



# THE GAVEL

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The Nebraska Women of Today  
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*Nebraska Women of Today:*

*I wanted to congratulate Joyce on her rainbows of colors; I am looking forward to celebrating with her, the Nebraska successes at National Convention in Massachusetts. We are also going to be cheering for Maxine Turner in her bid for National President. YOU GO GIRL! We are putting together a bid for National Mid year in October. GO NEBRASKA! I just came back from Board Retreat and I'm happy to report we have a full slate of officers. We came together and did some team building exercises and really bonded as a team to lead Nebraska to a successful year.*

*Look for a Chapter Mailing in Late June, it will be sent out when I get back from National Convention in Boston. This mailing will have valuable information from the State Board members including Fast Starts.*

*My goal this year is to travel to your chapter meetings, Fundraiser, etc. etc. Please add me to your newsletter mailing list. I love to read about what all your chapters are doing. I will be calling to set up visits. I have a couple of visits set up so far. July 1st is Founders Day. I hope everyone has an opportunity to celebrate, please send information about how your chapter celebrated, to the Denise Deter, the State Secretary. Also, July is emphasis month for Extensions and Public Relations. My goal is to have two extensions. So Teams lets go get them.*

*Our Summer Convention will be held July 16-17th in Paxton at Ole's Lodge. I hope to see many of you there. I'm looking forward to seeing new faces as well as seasoned members. I hope everyone will have a great summer. I will be going home July 9th, Arnie's mom and dad's 50th Wedding anniversary. Then the next weekend I will be attending Summer Convention.*

*If you have any questions or need anything, please email me or call me, or give any State Board member a call we are here to serve you this year. Remember there are ANGELS AMONG US.*

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## Membership Vice President

Greetings to you all,

I am looking forward to an exciting year as your Membership Vice President. It is my goal, as well as the goal of my outstanding team of Region Directors, to keep you excited and committed to recruitment and retention. It is our jobs to keep you informed and to assist you in any way we can in the area of membership. If you have any needs whatsoever please feel free to contact me or your Region Director.

The awesome group of ladies dedicating their time to you, the chapters, are:

Region II – Nickole Sis & Stacy Barenberg  
(Wauneta, Benkelman)

Region IV – Laura Taua (Wayne Co., Fremont Area,  
Heartland)

Region V – Rachel Brown (Kearney, Hiway 40,  
Hastings)

Region VI – Kelley Rosburg (Lincoln, Beatrice,  
Sterling)

In the next month each chapter will receive an all chapter mailing from President Cindy. Please make sure your membership contact receives the information from me. There will be some Chapter Challenges, Fast Starts, Upcoming Events, and lots more to encourage success in the area of Membership.

Thank you for helping me **Point in the Right Direction** in this upcoming year.

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## Programming Vice President

Hi Nebraska---We begin another year!! I can't believe that we're starting new jobs in our Women of Today careers. I am Lynn Ploeger and I will be the NEW Programming Vice President for the 2004-2005 year. You probably already know the Programming area has gone through a transformation. We still have all the same programs---but they have been rearranged and responsibilities have been changed. Under this area there is the V.P. and four Program Managers. Each of us has varied duties. Here is how it fits together.

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V.P. gets the following:

Community Service Projects  
Governmental Affairs Certifications,  
Project Folders  
Road Runner / Fizzles

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Chaplin Area gets the following:

Focus of Women  
Family time Certifications  
Women in General  
God in my Life Essay

Robin Wiles  
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External Programs gets the following:

Make-A-Wish Program  
Aid to Foster Children  
U.S. External Program

Sunni Nordhausen  
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S.T.E.P. gets the following:

S.T.E.P. I  
S.T.E.P. II  
S.T.E.P. III

Someone Needed

Personal Enrichment Programs gets the following:

ES/EW area  
Personal Enrichment Programs  
Leadership  
Teambuilding  
Listening course  
Other one hour informational talks

During the first quarter I like to stress that everyone support our troops by flying the flag---both on Flag Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This will begin your road to completing the Governmental Affairs form!!! Summertime is a good time to have a Women of Today family outing. Think about adding this to your Chapter Plan of Action. I'd love to see NEW faces at the summer convention---keep that 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend OPEN!!! Remember that August is just around the corner and the EMPHASIS MONTH for TEAMBUILDING---make a note of this.

