



CREATE LASTING
MEMORIES WITH
AITKIN WOMEN OF
TODAY

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead ~

Aitkin Women of Today

From our president...

Happy Spring to Aitkin Women of Today,

Incredible! My year is already up. Some days I feel like we just started the new year and here we are at it again. I want to thank my excellent board : Leslie, Heather, Sarah, Jodie, Jen & Roxy. I had a great year thanks to all their help. A big congratulation goes out to next year's officers: Jessy, Sarah, Heather, Heidi, Jen, Leslie & Suzanne. We look forward to an awesome year under their leadership.

Our Easter Carnival was another hit, thanks to Sarah's direction and all the help from members and volunteers. St. Patty's day was a treat with Laser Bowling organized by Jessy. – Thanks!

April continues to be a busy month for AWT! District Meeting 03/31, and Pals event 04/07. Please join us for our Anniversary Celebration at 6:30 before our membership meeting April 9th. Our installation banquet is Saturday April 14th, followed by a fun M-Night on Tuesday April 17. Please mark your calendar for all these events.

Have a wonderful spring and a "new" year with Aitkin Women of Today.

Thank you!

Suzanne

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7—PALS event, 7:00 @ Harpos, Merrifield
- April 9—Anniversary Celebration, 6:30 @ MLEC
- April 14—Installation Banquet
- April 15—Renewals are due
- April 17—M-Night
- April 15-17—National Volunteer Week
- May 14—Potluck Membership Meeting



Aitkin Women of Today
Mille Lacs Electric
Monday, February 13, 2012
Social Bash 6:45pm, Regular Meeting 7:00pm

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance—Cathy
- U.S. Women of Today Creed—Jen
- Invocation—Heather
- Introduction of Guest(s) -
- Ice Breaker—Jen
- Parliamentarian**—Roxy
- Secretary Report**—Heather
 - * PALS activity—Heather, April 7, Harpo's
- Treasurer Report**—Jen
 - * Audit Committee—Jessy/Roxy
- State Delegate**—Leslie
 - * Area Meeting—03/31, Bemidji
 - * Annual Convention—May 18 - 20
 - * LOTS training—May 5
 - * LPM reports
- Membership**—Jodie
 - * M-Night—Ladies Night Out Game Night, April 17th
 - * March social—Jessy, 3/17
- President's Report**—Suzanne
 - * Board Meeting—Sunday April 29th 6 pm, The 40 Club
- Chairman of the Board**
 - * Installation Banquet—3 Musketeers, April 14th
- Programming VP**—Jessy
- Emphasis Month:**
 - * Volunteer Recognition, External US Programming Area
 - * Listening Course (US)

PROGRAMMING AREAS

EXTERNAL

- *Collect coins for causes-*
- *Youth of Today—Jodie J*
 - * OYA—Jodie
 - * Easter Carnival—03/24 Westside-Sarah
 - * School Pictures—Nina/Billie Jo
 - * Safety Town—Jen, June 11-15
 - * Memory Books—Amanda/Cathy
- *Can Do Canines—Jessy*
- *Community Connections—Jodie*
 - * Park Bench—Jody/Leslie, spring
 - * Community Meal—Leslie 6-26 & 08-06
 - * Dump run—Roxy
- *Women's Wellness—Heather*
- *SUCCESS—Cathy*

INTERNAL

- *Records and Recognition—Cathy*
- *Living and Learning—Roxy*
 - * Pep Course
- *Newsletter—Amanda*
- *Public Relations—Jody S*
 - * Facebook
 - * Anniversary Celebration—Jen, April meeting 6:30
 - * Social Media
- *Ways and Means—Jen*
 - * Memorial Day Bake Sale—Leslie, Friday May 25

ONGOING BUSINESS

Co-ed softball—Amanda

NEW BUSINESS

High Way Clean up—Jody
Kiddie Parade
4th July Concession

Sunshine
Good and Welfare
Benediction
MN Women of Today Creed—Cathy

U.S. 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 and belief in the future.

