



THE GAVEL

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Hello Nebraska Women of Today!

I hope everybody had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! I know mine was great and I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy the great weather!

This last month has really flown by! The State Board members attended a retreat in Lincoln and hopefully everyone had a fun and informative day! Maxine did state officer training and Joyce did a personal enrichment program on organization for us. A BIG "Thank You" to both of these wonderful ladies for sharing their knowledge with all of us! We also had a lot of input on how to improve & update our website and this information has been passed on to our webmaster Kim Troudt and her team of helpers! They will implement changes later in June.

We have many members who will be attending National Convention in Rochester, MN where the Programming restructure will be voted on. I feel this is an exciting change for our organization and will give us some new challenges to look forward to in the programming area.



We also have our Summer meeting coming up in July here in Nebraska City. If there are any members who would like to order name tags or red Nebraska WOT polo shirts please drop me an email so we get them ordered for you. If you are interested in a state directory for 2010-2011 please let me know this also so that we have enough printed up for everyone who wants one.

My calendar has been filling up with dates for special events and chapter visitations! If you have any requests in this area please let me know as soon as possible!

I hope to hear from you soon!

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"Working Together For Our Future"

MEMBERSHIP VP

Hello Ladies!

I hope your chapters are all off to a good start this year. What are you doing to focus on this month?

You should have received your chapter packet with my Fast Start for the 1st trimester. If you have any questions, please let me know.



I just received the Membership Dues from National so I will be sending that info on to each chapter. Mark your calendar so you don't forget to send them in on time!

We ended the year with many new members which is very exciting! Let's keep the momentum going! Do you have your next M-Night planned?

S.T.E.P.

Please welcome and support your new members by helping them with their Step I certification. Wouldn't it be great to have all these new members certify in Step I? For those awesome recruiters out there, don't forget to complete Step III certification!



Let's S.T.E.P. High in 2010!

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Programming VP

Happy Summer Ladies!
Wow, does it go by fast! Since I missed the first couple gavel articles, let me introduce myself.

I'm Karen Gruber, a member of the Monarch chapter in Lavista. I've been a member since '02. My theme this year is "These are the

Hands We're given." We're all dealt different hands of opportunities in our life & get to decide what to do with them. I feel that goes right along with volunteer & enrichment opportunities. Sometimes we don't realize how many different cards we have until we start counting them up. This is where filling out the certification forms comes in, they are a great way of tallying those "points" we have accumulated. Mostly just by our everyday activities.

Let's start with our "Shout out with Pride" forms., to start those your chapter needs to do something to honor Friendship Day. This can be as big or small as you want. Please make sure to start planning this now so that you can make room in your calendar for it.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Feel free to email me at karen.gruber7@gmail.com.
Have a safe summer!

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Local Presidents Association (LPA)

Hello Local Presidents! Does your head feel like you are in a fog? Are you thinking there is something you are forgetting, or not able to get your hands on? Well don't feel alone... this is what the beginning of the Women of Today year feels like. Don't worry- soon you will be receiving the President's packet with lots of useful information, fast starts and forms included. In that packet, there will be my first trimester LPA Newsletter, all three of my Fast Starts for this year; one for each trimester, a hard copy of the revised Success System (unchanged from what I emailed earlier), along with explanations and the verification list. After the National convention on June 11-13th, there will be much



more information to share, the State Directories can be completed, and there will be a “wave” of new information coming your way. Please plan to come to the summer State convention in Nebraska City on July 17th, and see for yourself!

Remember that “Quarterly Donation Summary Form” from Last year? Well it is now a “Trimesterly Donation Summary Form,” and this year-you will need to mail it to the State Programming VP, not the Treasurer. Just a reminder....

Hoping to see you all at Summer convention next month!

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Be Ewe'r Best!

Chaplain

Hello Everyone,
I am your state Chaplain for this year and I'm looking forward to this position! I would like to hear from all of the local Chaplains so I can keep in touch with you. Please send me your email address. Also if anyone has prayer requests, I'll get them sent out. Fast starts should be arriving soon so if you have any Chaplain certifications etc., get them sent to me as you complete them. I look forward to hearing from everyone this year!

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Parliamentarian

Dear Nebraska Women of Today,
I hope you all are settling into your summer schedules... Life can be different in the summer; of course you have all the same responsibilities but make sure you leave a little time for FUN! Summer can be a time to sort of put Women of Today on hold but DON'T... there are so many things to celebrate in the summer! Founder's Day is July 1st and then Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August!

Plus we have our State Summer Meeting right in between on the 3rd Weekend in July.

Summer can be full and sometimes you may think “Oh I have a pesky meeting tonight!” That's where Parliamentary Procedures can be your best friend. If you follow Roberts Rules of Order, those “pesky meetings” can go a lot faster and you still have your business conducted and can get out sooner.

Lets talk a little about Motions, and motion slips. The member who made the motion **MUST** write the Motion Slip. The minutes are the permanent record of the meeting and need to be accurate. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to record the motion **EXACTLY** as it was stated by the member making the motion, but it is not the responsibility or duty of the Secretary to write the motion. Motion Slips are great to have, but if you don't have them, motions can simply be written on paper and handed to the secretary to be included with the minutes.

