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Hello Nebraska WOT Ladies!

December already, where does the time go? I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. As much as I hate the colder weather I do love the holiday season. It seems like people are nicer (except on Black Friday) and more generous, there are lots of fun get-togethers, cool decorations, amazing food and the magic of Santa! Wouldn't it be great if people had the Christmas spirit year round?

This time of year also means that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester has just ended. Hopefully everyone got their membership dues in on time plus the Success System and any Fast Starts. I know paperwork is not fun but it's a necessary part of life! We have one more trimester to show what *The Power of Teamwork* can accomplish. Let's end the year on a high note!

As always please let me know of any special events that your chapter is holding and I will try to make it. I am still working on my goal of visiting each chapter. Also, please email me pictures of projects that your chapter has done. I am making a presentation for year end and want to make sure every chapter is represented. Also, keep up the great job of recruiting, it's so nice to have new members join our group. The more, the merrier!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you soon!

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

See you soon!

Kim Hermann  
State President

The Christmas Season now is here;  
It's fragrance fills the air.  
Bells are ringing, carollers singing:  
Love is everywhere.  
For Christmas is a lovijng time  
As shown by God's love  
In sending us his only Son,  
A gift from Heaven above.

The Christmas season now is here:  
Its presence fills the heart.  
Joy and laughter—happiness—  
Are felt both near and far.  
For Christmas is a happy time,  
Expressed in giving-style,  
So wrap and tie each Christmas gift  
With a loving, cheerful smile.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz



## Membership VP

Hello Ladies,

This 2nd trimester sure did go by fast. I would like to thank everyone for sending in their dues billing on time. We only have one trimester left.

December emphasis is Membership and Extensions. While attending your family get-togethers or holiday parties, etc. maybe you could recruit a new member. Sometimes we find people when we are not really looking. Let's start the new year out with some new members. Remember Debbie Funsch's Challenge for December. Any chapter who recruits a new member in December gets their name in a drawing for \$25 and the recruiter gets their name in a drawing for a spa gift basket.



I would like to welcome our newest members:

Pam Koelzer (Sterling Chapter)

January Emphasis is Effective writing and speaking.  
February Emphasis is Extensions and External Programming area

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Thank you for all you do!

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

Our third trimester is here. Lets get those **STEP** forms in. I would like to recognize all of you at year end. I know you have all done a great job this year. I already got a few forms. I would like for all of you to send them to me. I know there are several new members that are working on their S.T.E.P. I. This helps them get more involved in your chapter. Please send them to me so they can be recognized.

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

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## Programming VP

Now, what do I write about this month? The only thing that comes to mind is the Community Connection Report. I feel this is a very important report for our two levels of this organization. Both levels could use the information for Grants in the near future. When anyone goes for Grants, they always want the information in numbers of members participating, number of projects, number of service hours and number of funds raised or given. So, please take time to complete this form and get into me. If you forgot to send in this form for First Trimester just complete it and email or mail to me.

Looking over my Fast Start for the second trimester I noticed that I will omitted 10% of your base to have your chapter certify. Please send these in and I will start count them for second trimester if postmarked to me January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hope each chapter is looking over their projects that have been completed, as I have challenged each chapter to submit two Project Recognition forms for Annual Competition. While I am on this subject, I also would like to have chapters submit Project Recognition books for national competition. Remember for National Convention for year end competition – project needs to be completed between August 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.

I wish one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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*NOTE: Remember when sending in Dues to the state that the check needs to be made out to the Nebraska Women of Today, not the US WT*

## Personal Enrichment

Hello Ladies,  
Happy Holidays to everyone and their Families. I can not believe third trimester is here already. I would love to see my mailbox full again. I hope to see competition in the Effective Writings. Do not forget to fill out those papers and send them in. I hope that everyone has a safe and a Happy Holiday. See you next year.

Julie Fogelman  
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## Today's Youth

Well, we have four months left, are we involving our youth in our projects or projects of their own. Remember, these are our future leaders of this organization or even of our country.

As I stated at convention, I am setting up a data base that we can keep track of the activities of each of our youth members. So that we can verify what they have completed in community service, leadership roles, etc. Remember, I stated at convention that I have been signing forms for Confirmation for churches of what our local members have completed. What a way to teach volunteerism!

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## Chairman of the Board

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Years. After all the celebrating with friends and family are over I sincerely hope that you all consider filing for an elected office on the State Board for 2012-2013. It is a very rewarding experience and an opportunity for personal growth for all members  
Laura Wachter  
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## Treasurer

Hello Members,  
Time is flying so fast and now the holidays are upon us. Remember December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all paperwork to be sent in. Don't forget to send in my fast start for second trimester. I would love to see many participants. For those of you who were unable to attend Convention you missed a great one. We have a new item in the store and it's what everyone is wanting. Zipper koozie which fits the bottles. I am still looking for more ideas on what they would like to see. Please send me suggestions so I can have them at Year end. If you need any items from the store please let me know. Also please send in your paperwork for Domestic Violence awareness and Aid to Foster Children. I know there were many chapters that participated in the project that was held in Bismarck North Dakota for National Mid Year Convention. Hope to see my mailbox fill up this trimester. Keep on helping us planting the seed.

Cindy Urlacher  
State Treasurer  
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## Region 3 Director

Here's wishing you and your chapter members a Happy Holiday season. Take this time to reflect upon the friendships you have made in Women of Today. Consider having an event in your chapter or region, which fosters these friendships.

Check your chapter packets from Fall State Convention for my 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Fast Start! These are for the Local Chapter Presidents only. They are achievable, so I'd love to get some participants!

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## Parliamentarian

Thanks to those of you who are participating in my Parliamentary "Question of the Month." I now have Five names in the drawing for annual convention, and three members are in there twice already!

This month's "Parli Tip of the Month" is about the Principles underlying Parliamentary Law: Parliamentary Procedure enables the overall membership of an organization-expressing its general will through the assembly of its members-both to establish and empower an effective leadership as it wishes, and at the same time to retain exactly the degree of direct control over its affairs that it chooses to reserve to itself.

**Local Parli's - Here is your Parliamentary "Question of the Month" – Name the two types of ordinary committees and the characteristics of each.**



Thanks to Jessica Cinnamon and Roberta Smith for emailing me the CORRECT answer to last month's question within 4 hours of the Gavel being published!!! You two girls are competitive!

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## CHAPTER CHATTER

### Heartland

The Heartland Chapter members participated in a "Helping Hands" project by doing Fall yardwork for an elderly senior and made dinner for families at the Rainbow House. We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army and donating Christmas gifts to needy or lonely Seniors with their names on Angel Trees. We are looking forward to our annual Holiday Party at Mahoney State Park in January.  
Kelley Rosburg

### Nebraska City

Nebraska City will be holding their Annual Christmas Social on Tuesday December 6th after a short business meeting. Of course we will invite some potential members! We are also putting together boxes to ship overseas to a military unit that includes a friend's son. WE all wish you a very Merry Christmas Season!

Laura Wachter, chapter president

### Nebraska City

### Lincoln

The Lincoln Chapter helped personalize over 200 Christmas letters sent to active service members overseas, through the "Blue Star Moms." We presented several "buckets" of cleaning supplies at Habitat for Humanity Home dedications. We are looking forward to our Chapter Christmas party and spending time with our families over the Holidays.

### Fremont

Fremont Area members are busy with different projects this time of year. We will be ringing bells for Salvation Army, each child in the ward at the hospital will receive a hard back book for Christmas. We are working on projects for the next three months. At our past meeting, we had our state president visit, which our members enjoyed.