MINNESOTA WOMEN OF TODAY CREED

We, the Women of Today, are service, growth, and fellowship. We believe that through us great lessons can be learned, worthy deeds performed, and a hand of fellowship extended to millions of women everywhere. May we leave this world a better place because we lived and served within it.

March Membership Meeting

Mille Lacs Energy Center, 6:45 social, 7:00 meeting

AGENDA

Call to Order – 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Jessy

U.S. Women of Today Creed – Jody

Invocation – Jody

Attendance – Jessy, Heidi, Cathy, Nina, Jody S., Sarah, Amanda, Samantha, Emily, Michelle, Amy, Jen K., Heather

Introduction of Guest(s) – Amber, Jackie Keihm

Ice Breaker – Jessy, “Favorite Spring Flower”

Parliamentarian – Parli Prattle quiz, did as a group

Quorum – 13/28

Secretary Report –Heather

PALS activity – Heather, October Son, April 7th, Harpos in Merrifield

Treasurer Report – Jen

School pic fund – BB \$4,364.60, Earmarked \$500.00, AF \$3,764.60,

Safety Town fund – BB \$3,195.34, IT \$1,000, EXT \$27.11, AF

\$4,168.23, AWT Checking – BB \$3,923.86, IT \$264.41, EXT

\$953.41, EB \$3,234.86, EMT \$755.00, Available balance \$2,479.86

Audit Committee – Jessy/Roxy, no report

State Delegate –Leslie

District Meeting, 03/03, held in Nisswa, Area meeting to be held in Bemidji on 03/31 at the Peppercorn, sign-up sheet passed around, LOTS on 5/5 in New Hope, new officers encouraged to attend, find info on clipboard, Annual Convention at Grand Casino in Hinckley, May 18-20, registration forms and sign-up on clipboard

Membership –Jodie, no report

M-Night- Family activity in Winter – Jodie, February 12, Sledding

March social – Jessy, 3/17 7:00, Aitkin Lanes, dress up for St. Patty’s Day

Members up for renewal -

President’s Report—Suzanne

Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 27, 7 pm Suzanne

Hostess – April, Anniversary Celebration, no hostess necessary

AWT Banner – Suzanne

Chairman of the Board

Elections – 3 Musketeers

The following AWT members nominated and voted into office:

Jessica McShane: President

Leslie Goble: Programming Vice President

Heather Goble: Membership Vice President

Sarah Steinkopf: Secretary

Susan LaLond: Treasurer

Heidi Westerlund: State Delegate

Installation Banquet – 3 Musketeers

Motion – I move that we hold the installation banquet on April 14th at

Twin Pines Resort. (Jessy/Jody) (motion passed)

Scrapbooking – March 19 and April 2, 6:30, Cathy’s

Programming VP—Jessy

LPMs turn in end of year reports

Emphasis Month:

STEP: MN & US; Membership: MN& US,

USWT Foundation US

PROGRAMMING AREAS

EXTERNAL

Collect coins for causes- \$6.78, hold until April meeting

Youth of Today- Jodie J, no report

OYA – Jodie, deadline is coming up

Easter Carnival – Sarah, 03/24, 10am – 1pm at Westside, sign-up passed around, adding a craft and balloon animals this year, doing Sunny-D

instead of pop for Ring Toss, Sunny-D donated from Paulbeck’s, still need game helpers, serving hot dogs, chips and pop at concessions, 60 fliers around town, radio station, 2 bank signs, Westside, access channel, MLEC, mini fliers to daycares, schools, Stepping Stones, Tiny Tots, hoping to set up Friday

Easter Carnival bake sale – Leslie, on 03/24, 10am-1pm at Westside, every member please bring 2-3 items, drop off at Leslie’s by 3/23 or bring to Westside on 3/24 by 9am, please give Leslie copy of recipe for recipe ring, next recipe ring out in the spring