Until next month **H**oping for **O**rders & **P**arliamentary Procedures **E**verywhere!

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Chairman of the Board

Hello Ladies,
I wanted to thank you for letting me lead you as your Nebraska State President for 2009-2010. I've enjoyed my second time and have set many goals this past year and I'm proud to say we achieved 4 out of 5. I think that is a huge accomplishment. I also challenged myself to lead as an example to certify and also to recruit a member. I have done all of that and it helps me develop as a member even when I've been in this organization since 93. Also thank you for your friendships and I will always remember all the fun we had. I will treasure all of those memories. Nebraska you are awesome we had a great year and I'm proud of each of you. we grew this year and it's because all of you

helped. Great job and we are ready for another exciting year. Congratulations Laura on State president. You and your board will do a great job and if you need anything I am here.

I would like to thank all chapters for helping me out with the chapter rosters to give to Laura so she can finish her directory. I would also like to say safe travels to everyone who is traveling to National convention June 10-13.

I can't wait to celebrate our successes for the year of 2009-2010. I will be distributing our awards at our Summer meeting in July at Nebraska City, so don't miss the fun that the Nebraska City has been preparing for.

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Convention Chair

Hello Ladies,
It's time to think of who will be our OYW candidates at convention in November. Remember OYW stands for Outstanding Young Woman. I know we all know someone like this, please start working on getting them to enter. It's a great opportunity & a lot of fun. Don't forget to look outside your chapter for candidates also. It's a great way to recruit new quality members.

Delicious Deliveries

Just to introduce this service----
This is a scholarship fund to help promote convention attendance. It is for any WOT member that is a first timer to OYW convention. I raise the funds by selling cappuccino, cocoa, cider, & tea at convention. If you are interested in being in the drawing for convention, please email me. Thank you

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Chapter Chatter

Kearney

The Kearney Women of Today have had a VERY busy month! We are gearing up for the Buffalo County Relay for Life. This is a very important event for our group. We have always been hugely involved in it! We are proud that two of our members have big parts in the planning of the entire event, which includes over 71 teams and almost 200 registered survivors. Kim Troudt is the Event Chairwoman and Amy Hardy is in charge of the Event Auction. Our member Roberta Smith is a SURVIVOR and our team captain. We also have one other survivor on our team. The theme this year for Relay for Life is "Birthdays"--our theme is "Car's the Movie" and we are decorating our camp like a Cars themed birthday party! Our "Kids of Today" also have a campsite. They are a small but proud group--I believe they are leaning toward "Toy Story" as their theme. We just had a fundraiser on May 27 where we had a baked potato bar at a Relay team captain's meeting and made money for our team. We are also selling Cancer Cards and each member is working individually to a team goal of \$1500. Some members are also using the Internet for donations and for contacting friends and family (like via Facebook) to solicit donations. Relay for Life in Buffalo County is June 11-12 which is also the same weekend as National WOT convention so only one of our members is going to Nationals. Oh well, maybe next year! We are all looking forward to this wonderful event that will help save thousands of lives and honor the memory of those who have lost their life to this terrible disease!

Nikki Runge
KWOT Chapter Secretary

Monarch

Greetings from the Monarch Chapter
We have just finished our 1st of two parades this summer the LaVista Daze Parade went well, we had help from the Heartland chapter and want to thank them! We attempted to sell beverages along the line up area before the parade and it

was... well a fizzle. But hey, we tried and it was a learning experience. Our next parade, at Papillion Days is coming up and we plan to try again! Then later this summer we will help the Heartland Chapter with the Millard Days Parade. By the end of summer we should be very good at decorating vehicles and waving!!!
Angela Moody
Secretary

Heartland

Hi Everyone,
The Heartland Chapter is off to a good year; three of our members are going to National in Rochester this month and more will be in Nebraska City for the Summer Meeting. We have plans to hold and help with three parades this summer so this should help to get our name out there in the Omaha Metro area! We want to wish State President Laura good luck this year, we are confident she will do a wonderful job!
Angela Moody
Secretary

Red Nebraska Shirt

If you need a Red Nebraska Women of Today shirt please let Maxine Turner the State Treasurer know. She is going to place an order before Summer Convention.

LINCOLN

We will be helping again with Celebrate Lincoln, on Saturday, June 19. We have nine members that have committed to pub #1 already! We always have so much fun at this event! Our June meeting will be held at Bethany Park, 66th & Vine Streets, Monday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. Members can bring their kids to play and we make s'mores after the meeting for a sweet treat. The Lincoln chapter is also gearing up for a July Media Blitz! We're attempting to get our name on every community calendar we can; tv, radio, print and Facebook! We have 54 "fans" so far! Imagine the possible recruits there! My personal goal as President this year is to double the membership for the Lincoln Chapter. EVERYONE knows SOMEONE that either we NEED or who NEEDS us! Be excited about the things we can offer someone, be excited about what someone can offer us, and let's grow, Grow, GROW!
Jen Strohmeyer
President, Lincoln
BE EXCITED!

Nebraska City

We are busy planning for Summer Convention!! We look forward to having lots of fun! Be sure and send in your registrations! See ya in July!!
Chris Rice