



# THE GAVEL

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Nebraska Women of Today:

I am so honored to be writing this article to you as your 2003-2004 State President! We had a great annual convention in Columbus and excitement is running high as we start this new year. We have a new state board that is ready and willing to help all of you as you also begin a new year in your chapters. If you are confused about paperwork or don't understand something be sure and ask. I was told at work that the only silly question is the one that wasn't asked.

Be sure to check out our website if you have a computer or have access to one. This website is fantastic. It has all of the information about Nebraska Women of Today at your fingertips. [WWW.NBWT.ORG](http://WWW.NBWT.ORG).

Although it seems far away right now, Founder's Day is July 1<sup>st</sup> and that is just around the corner. This is a great opportunity for chapters to spread the word about Women of Today and all of the great things that we do! Be sure that you contact your local newspapers, radio station, cable news station or any other form of media that will help get our name out. There are also many businesses that will allow you to hang a flyer or a poster. We do so much for our communities; let's let everyone know what we do! Make sure that you complete the Founder's Day Participation form and send it to Cindy Urlacher, State Secretary/PR Chairman so that you get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work.

One of my goals for this year includes visiting every chapter. Please let me know when I can come and visit your chapter. I would be glad to help out on a project or attend a business meeting. I plan to be in contact with every local president quarterly.

Membership continues to be vital to our organization. Please tell a friend or a new neighbor about Women of Today and then bring them to a meeting. I am hoping to keep our membership retention at 80% this year. It would be wonderful to end our year at our membership base plus 25. I know we can do it and I'll help however I can.

Again, I am very excited to be serving all of you. Nebraska Women of Today is a great organization. I have been a member for over 22 years so I know it is full of community service and personal development opportunities. I have made some lasting friendships and hope to make many new friends this next year. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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**MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT**  
Ladies,

I will be serving you as membership Vice President this year. I am looking forward to an exciting year in membership as I have a super and dynamic team. This year we have brought back Regional Directors and I feel these ladies will do a super

job in keeping the chapters motivated, and in tune of the state organization. Cindy Bahler will be serving Region 2 (North Platte, Wauneta, Imperial and Benkelman); Pamela England will be serving Region 4 (Wayne County, Fremont Area and Heartland); Deb Schauer will be serving Region 5 (Kearney and Hastings); and Judy Lukehart will be serving Region 6 (Lincoln, Beatrice and Sterling).

My goal this year is to be at growth at year-end. We cannot wait until September to start working on membership. As, I stated at convention in my campaign speech we need to start working on membership during the month of May, so let's all get out there and start recruiting! We also need to work on retention of our members, too! I would also like to see quarterly orientations done each quarter.

This year I will be offering a **Membership Chapter of the Quarter**. A Membership Chapter will need to complete the following criteria: 1) Chapter will need to be at Base +1; 2) Chapter will need to hold an orientation during the quarter (names of members sent into me each quarter); 3) Highest new member adds for the quarter; 4) Highest retention for the quarter and **Bonus** (complete an extension during the quarter). Last year, I served as Regional 4 Director and our region started a kids group. These daughters or sons worked right besides their mothers on projects, and we have daughters asking mothers how soon they can become members. This is the time to teach our children about Women of Today and/or do volunteer work to make our communities a better place to live. You see, these are our future members, future leaders and volunteers of our country. Let's teach them how to become leaders of our country, through the Women of Today beliefs. So, this year I will be recognizing all the children that work on projects with their mothers at each convention. Please send their names into me monthly, so that I can get their certificates ready for them (I will have a form out in chapter mailing).

As I am writing this article I know of three extensions that are being worked on, so let's all get out there and work on membership. If you know of any prospective members in the following communities (Grand Island, Nebraska City and Sumner), please let me know that I can pass them on to the recruiting teams. To show growth at year-end, it will take 100% of our members to work on this goal. Remember, we will **"Have Fun in the Sun, as we celebrate our rising membership."**

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## Programming Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I am Brandi Brown; I will be serving as your Programming Vice President this year. I am excited for the upcoming year. I look forward to getting my mailbox over filled with certifications as well as competition. I want you all to know that I am available for the local Vice Presidents as well as all

the members. If you have any questions or concerns about the programming area, please feel free to contact me at anytime. If you have an event coming up in your chapter, let me know and I will try to make it. I like to travel and see new faces. My theme is "Let Freedom Ring" because we all have so many freedoms in our lives. We also have the freedom to belong to Women of Today and learn to be great leaders. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you this year.