School Pictures – Nina/Billie Jo

Safety Town-Jen, June 11-15, meeting April 10, 7:00am at Birchwood

Memory Books-Amanda/Cathy, delivery end of April

Motion – I move that we raise the price from \$10 to \$12 per book this year. (Amanda/Jessy) (motion passed)

Can Do Canines—Jessy

Motion – I move that we donate \$50 to the “Name a Puppy” project. (Jessy/Cathy) (motion passed)

Community Connections –Jodie

Park Bench – Jody/Leslie, tabled until spring

Dump run – Roxy, no report

Women’s Wellness – Heather, Nina wins this month’s incentive, What do you know about preventing strokes and what does acronym FACE stand for?

INTERNAL

SUCCESS - Cathy, 12th at convention, turn in project reports by May 1st

Records and Recognition – Cathy, please mark meetings and projects you have participated in this past year for end of year charms

Living and Learning – Roxy, no report

Newsletter – Amanda, 9 members submitted to March newsletter, April deadline is Wednesday, March 28th

Public Relations – Jody S, working on convention report for newspaper

Facebook

Anniversary Celebration – Jen, April meeting 6:30, cake and punch served, past presidents bring scrapbooks

Ways and Means – Jen, order form for fudge passed around, ½ lb for \$5

ONGOING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Community Meal – Leslie, 1 or 2 meals?, Leslie would chair unless someone else wants to, pick dates from 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 8/27, sign-up sheet passed around

Memorial Day Bake Sale – Friday, Leslie chairperson?

Social Media – Heather and Amanda, meet the growing needs for social media within the chapter through Facebook, a chapter website, a digital calendar, and a digital records keeper

I move that we move forward with a social media committee. (Jessy/Cathy) (motion passed)

MNWT Ladies night out – April 17, tabled until board meeting

Social committee –Heather and Amanda, meet the needs of fellowship within our chapter

I move that we proceed with the social committee. (Cathy/Jody) (motion passed)

Donation

Co-ed softball tournament – Amanda, 8 teams, Saturday and Sunday, minimal work for members, Wook Field?, \$180 per team?, ways and means?, during Riverboat days, cost: umpires and softballs

I move that we move forward with the Softball Tournament project. (Jessy/Cathy) (motion passed)

I move that we donate \$250 to the Area Persian Gulf Support Group – to place our name on the Veteran’s Memorial to be placed in front of the Courthouse to honor all veterans. (Cathy/Jody S.) (motion passed)

I move that we donate \$50 to HART in Brainerd. (Jessy/Cathy) (motion passed)

I move that we donate \$400 to the Children’s Center out of school picture fund. (Sarah/Cathy) (motion passed)

I move that donate \$500 to TV Busters out of school picture fund. (Sarah/Jody) (motion passed)

Sunshine, \$7.00, Sarah wins and brings gift for Good and Welfare

Benediction

MN Women of Today Creed – Cathy

Meeting adjourned – 8:45

Celebrations

Birthdays:

4/4—Jan M.
4/23—Beth G.

Anniversaries:

4/25—Wilkes



SUNSHINE

Winner and next gift supplier:

Sarah!



UPCOMING HOSTESS

April—Membership, Anniversary
Celebration

May—Potluck

Women's Wellness

Greetings! Wow, it's so hard to believe it is the end of the year already. I would just like to thank those of you who have participated in the Bling-O project throughout the year. Congratulations to those of you who met some of your wellness goals... your body and mind thank you, as well! I hope this year was as enjoyable for you as it was for me.

Anyone who has completed their own personal wellness goal for the year (the center square on your Bling-O card) will be put in a drawing for a prize at our next meeting. Don't forget about the end of year drawing for another beautiful hand-made bag at our end-of-year banquet! Anyone who has completed two or more Bling-Os will be eligible for this drawing.

Stay well!