Check out the Presidential Mailing---Hopefully there will be good info you can utilize to help you plan your chapters year. Any questions or concerns please contact me, or one of the programming managers to see if we can help or direct you to a source than can. Have a WONDERFUL YEAR.

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## Secretary

Hi everyone!

My name is Denise Deter and I am serving as Secretary for the 2004-2005 year. I am excited to serve on the State Board and to assist President Cindy Urlacher in any way possible. Local Secretaries, a Fast Start for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will be heading your way via Chapter Packet mailing! So be on the look out. Hope to see everyone at the Summer Convention.

PS – I will have my new puppy in mid-June. Albert(?) was born May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will go pick him out/up from Longmont, CO sometime in June!!!

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### Webmaster

Congratulations to Cindy Urlacher on becoming President this year. You will see her logo and information on the front page soon. Congratulations also to Jan Maaske for winning the T-Shirt from the web drawing.

We have started to re-configure the web site to make it more condensed. The home page now includes the information from the About page. People can read more about the Nebraska chapters without clicking to other pages.

With the re-configuration of the web site, your input is important. You can email your suggestions to [webmaster@nbwt.org](mailto:webmaster@nbwt.org). The review committee will consider your recommendations and implement as many as possible.

### LPA President

Dear Local Presidents and all,  
I am very excited to be this year's LPA president! My theme will be, "Leap into SUCCESS". One of my goals is to help every chapter in Nebraska learn about the SUCCESS system and understand why it is important tool in our organization. In the upcoming chapter mailing, I will include all the fast starts for this year, a brief bio of myself, and a copy of the SUCCESS system along with its helper and the contact information for getting it filled out completely. If you need to reach me you can either call me at 402-325-8667, email me at [bsanchez@inebraska.com](mailto:bsanchez@inebraska.com), or snail mail me at 611 N 56<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln, Ne 68504. Hope you are all having a great summer, and I look forward to meeting you all at summer convention in Paxton!

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### Region Directors

#### Region V

Hi Everyone,  
This is region 5 and we are looking forward to a fun and adventurous year.  
I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of new faces and having tons-o-fun.  
So, let's get out there and help our communities and chapters grow.

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### External Program Manager

Dear Ladies,  
Welcome to another fun and productive year. I am looking forward to collecting all that lovely money you'll be sending my way for the worthwhile causes Women of Today has adopted for this year. Of course "Pennies from Heaven" is an easy way to collect funds for Friends of Foster Families, formerly called Aid to Foster Children.  
Just pass around a container at each meeting for pennies and loose change it is surprising how fast those coins add up.  
More to come in the next gavel.

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### Chaplain/Focus on Women/Women in General

Hello There!  
My name is Cyndi Bahler and I am thrilled to be serving the Nebraska Women of Today for my seventh year. This year I have been asked to fulfill the role of Chaplain. This is a very interesting area, not only for those who hold their religion as a thing of privilege, but also for those who are just trying to improve themselves. When I held this office on the local level I strived hard to be sure to include family time activities every other month as I felt without our families support, our membership and this organization would not be able to continue on. So on your behalf, each new gavel article I will try to inspire you and your local chaplains to get involved on the paperwork side of things and the family side. For your first activity, plan a family day at the nearest swimming hole. For those unable to feel confident enough to put on that suit that is two sizes too small- because of the dryer of course- plan some other activities such as water fights, horse shoes, beach scavenger hunt, etc... A potluck or picnic lunch is always a hit too! As always, keep praying for this nation and those who serve us.