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## Secretary

Hello Ladies,

My name is Cindy Urlacher and I'm serving as your Secretary this year. My theme is "The Minutes of Our Lives". I have a job for all the chapters, I would like the name and address of your secretary, so I can compile a book for them to use for the year. I will also be sending out a form for the contacts for your newspaper and etc. My goal this year is to get our name out in the communities. I think this will help chapters out to get their name out and help the chapters receive new members this year. For chapters who don't have a flier, I will be willing to help you produce one. They are valuable tools when you are at projects. During my Women of Today years I have known this to really work. My chapter had a fair and had a booth, we had information about our chapter, and I also set up a sheet to see who would be interested. We had lots of names on the list and during that year we actually signed 9 new members. This was very exciting and I know you can do it also. Let's have a fun and exciting year.

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Remember Founder's Day  
Is  
July 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!

Webmaster

Thanks to all those who made our first web drawing a success. Congratulations to Judy Lukehart on winning the red gel mouse pad. A new drawing has started so start hunting today. As the new officers come on board, their page will be filled with helpful tips and information in their area. Links will be

provided back to the guide for program descriptions and forms.

If your chapter's meeting night is not listed on the calendar, please forward it to me as soon as you can. The calendar is starting to fill, so it will be a great resource for you.

As always, new ideas are always welcome!



## LPA President

Hello Local Presidents,

My name is Denise Deter and I will be serving as LPA this year. I have been a member of the Lincoln Chapter since 2000 and was the Local President last year. I am married to Tom Deter and we have a golden retriever pup, Einstein. He is 8 months old. My theme for the year is **Retrieving Success**. If you have questions, concerns, or just need some extra support please contact me. My home phone is 402-488-9527 or I can be reached by email: [nise\\_deter@yahoo.com](mailto:nise_deter@yahoo.com).

I look forward to working with each of you and I will be sending out a chapter mailing in the near future

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## OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN

Ladies,

I had a great time at annual convention! Plus, I learned tons of stuff! I am pleased to be this year's OYW Program Manager, and I am determined to make this a great OYW year. My goal is to have five candidates. I will be approaching the board the end of May with the proposal to implement what I will call a constructive incentive. This constructive incentive will hopefully inspire more chapters to sponsor OYW candidates, and it will give, if passed, the OYW program some financial stability. In the mean time, it is never too early to start looking for this year's candidates. Remember that the candidates need to be between the ages of 18 and 40. If your chapter can't decide whom to nominate, hold a mini-competition with in your chapter. Think of how this experience will benefit a woman you know. For example, imagine the burst of self-confidence that being chosen as The Outstanding Young Women could bring to someone! What a gift! What an honour! Look around you and note the women that deserve this kind of award, as well as the women who might need it! I look forward to hearing from individual chapters, and be sure to contact me if you have any questions!

Brenda Sanchez  
"Roses come in a  
kaleidoscope of colours!"



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## Region Directors

### Region II

Region 2 is off and running. We are holding our first official gathering to kick off the new terms at Pizza Hut on Friday. We hope to review goals, share ideas and take back the information we received from convention. If any of you know of someone who may be a potential WOT member in North Platte or Imperial please phone me immediately as we have some enthusiastic presidents just waiting for more members! Best wishes to you all and you will be hearing from Wauneta, Benkelman, North Platte and Imperial again real soon.

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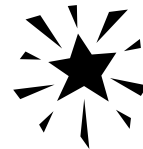


### Region IV

Hello twinkling stars,

I am so excited to be serving this year as Region IV Director. Did you know that we have some amazing little leaders in our region? Our kids group is still gathering AT&T phone cards to send to Rick Mongold's unit in Kuwait. Tracy Moody is ready to make a shipment over seas. Region IV will be having our 1st Quarter PEP Course the end of June. I have three activities planned...Beer Tasting 101, Personal Goal Setting, and Gardening Basics. Everyone is welcomed to attend. I am planning on doing a PEP day every quarter. We will also be having our 1st Quarter Family Activity on May 31st at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. Local Presidents look for my monthly newsletter which will include upcoming events, WOT tips, and Women In General articles to share with your chapter.