Heather, Women's Wellness LPM



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY:

- 4/18/1775—Paul Revere makes his famous Midnight Ride to warn of the incoming British
- 4/30/1789—George Washington becomes president
- 4/14/1828—First American-style English dictionary is published by Noah Webster
- 4/3/1860—The Pony Express service commences
- 4/9/1865—US Civil War comes to an end
- 4/14/1865—President Lincoln is assassinated
- 4/6/1896—First Olympics of the modern era takes place in Athens, Greece
- 4/15/1912—Titanic sinks after hitting iceberg
- 4/6/1917—America enters WWI
- 4/4/1968—Martin Luther King is assassinated
- 4/11/1970—Apollo 13 is launched
- 4/3/1995—Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first Supreme Court Justice
- 4/19/1995—Oklahoma City bombing occurs
- 4/20/1999—Deadly school shooting takes place at Columbine High School

LPM POSITIONS

Howdy lovely ladies!! We need to fill all of our LPM positions for next year! Please let me know if you have any interest or questions about the following:

Youth of Today
Women's Wellness
Living and Learning
Public Relations

Thanks! Jessy

M-Night

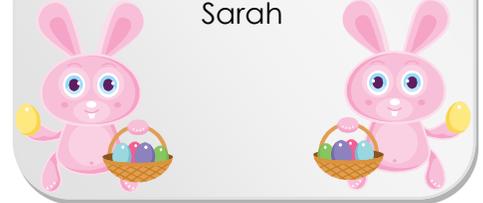
Please mark your calendars for
Tuesday April 17th for a Ladies Night -
Game Night M-Night event!
Time and location TBD.
Suzanne

Easter Carnival:

Thanks to everyone that helped make the Easter Carnival fun and successful!

I believe we had 17 members that helped in one way or another with the carnival. I will have a full report at the meeting, but wanted to say THANKS A BUNCH for all the help!

Sarah



NEW PRIORITY AREA

If you haven't heard our priority area is changing this year! We have had the pleasure of working with Can-do-Canines for the last three years naming puppies, raising awareness and funds for this amazing organization. We now will be supporting Isaac's Journey for the next three years as our state wide priority area! Here is a little bit about this amazing charity.

Our Mission

The mission of the Isaac's Journey... where HOPE begins Foundation is to educate and raise awareness of Childhood Cancer and help fund research projects. We HOPE to change cure rates for our future generation as every advancement in curing childhood cancer has come through research.

Our Vision

The vision of our foundation is to find corporate sponsors that will display on their products the Gold ribbon symbol giving the visibility to childhood cancer that it deserves in HOPES to educate all people across the world.



report

LPM Reports

Your final LPM report will be due by the end of April. I will pass out forms at the April meeting. Be prepared! If you submit it online, please make a copy for me. I need it for my state delegate report. Thank you to those who have turned in their reports this year. If you have any questions about LPM positions, contact Jessy, Heidi, or myself. It is a nice, but not stressful, way to be in touch with all of our programming areas in MNWT. Consider becoming an LPM for 2011-2012. Thank you! Leslie

STATE DELEGATE NEWS

District Meeting-Thanks to Sarah, Roxy, and Jessy for attending it with me. It was a lot of fun, good food, and fellowship!

Area 1 Meeting-By the time you read this, the Area 1 meeting will have happened. Thank you, Sarah, for being my riding companion! I will report on it at our meeting.

LOTS-Congratulations to our 2011-2012 officers: Jessy, Heather, Leslie, Sarah, Suzanne, and Heidi. Please be prepared to let me know if you will be attending LOTS on May 5, 2012, in New Hope, at our April meeting.

Annual Convention-Annual Convention will be held May 18-20 at the Grand Casino in Hinckley. Right now, I have Heidi, Roxy, Jessy, Cathy, and myself signed up. I will be passing around the signup sheet, again, at the meeting. We do have 2 rooms reserved, so we still have lots more room for anyone who wants to go!