I encourage all local chaplains to contact me with their name, address, phone and email. A special incentive will be given to anyone who corresponds. Thanks!

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### Success Through Enthusiastic Participation

Ladies,  
My Name is Sunni Nordhausen and I am the 2004-2005 S.T.E.P. Program Manager. I am looking forward to a great year and am excited about my new position. S.T.E.P. is a great way to get new members as well as keeping current members involved in your organization. The Guide For Action has all the information you need to learn about S.T.E.P. and the forms for S.T.E.P. I, II, and III. The information you need is on Pages 56-60 and the forms are on Pages 64-71. Remember S.T.E.P. I is for new members and MUST be completed in the first 90 days of membership,

S.T.E.P. II is for those members who have been a member for up to 12 months, and S.T.E.P. III is for any member 12 months and longer, it can be completed once a year, May 1-April 30. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Summer Convention.

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### Chairman of the Board

Nebraska Women of Today:

I wanted to take another opportunity to say "thank you" for a wonderful 2003-2004 year. I can honestly say that I was overwhelmed with the gifts, cards and words of support. The mug auction that was held in Kearney left me speechless. I cannot wait to represent our state at the National convention in Boston – I am so proud of all of you!!

One of the duties that I will have this next year is to serve as Historian. I have placed the Chapter History form in the packet that will be mailed to every chapter. If you should lose or misplace the form, you can either contact me or just get another copy off of our website. I will be offering an incentive to each chapter that submits their history. Keep up all of the good things that you are doing for your communities and our state and nation.

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### Convention Chairman

Hello ladies,  
Summer convention is right around the bend. We will be traveling out West to Paxton. Surely you have all traveled there sometime in your life. Well, if you haven't it is almost

half way between Ogallala and North Platte. We will be holding the events upstairs at Ole's Big Game Bar. We will be lodging out at the interstate at Ole's Lodge - Paxton Days Inn. Reserve your room by July 1st. Rates are \$65.00 for 1-4 people. Call 1-308-239-4510 for reservations.

Registrations are \$20 early and \$22 late, which will include the meetings and the luncheon on Saturday. Remember this is an overnight convention. We will be done after the seminar's at around 3:00.

There will be a registration form in this issue of the GAVEL and it is on the web site for you to print. You also received one in your convention packet, but it has the wrong prices on it so use the one on the web.

I hope to see many of you in Paxton. Come and see what this little town has to offer. You just can't pass up a visit to Ole's. If you have any questions please call.

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### GAVEL Editor

Ladies,

It's hard to believe we are beginning a new year! I want to congratulate Joyce on a fabulous year! I can't wait to celebrate with her in Boston!

President Cindy is off to a good start; the retreat was lots of fun! I know she will do a great job leading us this year.

I will again be editing the state newsletter and hope you all enjoy reading it each issue. Let me know if you have suggestions or problems.

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## Chapter Chatter/Friendship Corner

### Heartland

We are making plans for a busy summer, beginning with helping our own Maxine Turner with her campaign for National President. After National Convention we will be celebrating Founders Day and preparing for the Concession Stand at John C. Fremont Days. We want to wish our own Cindy Urlacher a successful year as our New State President; she will do an awesome job!  
Rose Carlotto

### Nebraska City

Nebraska City has plans in the works for a family picnic, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July coloring contest and helping set up displays at the Nature Center in Nebraska City. We continue to support the food pantry monthly. Our new board is fired up and eager to lead our chapter to great things.  
Joyce Harpster

### Wauneta

Hello To Everyone,  
It was great to see everyone at annual convention. We all had a great time. We are going to be very busy the next few months, we start with serving the Alumni Banquet over Memorial Weekend. We start Ball Park Concessions the end of May and it looks like we are going to have a busy summer. Our fundraising for the park playground equipment is going well and it looks like we may be able to install the equipment by the end of the summer. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone at Summer Convention in our neck of the woods. See you all soon.  
Sunni Nordhausen

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wished during my back injury. It was wonderful knowing that I have a great support system. I would especially like to thank my chapter, Lincoln, for their kindness and aid. You are the best!