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Summer Convention is in Nebraska's  
"Little Apple" on July 18-19

GAVEL  
Ladies,

Can you believe that we are beginning a new year already??? We are planning some big changes to the GAVEL this year. This first issue is going out to all members just as it always has, and it will be on the web site as it has since February. In the coming months we will be making it available to you, via

direct e-mail, you can view it on the website, or you can still receive a hard copy just as you always have. We would like to know which you prefer. Many of you have expressed an interest in getting it via email, because it can reach you sooner, and of course to help keep costs down. I will be again serving the Nebraska Women of Today as Editor and I welcome all suggestion that will keep the GAVEL a quality tool for all of our members!

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## Convention Awards

### **Programming**

Top Road Runner

State Board - Brandi Brown

Local President - Angela Moody

Local Member - Maxine Turner

Programming Chapter 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Heartland

Programming Chapters of the Year

Community - Lincoln

Personal Development - Heartland

Over all - Heartland

Women in General

Fremont Area-6, Lincoln-9, Heartland-2

Focus on Women

Fremont Area-13, Lincoln-3, Heartland-5

Chaplain Certification

Lincoln-2, Heartland-6

### **Parliamentary**

Individual Certifications- Angela Moody, Kim Troutd, and Maxine Turner

Chapter- Heartland

### **LPA**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Gold Ribbon - Lincoln

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### **Outstanding Local President**

Angela Moody

### **Outstanding State Personnel**

Maxine Turner

### **Hall of Fame**

Kim Troutd

## Chapter chatter/Friendship Corner

### **Heartland**

We have a busy year planned, starting with an extension!! We are hoping to get the Nebraska City Extension completed by Summer Convention so we can welcome them into our organization when we have Summer Convention there. We are also having an M-Nite next week and have quite a few guests invited. We want to say big CONGRATULATIONS to Kim for her induction into the Nebraska Hall of Fame! Our region has a few event planned as well. We are off to a great start and plan to have a fantastic year!

Sonya Hurkman

To Brandi,

Thanks for being such a wonderful Secret Sis last year! I really enjoyed your thoughtfulness and all the gifts!

Cindy Urlacher

Maxine,

As always you are a fabulous secret sis, it's almost like you know everything about me... Thanks for EVERYTHING!

Angela

Kim,

Thanks for giving us a wonderful "Work of Heart" year! You were right when you said, "We are a second half team..."

Everyone will see that in PA in June!

Thanks for your service to the Nebraska Women of Today.

Angela

# Nebraska Woman of Today Summer Convention "Golden Days of Summer"

hosted by  
The Heartland Women of Today  
July 18-19, 2003



## Tentative Agenda

### Friday Evening

7:00 pm	Registration
7:00	Executive Board Meeting
7:30	State Board Meeting
8:15	Future Directions
9:15	Hall of Fame
9:30	Social

### Saturday

7:45 – 9:00am	Registration
8:00	LPA Meeting
9:00	Business Meeting
12:00	Awards Luncheon
1:30-???	Seminar

### Apple Inn

Nebraska City, NE 68410  
Reserve your room before July 1, 2003  
Rates \$47.65 1-4 people  
1-402-873-5959  
Reservations 1-800-659-4446

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration

Early		Late (After July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	
Breakfast	\$ 5.00 _____	Breakfast	\$10.00 _____
Business Meeting	4.00 _____	Business Meeting	4.00 _____
Luncheon	10.00 _____	Luncheon	15.00 _____
TOTAL	\$19.00 _____	TOTAL	\$29.00 _____

Registrations are due by **July 4, 2003**

Make checks payable to **Heartland Women of Today**

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gives meaning and purpose to human endeavor:  
that for every wrong, there is a right,  
for every foe, there is a friend.

