me. If you need any I will send them to you. Just let me know.

My goal is to beat last years:

S.T.E.P. I - 6

S.T.E.P. II - 0

S.T.E.P. III - 5

S.T.E.P. IV (new this year) I would like to have at least 1



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

Roberta Smith

Membership VP

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Chaplain

Many of us may have had a difficult time “tugging” this past month due to the loss of our own Lori Rodriguez and her long struggle. We must also celebrate her and the lives in which she touched. No doubt she had an impact in one way or another on each and every one of us who knew her. For those of you who were unable to meet and know this special lady, that she was, special. Someone who also had a smile on her face and was also

worried about the other person. Everyday I began my day thinking of her and praying for her. I challenge each one of you reading this to take 5 minutes and send an e-mail to someone who means something to you and thank them for being a part of your life. Do this in honor of Lori.



Kathy Morrow
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Personal Enrichment

Hello Ladies,
I hope that everyone will enjoy the little trick or treaters. I can't believe 2nd trimester is here already. I have e-mailed Chapter President with my 2nd trimester Fast Start. I would like to see all Chapter do it. I hope to see a lot of paperwork in my e-mail box this trimester. I would love to see lots of certifications in the box this trimester. I hope to see lots of competition in the Effective Writing for the years end. I will be traveling to chapter soon. If you need help or have question, I am just an e mail or phone call away. I hope to see everyone at Convention in November at York, Ne.

Julie Folgelman
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Chairman of the Board

Hello ladies! Just a couple more weeks and we will be gathering in York to celebrate our 1st trimester. It's hard to believe that time goes so quickly! Have any of our board members started on their Outstanding State Personnel folders? Don't worry there is still time but it is much easier to start when you have plenty of time. It's the same for Outstanding Local officer also. Gather up your articles, newsletters and PR and you are on your way! I look forward to seeing you in York!

Laura Wachter
NE State President 2010-2011
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Treasurer

Ladies,
How time flies when you are having so much fun. I can't believe that State Convention is around the corner and there is still lots to do. I am still looking for more ideas for the State Store. At Convention we are going to have a 50/50 raffle. The tickets are going to be \$1.00 for three tickets. I thought we would do something different. I would like everyone to utilize the State store and I will have some fun new items. You need to come to convention and see what's new. Also as the National Treasurer I will have the store also and we have lots of new items also.

Also as treasurer I am also the DVA Program Manager and when you send your forms in they need to come to your State Program manager and the State will forward on to the National DVA Program Manager. I have not received any forms on DVA, and I know there has been activity in this area and the only way that I would know is you need to send me the paperwork.
The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Anyone who participates this month will receive a special gift at year end. I will be giving out first Trimester awards at Convention. Don't forget to bring your donations for Aid to Foster. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Cindy Urlacher
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See the article from
the US Membership
and Programming
VP's at the end of
this issue.

Region 3 Director

October is Emphasis Month for Domestic Violence Awareness. So please try to participate in some way, either by educating your members, your community and yourself. Thanks to Lincoln, NE City and Heartland, for participating in the Region 3 Bowl-a-thon on Sept. 25th. **We raised \$435 in pledges** (so far), so thank you all! We have decided to donate the funds to a Shelter in Omaha in honor of our dear friend Lori Rodriguez, who recently passed away. If anyone has any additional pledges or donations to turn in, please send them to me ASAP.

Kelley Rosburg
Region 3 Director
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Parliamentarian

I have actually had three people read my articles and email me with their answer to my Parliamentary "Question of the Month." So thanks to each of you, and I will put your names in for the drawing to be at annual convention.

This month's "**Parli Tip of the Month**" is: **Parliamentarian's Ruling:** Only the Chair has a right to make a ruling about matters of procedure. The Parliamentarian may only advise the presiding officer and may not make rulings. The Chair has no obligation to follow the advice of the Parliamentarian.

The correct way to state a motion is: "I move that..." NOT, "I make a motion..." **Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary "Question of the Month" – TRUE or FALSE: Motions must always be stated in the positive.** Members should stand to state a motion, but you may remain seated when making a second to the motion. If nobody seconds the motion, you cannot discuss it. Without a second, the motion will not be considered.

Kelley Rosburg
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CHAPTER CHATTER

Heartland

The Heartland Chapter members are making monthly donations to the Food Pantry which is still short of food. Three members of our chapter participated in the Region 3 Bowl-a-thon, held a silly supper M-Night during Women of Today Week, and made several blankets to donate to the USWT DVA project at Mid-Year. We are planning to do a "Helping Hands" project in our community, to assist a senior or disabled individual, by doing Fall yard work, and will be having a Board Meeting and hope to have a fundraiser soon – if any other chapters have great fundraising ideas, please send them our way!

Kelley Rosburg



Nebraska City

Our chapter had a great time celebrating Women of Today Week! We had a Proclamation signed by our Mayor and we held and M-Night which fizzled but we had a lot of great appetizers, beverages and social time for our chapter members. We look forward to seeing you in York!
Laura Wachter, chapter president

Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter had a great time participating in the Region 3 Bowl-a-thon held in Nebraska City last month. We will be putting together more "Buckets" for Habitat Houses, and made two blankets for the National Mid-Year Buckets project (thanks Shellie!). We are looking forward to our annual Halloween Treat Bags Project for the City Mission, and Helping with the Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off. We wish to Express our sincerest condolences to Heartland member Linda Lenser and her family and fellow Women of Today friends, on the recent passing of member Lori Rodriguez.

