



Aitkin Women of Today

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

From Our President...

Inside this Issue:

May meeting minutes	2
June meeting agenda	3
Birthdays/Anniversaries	4
Sunshine	4
Meeting Hostess	4
This Month in History	4
Safety Town update	4
Community meal	4
Membership	5
Bake Sale Wrap-up	5
Recipe	5
Membership Quiz	6
Ways and Means	6
Social Media Committee	6
Park Bench	6
Pep Talk from Our President	7
Programming Update	7
Living and Learning	8
Parliamentarian News	8
Softball Tournament	9
Public Relations	9
Concession	9
Convention Report	10
Meet Our Newest Members	10
Advertisement	11

Hello Ladies!

Welcome to JUNE!! AND our summer kickoff got off to a BANG thanks to Leslie and all the ladies that helped with the Memorial Bake Sale! It was a HUGE success! Great job team!

Some things to consider and think about as we are all planning our busy schedules this summer. Safety town is June 11th- the 15th, and I am sure that Jen would LOVE more helpers! The community meal is coming up on June 25th, Contact Leslie for more information! We have our 4th of July concessions coming up, Contact Roxy to help with that project! Suzanne has agreed to Co-chair the kiddie parade over Riverboat days! This is a GREAT opportunity for some of our newer members to step in and learn what chairing a project is all about! Suzanne is a WONDERFUL coach, and will guide you through the steps! Contact her for more information! Heather may need help with the library party over Riverboat Days, call her if you are interested in helping with that! Sarah is working on our float for the Riverboat days parade! This should be a fun and exciting project to brainstorm, and work on! The more the merrier!! Amanda is bringing a NEW event to our chapter this summer, the Softball tournament! I am certain she will be looking for helpers too! And finally our CAMPOUT!! August 24th - the 26th. Should be a BLAST!!

Thanks to all of you who attended the May membership meeting! We had a great turnout! I hope to see you all at our next meeting on June 11th 7pm at MLEC. Our next board meeting is June 24th 7pm at the Black Dog Bar and Grill on Cty. Rd. 6 Just north of Crosby.

With deep appreciation for all that you ALL do!
Jessy

UPCOMING EVENTS

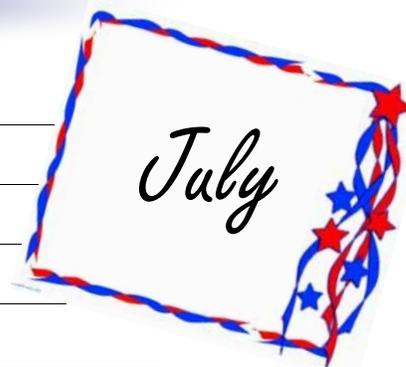
June 5—Safety Town Meeting 7:00am at the Beanery

June 11—Membership meeting at Mille Lacs Energy Coop

June 11-15 Safety Town

June 25—Community Meal

July 4—Concessions at Aitkin fireworks show



May membership meeting, May 14th, 2012, Glen-Kimbal town hall

Agenda:

Call to Order at 6:59

Pledge of Allegiance-Emily Bellah

U.S. Women of Today Creed-S. Rassier

Invocation-Amanda

Attendance: Sarah, Jessy, Heidi, Samantha, Amy, Michelle, Emily, Jen, Roxy, Cathy, Jodie J, Jody S, Amanda, Leslie, Tanya, Dawn, Jolene, Heather, Suzanne, Guest(s)-Amber, Introduced new members: Jolene, Tanya

Ice Breaker-Roxy "What did you do for Mother's Day?"

Parliamentarian-Jen., Quorum Established 19/26, Bylaw Review

Secretary Report-Sarah, Reminded of importance of written reports and details..who, what, when where and why?