Leslie

Domestic Violence Awareness

Get Informed, Get Involved

10 Things you can do to help end domestic violence:

- 1) Know the facts—The avenues of information are endless so get informed***
- 2) Learn the resources—888-End-Abuse is a good starting point to give you direction***
- 3) Look & Listen—Learn to recognize signs of abuse and how to start a conversation about it***
- 4) Be a safe friend—Learn how to provide support***
- 5) Seek support and find local services***
- 6) Speak up—Recognize and speak against messages that support or excuse violence***
- 7) Get involved—You can make a difference***
- 8) Advocate for change—Every little step counts***
- 9) Teach others—help future generations understand what healthy relationships entail***
- 10) Donate—gifts of time and resources are invaluable as most service programs are non-profit***

April Meeting:

Anniversary Celebration Party!!

So, did you realize the Aitkin Women of Today has an important anniversary this year? Yes, we have been a chapter serving the Aitkin Community for 55 years!! In celebration of this joyous occasion, we will be having a "party" as part of our April meeting. Cake and punch will be provided.

Bring your scrapbooks, pictures and memories and we will have a fun social time beginning at 6:30 before beginning our regular April meeting. Will be a fun time! See you there!

Jen



Leslie's Retirement Party!

When: April 27, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm—11:00 pm

Where: Aitkin American Legion

*****Music and appetizers provided. Everyone is invited. Hope you all can make it!!***

Amanda Byrnes

I figure for my last month doing the newsletter, it's only fair to put myself under the microscope after asking so many of you to do it throughout the year!

Where did you grow up? Esko, MN

Why did you decide to join Aitkin Women of Today? To meet new people and get involved in the community since I was new to Aitkin

What part of pop culture do you wish would just go away? Taylor Swift, 80's style clothes, and skinny people (j/k)!

What food do you hate? Green beans and tuna—even the smell of it makes me ill

Name something you do now that you're surprised you enjoy? I enjoy biographies and I bought a book (basically a textbook) with mini biographies of all the presidents and first ladies that I read just for fun (when I actually have time to do leisure reading that is!) Yep, I'm a dork! haha

Are you a morning person or a night owl? Both, which I think annoys my husband! My grumpy time is the afternoon

What are you looking forward to most this year? The Summer Olympics—They are my absolute fav and I tivo all of it!

What is your favorite quote? "If my soul could speak, then the world would understand. But somewhere between my heart and the paper, essential details are lost"

As a kid, did you ever wonder if you were adopted? Definitely not, I'm too much like my mother. My sister did tell me once that aliens dropped me off on the doorstep and mom and dad only took me in because I was so ugly they felt bad for me! Haha, it's a funny story now, but I'm pretty sure it made me cry at the time!

If you could be any superhero, who would it be? Mystique from X-Men



Bee'ing a Parli Addict



Signs of a Parli Addict:

- Always reading Roberts Rules of Order
- Ending each sentence with 'as per Bylaw/Policy ___'
- Reading more into each comment than speakers intent.

Are you a Parli Addict? Probably not. Most people do not even think about how and what Parliamentary Procedure means to an organization, much less know how to use it.

I've enjoyed my year as Parliamentarian and congrats to our new officers and Parliamentarian!

Just a note too - our Bylaws and Policies are subject to MN Women of Today bylaws - so we cannot change any bylaw that is part of the Minnesota Women of Today Bylaws. Instead, if our chapter felt strongly about an issue, we would submit an amendment to the state bylaws, which would be printed in an issue of the Chapter Mailing, and would then need a 2/3 vote in order to pass at the next state convention.

Roxy - Parli's Queen Bee

You're invited..

I will be having a Mary Kay party on Friday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Come if you dare! Please let me know if you are able to make it or are interested in ordering and product. Thanks! Sarah

A Personal Note...

I have neglected to thank you all for all you did to make my Ambassador Award memorable for me. At Winter State, I was honored as an Ambassador by the United States Women of Today. I was really surprised and had no idea it was coming. Thanks for keeping it a secret, that made the night even more special. Not going to go into a lot of details only to say, Thank you Aitkin Women of Today, I couldn't have done everything I have without your support and encouragement. You are wonderful and I am the lucky one to be a part of such an awesome chapter.