Kearney

The Kearney WOT have been very busy in the month of September! We had our M-night at member Kathryn Wilson's house on September 16th. It was organized by Kathryn and Roberta Smith. Although we didn't sign any new members that night, we did have a great time--the theme was "Family Game Night" and the kids had a ball playing everything from Ping-Pong to X-box. The guys watched football and we enjoyed a Pot-luck dinner. What a fantastic time to get together and catch up with our friends!

On Thursday, September 22, four members of our group got together at Carol Porter's home and began work on the first of two Tie Blankets that we were making for the National Buckets of Sunshine project to benefit the Ruth Meyers' Shelter in Bismark, ND. A few of us had never done it, so we only got one done! Our new member Lisa Green also donated a finished one to the cause. Then on Saturday, October 1, we were able to finish the second blanket when we worked at Kim Troudt's home. We are so pleased to be able to help out with this project.

On Saturday October 1, four members of our chapter and two of the Kearney Kids of Today were so PROUD to walk in the first annual Susan G. Koman Race for the

Cure! We walked a 5K race to benefit this outstanding breast cancer foundation. It was so fun to be a part of this event that came to Kearney for the first time ever this year. There were 1640 people participating and the KWOT were there too! It was a beautiful day to walk and we certainly felt blessed as we walked among the supporters and the survivors on that glorious morning! What an amazing day!

Nikki Runge, Chapter Secretary



SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL

USWT Membership VP

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Do something special in the month of **December, membership emphasis month**. For every new member signed up in December, you will get your chapters name into a drawing for \$25.

You must send me the names of all December new members on one sheet. Include chapter and states name along with who recruited these members. Drawing will be at end of second Trimester and a check mailed to the winning chapter. The winning Chapter's name will be posted in the Today's Leader newsletter.

All December Recruiter's names will also be put into a drawing for a wonderful spa gift basket. Now wouldn't you want to get some new members and have your name in the drawing?

Please use the appropriate forms when sending in new members, if you need any let me know and I can mail them to you. Also remember that they must be sent in each month with a postmark of the 1st. Don't hang on to new members until you send in the dues!

Also please go over your rosters when you receive them from the dues billing provider and correct all information that is wrong. Send updated information into your state Membership contact and she will forward them on to me.

We are trying to correct and update all information for accurate membership totals. Thank You.

If you need any assistance please contact me, any time.

Debbie Funsch
US Membership VP

NEW HORIZONS



Hello Women of Today!

Has your chapter completed a project this year? Has the project recognition report been mailed to me? If not, PLEASE mail those to the address below. I love mail so please make the mailman earn his keep.

I also have a project recognition challenge of 'ADOPT AMERICA'. This is an opportunity for our chapters to show support for our troops and their families. Chapters have an option of supporting a local soldier, platoon or military family on the home front or feel free to do all three. Once the project has been completed, fill out the necessary paperwork and forward it to me.

NOTE: ALL PROJECT RECOGNITION REPORTS (3 copies of each) need to be sent along with a check for \$5.00 (each report) made payable to United States Women of Today. Again, my address is below. The deadline for annual convention will be April 30, 2012 in order for me to have them judged.

Community Connections

There are many chapters that have gone above and beyond to help their communities with donations (monetary and in-kind) as well as many service hours but the Women of Today needs those numbers – they are a part of who we are. Please fill out the Community Connections form – can be found on the USWT website – www.uswomenoftoday.org. This has replaced the Donation Summary and will need to be sent to me. It DOES NOT go to the treasurer.

SPECIAL NOTE: Domestic Violence and Buckets of Sunshine information **SHOULD NOT** be reported on the Community Connections form. The Domestic Violence Awareness and Buckets of Sunshine each have their own transmittal forms. **DO NOT** put the same information on all three forms.

Outstanding Achievement in Programming

Have you filled out your certifications, participated in Domestic Violence Awareness, etc.? If so, please fill out the Outstanding Achievement in Programming – it too can be found on the USWT website.

Should you have any questions or need assistance in any way – please feel free to contact me.

Here's looking to NEW HORIZONS!

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Nebraska Woman of Today

Fall Conference

November 4-5, 2011
Kilgore Memorial Library
520 Nebraska Ave

Searching for an Out of this World OYW!



New Victorian Inn

3724 S Lincoln Ave, York, NE 68467
Reserve your room before October 1, 2010
Rates \$59.99 + tax 1-4 people
1-402-362-1686

Name _____ Chapter _____ First Timer _____

Registration

Early

Business Meeting 4.00 _____

Luncheon 11.00 _____

Banquet 25.00 _____

Late (After October 22, 2010)

Business Meeting 4.00 _____

Luncheon 18.00 _____

Banquet 33.00 _____

TOTAL \$40.00

TOTAL \$55.00

Registrations are due by October 21, 2011

Make checks payable to Nebraska Women of Today

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