-Heather making a change to April minutes

-PALS-Sarah

-Going to try being pals with Nisswa for the year

*golf social

Treasurer Report-Suzanne/Jen, **School Picture Fund**: BB \$3,864.60, IT \$3,168.00, ET \$0, EB \$7,032.60, EMT \$5,100.00, AF \$1,932.60 **Safety Town**: BB \$4, 142.34, AF \$6, 182. 53

AWT Checking: BB \$4,534.38, IT \$389.44, ET \$1,894.70, EB \$3,029.12, EMT \$630.00, AB \$2,399.12

I move that we donate \$500 to the school garden from the school picture fund. This motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Heidi, and passed by membership.

I move that Aitkin Women of Today donates \$300 towards the 4th of July fireworks. This motion was made by Amanda, seconded by Heidi and passed by membership.

-Audit Committee-Suzanne-nothing to audit

State Delegate-Leslie

-Annual Convention

5/17-5/19 at Grand Casino in Hinckley. Leslie, Jen, Roxy, Heidi and Cathy attending.

-LOTS training

Thanks to Jessy, Sarah, Heather and Leslie for attending on 5/5 in New Hope. Jen and Heidi were presenters.

-1st District meeting will be held in Brainerd either 6/3 or 7/11.

Membership-Heather, Please check roster for accurate information.

Theme: "Make Your Next Move with Membership". Members can move forward on the game board by talking to a prospective member about AWT, bringing a prospective member to an event, signing a new member. Game will be played in teams. Mentioned teams-will also be posted in newsletter.

-install new members-Jolene Gansen and Tanya Hoss, Renewal ceremony-Jen Kinzer, Dawn Wilke, Heidi Westerlund, Jody Studniski, Suzanne Lalond, Bille Jo Forster and Laura Flowers renewed 3rd trimester

Presidents Report-Suzanne/Jessy, Please sign up for hostess

-Thanks Jody S. and Dawn for taking on Director Positions

-Board meeting-May 25th 40 club 7pm

Chairman of the Board- Suzanne-no report, Installation Banquet

Programming VP-Leslie

-Theme: "Play with Programming". Can earn cards to go towards a poker hand that will earn an incentive.

-Passed out Step 3 and 4 forms, health and wellness and personal development forms. Certify by May 1. Completing these enables you to qualify for the USWT Outstanding Achievement in Programming.

Thank you LPMS, YOT-Jodie, L & L-Amanda, IJF-Heidi, Newslet-Heather

R & R-Amanda, CC-Sarah, WW-Sarah, PR-Roxy, W & M-Leslie

I move that the Aitkin Women of Today purchases 9 LPM manuals at Annual Convention. This motion was made by Leslie, Seconded by Jody and passed by the membership.

PROGRAMMING AREAS

EXTERNAL

-Collect coins for causes-\$16.19-Donated to Jacques Art Center

I move that the Aitkin Women of Today rounds up coins for causes to \$25. This motion was made by Amanda, seconded by Cathy and passed by the membership

-Youth of Today- Jodie

*OYA-7 entrants in the OYA Scholarship. Award given out Monday night to MacKenzie Thompson. She will be entered into Winter State Competition for the MNWT in January.

*School Pictures- Nina/Billie Jo

*Safety Town- Jen- June 11-15-**Please sign up to volunteer during Safety Town!!** Committee meeting Friday, May 25th at 7 a.m at the Beanery. Set up to be June 8th. Let Jen know if you can help that week or ahead of time.

I move that Aitkin Women of Today donates \$500 to the Safety Town Project for Pacer Puppets. This motion was made by Jen, seconded by Heidi and passed by membership

*Memory Books- Amanda- Cathy-We have sold over 300 books. 400 were ordered. Talked with Enstrom's/Lumnax about problems and how to improve for next year or we will be moving business elsewhere.

-Issacs Journey- Heidi, Our SPM, Kelly Nue has 3 goals

1. Visit 3 districts and send a CD to the rest of the districts 2. Raise \$10,000 for Isaac by Annual 3. Achieve 60% chapter and/or district participation

-Community Connections-Sarah S.