Jen

EASTER CARNIVAL BAKE SALE

Thank you so much to those of you who contributed to the Easter Carnival. It looked so beautiful! And, because of that, we made a nice amount of money to go towards Ways and Means. There were some items leftover that I will bring to the April meeting. Feel free to donate whatever towards those items. If you have not yet given me your recipe, please do so at the April meeting. I would like to add them to the recipe ring for the Memorial Day weekend bake sale. At our April meeting, we will need to decide if we want to keep that bake sale a "cookie only" bake sale, like last year, or make it a variety of items. Be ready with your opinion.

Thanks again! Leslie

Aitkin Woman of the Year Award

At our next membership meeting, April 9th, we will be voting for our Aitkin Woman of the Year Award. This award is given each year to an outstanding member of AWT, voted on by our membership. If you are unable to attend the meeting please email me with your vote. Suzanne



Community Meal

At the March AWT meeting it was decided to go forward to doing 2 community meals this summer. I am willing to chair this project, unless someone else wants to step forward. If so, please let me know. Dates have been chosen. They are June 25 and August 6. Please mark these dates on your calendar now! I will pass the signup sheet around again at the April meeting. Thanks! Leslie

ROAD CLEAN-UP



Roadside clean-up will be April 16 (weather permitting). We'll meet at the Studniski's at 6:00 and it should only take about an hour or so. The more hands we have, the faster we get done. Then we will have dinner and fellowship afterwards. I know daycare can be a problem, so one of the moms can stay at the house with the wee ones if that works—it's fine with me. Thanks! Jody S.

Installation Banquet

Come One, Come All - It is the time of the year where we celebrate our fantastic current year and bring in the changing of the guards for next year. This is one of the events that we just sit back and reflect on how wonderful we are and what we do for our community.

Your significant other is invited (actually encouraged) to be apart of a wonderful celebration of what we have accomplished this year. Why they had to babysit, missed you at a dinner, or wondered if it was all worth it. They will know at the end of the evening the answers to these questions....

We are celebrating at Twin Pines Resort, Garrison, who is owned by one of our member's, Linda Eno. She will host a fantastic evening of dinner, cocktails, and merriment! In return, you will go home satisfied, accomplished, and knowing that your dedication is a vital contribution to our organization.

Please RSVP to Heidi as to your attendance and choice of menu. You can have broasted chicken or grilled walleye, potato, salad bar, bev. and dessert. All this for \$15.00 plus tax and tip. Full bar available, and this resort is closed to only us! How wonderful is that!



Find your babysitter, find your "perfect" outfit, and come to have a great time. We work hard each year, and we deserve to have a day off to acknowledge it!

Your EVP, and 1/3 musketeer, Heidi

Social Committee



With all the hard work our chapter does, it seems that we forget to stop and have a good time too! Remember, our group is dedicated to service, growth, AND FELLOWSHIP! We are a wonderful group of ladies and should take time to nurture our friendships as well. With that thought, Heather and I are heading up a Social Committee this year to try to get some more emphasis on fun social gatherings. Please consider being a member of the committee to help us brainstorm and plan some new get-togethers for our chapter. We promise it won't consume all of your time! Also, please send any ideas or suggestions you may have our direction as all input is welcomed and appreciated. If you can't participate on the planning end, please make every effort to attend the events as they come up. We think that this is a very important area of our chapter and our aim is to make our chapter so fun that women of the area can't resist becoming a part of it! After all, you know what they say about all work and no play... :)

Thanks! Amanda

Community Connections Collection List

**Please bring donations to the April meeting and we'll see that they make it to convention. This is a collection for Camp Friendship. Thank you in advance!