Brenda Sanchez

## ANNUAL CONVENTION AWARDS LIST

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Early Bird Renewals

Wauneta Nebraska City  
Beatrice Heartland  
Kearney Lincoln

#### New Member

Nebraska City - 1 member Sterling - 1 member  
Lincoln - 4 members Heartland - 1 member  
Benkelman - 2 members Kearney - 1 member  
Wauneta - 1 member

#### Recruiters

Heartland - Cindy Urlacher - 1  
Nebraska City - Sheena Baker - 1  
Lincoln - Terri Sherman - 1  
- Denise Deter - 1

Benkelman - 2

Kearney - 1

Wauneta - 1

Sterling - 1

Meeting the Challenge - Promises in Rising Membership

Cyndi Bahler

Joyce Harpster

**Regional Director for the Quarter** - Cyndi Bahler

**Membership Chapter for the Quarter** - Nebraska City

**Double Up Chapter** - Nebraska City

**100% Retention** - Beatrice

- Nebraska City

- Wauneta

**Top Chapter Growth** - Nebraska City

**Top Recruiters** - Joyce Harpster

Cyndi Bahler

Cindy Urlacher

**Chapter Growth** - Wauneta

Kearney

Nebraska City

**Top Region Growth** - Region 6

**Regional Director For the Year** - Cyndi Bahler

**National Awards - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

**New Member Adds**

Sterling - 1

Lincoln - 2

Kearney - 1

**Chapter Growth**

Kearney

Wauneta

Sterling

**Web drawing** - Jan Maaske

**Sole Award** - Wauneta

### PROGRAMMING

#### Fourth Quarter:

**16---ES certifications:** Terri Sherman - Laura Taua -  
Kristy Bently - Pamela England - Angela -Moody -  
Kim Troutd - Deb Schauer - Cindy Urlacher - Rose  
Carlotto - Angeliqne Jensen - Michelle Jackson - Gina  
Strand - Michelle Harchlroad - Rene Maris - Brandy  
Brown - Kelley Rosburg

**11---EW certifications:** Terri Sherman - Jan Maaske -  
Pamela England - Cyndi Bahler - Cindy Urlacher -  
Brandi Brown - Joyce Harpster - Rose Carlotto - Sonya  
Vaughan - Angela Moody - Rachel

### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

#### Chapter Histories

Brenda Sanchez - Lincoln  
Sunni Nordhausen - Wauneta  
Diana Hamm - Wauneta  
Cindy Schneider - Wauneta  
Cyndi Bahler - Wauneta  
Kim Troutd - Wauneta

#### Outstanding State Personnel

##### State Officer

Maxine Turner, MVP

##### Regional Director

Pam England, Region IV

### MEDALLIONS

Sherry Baker, Nebraska City  
Kristy Bentley, Fremont Area  
Brandi Brown, Lincoln  
Rose Carlotto, Heartland  
Barbara Clapper, Fremont Area  
Denise Deter, Lincoln  
Lorie Lambrecht, Nebraska City  
Christine Rice, Nebraska City  
Jennifer Strohmeier, Lincoln  
Laura Taua, Fremont Area  
Cheri Theesen, Hastings

### OUTSTANDING STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Maxine Turner  
Cindy Urlacher  
Lynn Ploeger

### COLORS OF THE RAINBOW AWARDS

Angela Moody  
Kelley Rosburg  
Jan Maaske  
Debby & Kevin Beakey  
Ruth & Roy Baker  
Brandon Harpster  
Scott Harpster

UNITED STATES WOMEN OF  
TODAY CREED

We The United States Women of Today,  
Are dedicated to serving  
our community and nation;  
Are committed to strengthening  
our individual talents;  
And stand united by our friendship



NEBRASKA WOMEN OF TODAY  
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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 as well the work that is done when