-Jodie submitted Vintage Style Show for Joint Adventure Award

*Park Bench- Jody/Leslie

-Ordered and will be delivered this week to Aitkin City Hall. Total cost was \$757. 85. Will be installed by City Crew. Picture will be taken for age. Follow up for MNWT Foundation will need to be filled out.

* Community Meal-Leslie Jn 25, ag 6

Please sign up to help out. More details will be at June meeting

*Dump Run-Roxy-no report

-Womens Wellness-Sarah

-Heidi and Michelle received Blingos. Thanks to everyone who participated!

-SUCCESS-Amanda-We had over 1000 points-we will see if they all stick.

INTERNAL

-Records and Recognition- Amanda

-Please turn in any project folders to Amanda.

I move that Aitkin Women of Today spends up to \$125.00 to purchase jump drives for Records and Recognition file storage. This motion was made by Amanda, Seconded by Cathy and passed by the membership.

-Living and Learning-Amanda-Theme:"The Power of Positive"

*Pep Course-Amanda creating course on optimism

-Newsletter- Heather-8 members participated. May 30th deadline for June Newsletter. Winner of the quiz was Sarah.

-Public Relations-Roxy

Theme"Price is Right"-need pictures taken at events for newspaper use or webpage. E mail them to Roxy. Also send to AWT Newsletter.

Jody dropped stuff off a month ago, but it hasn't been in the paper yet.

-Social Committee- Heather-Amanda, May Social, campout-Heather/Amanda

-Social Media Amanda/Heather-no report

-Ways and Means-Leslie

ONGOING BUSINESS

-Memorial Day Bake Sale-Leslie, Will be held at Office Shop on 5/25 from 9-5. Please sign up for cookies and either plate 6 or 12 to a plate. Bring cookies to Leslie on 5/24 or to Office Shop by 8

-MNWT Ladies Night out- April 17, We had supper at the 40 Club and played some games. 2 new members joined-Jolene and Tanya. 2 guests-Lucy and Tena. Suzanne, Heather, Leslie, Cathy, Amanda, Sarah, Jody and Dawn attended

-Highway Cleanup-Jody, Suzanne, Isaac, Sam, Emma, Gaylen, Leslie, Heather, Mark, Heidi, Sarah, Amanda, Jim and Jody cleaned. Food and fellowship afterwards

-Softball Tournament- Amanda-Delay in getting fields reserved. Finally all worked out. Green light to move ahead with planning details and advertising. Will have committee meeting soon and more to report at next month

-4th of July Concessions-NEED CHAIR

-Riverboat days: kiddie parade, coronation, library party-Heather, float- Sarah

NEW BUSINESS

-Founders Day-July 1-Sunday

-Friendship week-1st Sunday in August-Freindship Day

-Kids Week-Jodie J

SUNSHINE-Sarah

MN women of today creed- Michelle Elias

Good and welfare

Adjourn at 8:30 p.m

Submitted by Sarah Steinkopf

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

June Membership meeting

June 11th MLEC, 7pm

Agenda:

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance-Michelle Elias

U.S. Women of Today Creed-Tanya

Invocation-Amanda

Introduction of Guest(s)-

Ice Breaker-Heather

Parliamentarian-Jen

Secretary Report-Sarah

-PALS-Sarah

*golf social

Treasurer Report-Suzanne/Jen

State Delegate-Leslie

-Annual Convention

-Fall State Convention, Sept 14th-16th

Membership-Heather

Presidents Report-Jessy

Board Meeting- June 24th 7pm, Black Dog

Programming VP-Leslie

PROGRAMMING AREAS

EXTERNAL

-Collect coins for causes

-Youth of Today- Jodie

*Kids Week-Jodie J.

*OYA

*School Pictures- Nina/Billie Jo

*Safety Town- Jen- June 11-15

*Memory Books- Amanda- Cathy

-Issacs Foundation- Heidi

-Community Connections-Sarah S.