General

2 way radios
Televisions
Plug-in night lights
Decks of cards
Potholders-glove style
Campfire grills with legs
Dress-up clothes (used/adult)
Battery operated push lights
electric pump/recreations balls
and bike tires
Water coolers
Karaoke machine
Wall clocks (battery-operated)
Bike helmets (all sizes)
Spatulas with long handles
Nail polish
Nail polish remover
Bubbles
Big bubble maker wands
Minnow fishing nets
Digital cameras
Board games
Puzzles < 100 pieces
Training wheels
Bean bag chairs

Sports

Broomball supplies
Stability type balls
(the kind you sit on)

Health Care

Sunscreen "Kid" or "Sport Active"
(SPF 50)
Freezies "Gian Pop Ice" - 100 count
Bug spray—OFF! Active-9 oz. cans
CPR manikins, AED trainers
Backpacks

Winter

Sleds
Hats
Gloves
Scarves

Waterfront

Beach toys
Things for sand castle building

Arts and Crafts

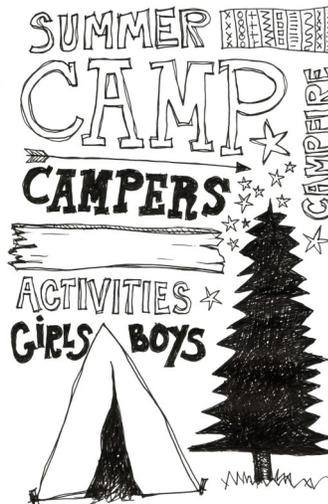
Foam snowflakes
Paint
Crayons (24/box)
Construction paper
Coloring books
Beads
Sidewalk chalk



BOWLING SOCIAL

Our bowling night at Aitkin Lanes on St. Patrick's Day was a huge success and tons of fun! We had 28 adults and 4 kids attend the event. There was lots of green to be seen, but the king and queen winning the best dressed were Payton and Amanda, as seen in the picture! Big thanks to everyone who came and made it such a memorable night!!

Jessy



Thank You!

I want to thank all of my friends in AWT who donated their time and food to help out my family out. As most of you know, Isaac suffered a severe concussion on February 7 at wrestling practice. He continues to go to therapy and school only part-time. Unfortunately, we have to take it a day at a time and pray that he will be back to school soon. We cannot begin to express how much your generosity and support has meant to our family.

The LaLonds

From the Board... new policy needed??

Recently, the Aitkin chapter was asked if we would allow someone to have a booth set up to sell jewelry at the Easter Carnival. Because we were between meetings and an answer was needed ASAP, an email was sent to members to offer opinions and to vote. There was much discussion and in the end the conclusion was no.

At the board meeting at the end of March the board continued the discussion. What we concluded is that we need to bring the discussion to the chapter and allow the members to make a decision about how we might handle this situation in the future, possibly adding something to our policies.

The options that came up during email discussion and through our board discussion were as follows.

Have two different policies: one for organizations that donate out all funds and one for those who are for profit such as a home-based business or donate a portion of their proceeds to charity.

Charge a fee for "rental" of space at events.

Have different policies for the different events we hold, for example only allowing others to have a booth at certain events, or put limits on the number of spaces available.

Some things to consider are:

Will having more items for sale at events detract from our event sales or from our fundraising from our bake sale? Or the opposite, will it draw people into our event?

How will making a policy effect other groups who have sold at our events in the past? Examples are potholders from the Grange organization or candle sales for cancer fundraiser.

It is not "only" the cost that we might be charged when allowing others to have a "booth" or sell items. We also need to remember how much advertising we have done and how our projects are a draw.

Think that is all we discussed. You may have other thoughts or good points to make, please bring those thoughts to the membership meeting or email Suzanne or another member of the board with your comments. We need to have a good, yet organized and concise discussion about this subject at the April meeting. Thank you for your attention to this subject.

Jen

CREATE LASTIME

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**Check out our
website:
www.mnwt.org**

Next Membership Meeting

Monday April 9

7 pm Mille Lacs Electric



Suzanne La Lond
Independent Consultant
CM ID 69088009

Photo Organization & Memory Celebration
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