*Park Bench- Jody/Leslie

* Community Meal-Leslie Jn 25, ag 6

*Dump Run-Roxy

-Womens Wellness-Sarah

INTERNAL

-Records and Recognition- Amanda

SUCCESS- Amanda

-Living and Learning-Amanda

*Pep Course

-Newsletter- Heather

-Public Relations-Roxy

-Social Committee- Heather-Amanda

*May Social

*campout August 24th-26th

-Social Media Amanda/Heather

-Ways and Means-Leslie

ONGOING BUSINESS

-Memorial Day Bake Sale-Leslie

-MNWT Ladies Night out- April 17

-Highway Cleanup-Jody

-Softball Tournament- Amanda

*concessions- Suzanne/Heather

-4th of July Concessions-

-Riverboat days-

*kiddie parade- Suzanne will co-chair with someone

*library party-Heather 2-5pm

*float- Sarah

SUNSHINE-SARAH!!

NEW BUSINESS

-Founders Day-Roxy July 1st

Pumpkin Patch-Amanda/Heather

Santas Workshop-

Benediction-Amanda

MN women of today creed- Suzanne

Good and welfare

Adjourn

Minnesota Women of Today Creed

We, 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 the world a better place because we lived and served within it.

Celebrate!



Birthdays:

31—Dawn Wilke

Anniversaries:

25—Jen Kinzer



UPCOMING HOSTESS

June—Heather

Looking for hostesses:

July January

March April

This Month in History: July

- 07/01/1863—The Battle of Gettysburg
- 07/01/1963—The US postal service introduces the zip code
- 07/02/1937—Amelia Earhart and navigator Frank Noonan disappear while attempting the first round-the-world flight trip at the equator
- 07/02/1964—President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 07/02/2001—Robert Tools receives the first self-contained artificial heart



• **July 4, 1776**

U.S. Declaration of Independence

- 07/05/1946—The bikini is first introduced in an outdoor fashion show in Paris 
- 07/11/1914—Babe Ruth makes his debut in professional baseball
- 07/29/1914—The first transcontinental phone call is made from New York to San Francisco



• 07/30/1932—The summer Olympics opens in Los Angeles, CA

- 07/30/1971—Apollo 15 lands on the moon



Safety Town is June 11-15
Volunteers still needed!

By the time the membership meeting comes, we will already have had one day of Safety Town under our belts and hopefully I will be celebrating with a cocktail....I mean...with a job well done!

There are still opportunities to help with Safety Town during the week. It is a short time commitment and the work is easy. Please contact me at 218-927-4337 or jenstevekinz@charter.net or contact Roxy at 218-927-4558 or Wigton@hughes.net if you are able to help out one of the mornings June 11-15. We will be setting up on June 8th at Rippleside. If you are able to help out on that day, please come. I'm sure there will be last minute things to help with. Sentence to Serve takes care of the big stuff, but there will be plenty to do.

I would like to thank my hardworking committee! Roxy has been working on backpacks and volunteers. Leslie has been planning the Safety Fair and also working with the volunteers. Heather has been working with scheduling the presenters. Sarah is teaching and helping with the teens. Melinda Ferry is our other teacher. Ruth Reeves from community ed has been filling in with many items. Dawn is planning the snacks. And Amanda is helping with T-shirts. Billie Jo has also printed the shirts for us this year. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. I really appreciate all your help.

Jen

Community Meal

The Community Meal will be held on June 25 at First Lutheran Church. We are serving a wonderful "Thanksgiving" dinner that includes: a turkey leg, stuffing, Au Gratin, peas, rolls, dessert, and beverage. For dessert, I was thinking mini muffin size pumpkin bites with a cup of ice cream. We can discuss this at the June meeting.

These are who I have working so far:

2:00-Food prep-Leslie, Heidi, Roxy

4:00-Set up and Serving-Leslie, Heidi, Cathy, Jody, Sarah

6:00-Cleanup-Leslie, Heidi, Cathy, Jody, Sarah

**Heather-what shift?

We could probably use one or two more for serving, at least by 5:00. We could also use another person to donate rolls or milk. Let me know if you're interested. Thanks so much.

Leslie



Make Your Next Move with Membership!



This year's membership theme is all about moving forward with extending a hand of fellowship to all the women in our community!

We began our year with a chapter base of 28 members. Now, close your eyes and think of the many women in your life that you know who are friendly, ambitious, care for our community and want to make a difference in the world. My guess is you know several! Just think if we all invited just ONE of these friends to join our organization...

Now, for some added incentive. To keep with our President's theme, *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, I have modified the beloved game, Candy Land, to help us *Make Our Next Move with Membership*. All members have been divided into teams to play the game:

- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Emily Bellah | Jen Kinzer | Sarah Steinkopf |
| Leslie Goble | Suzanne LaLond | Billie Jo Forster |
| Jolene Gansen | Bonnie O'Neil | Amy Kraushaar |
| Lynne Jacobs | Nina Obert | Heidi Westerlund |
| Linda Eno | Jody Studniski | Lori Swanson |
| | | Samantha Rasser |
| Michelle Elias | Roxy Wigton | |
| Jan Moriarty | Amanda Byrnes | |
| Jessy McShane | Laura Flowers | |
| Jodie Johnson | Jackie Kiehm | |
| Cathy Olson | Tanya Hoss | |
| | Dawn Wilke | |

Teams will compete to reach the end of the game board path by completing the following steps:

- 1 move forward—Give a brochure and discuss Women of Today with a friend
- 2 moves forward—Bring a prospective member to an event
- 3 moves forward—Sign a new member!

Steps are completed by individual members, but contribute to their team's success on the game board. Complete each step as many times as you want! Each new square you move to also has the potential of being an "incentive square". You'll have to wait to find out what I have in store for you!

This is a friendly competition! Remember, it's our chapter that ultimately wins by continually building our membership and welcoming new faces!

~Heather, MVP

Memorial Day Bake Sale

I can't thank you bakers enough!! There were 14 of you that earned \$275.07 for our chapter. Totalling approximately 75 dozen cookies, we had quite a variety of delicious looking cookies. An added bonus was that Midge Johnson loaned us her tent that kept the cookies cool, the sun out of my eyes, and an added attraction for those wondering what was going on in front of The Office Shop. If you see Midge, thank her for that. All's it cost us was a plate of cookies! We sold out at 4:30, but the first half went by noon. I also sold 3 recipe rings. Another thank you to The Office Shop and its employees, who were, as usual, very helpful. Let's do it again next year!
Leslie

Swiss Vegetable Medley

Served at May Membership Potluck

- 1 bag-16 oz. frozen broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower combo (thawed)
- (1) can cream of mushroom soup
- (1) cup-4 oz. shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- (1) can-2.8 oz. French Fried onions

Combine veges, soup, 1/2 c. cheese, sour cream, and 1/2 can onions. Pour into a casserole dish. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions; bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer.

**I tripled the recipe and put it into a 9X13 pan.

Submitted by: Leslie Goble



Membership Quiz!

How well do you know our Living & Learning and R&R LPM, Amanda Byrnes?

1. What is her favorite color?

- A. Blue
- B. Yellow
- C. Black

2. How many siblings does she have?

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 4

3. Where was she born?

- A. Cloquet
- B. Duluth
- C. Hibbing

4. Who is her husband?

- A. Dustin
- B. Andy
- C. Brad Pitt

5. If Amanda could go on vacation anywhere, where would she go?

- A. Paris
- B. New Orleans
- C. Jamaica

6. Who is her favorite cartoon character?

- A. Minnie Mouse
- B. Genie (From Aladdin)
- C. Ariel (Little Mermaid)

7. How long has she been an Aitkin Women of Today member?

- A. 1.5 years
- B. 2 .25 years
- C. 8 years

8. What has been Amanda's favorite event to participate in?

- A. Vintage Style Show
- B. Pumpkin Patch
- C. Bike-A-Thon



Amanda states, "Women of Today is a group of women who are dedicated to enriching our community and paying it forward, as well as validating each other as individuals."

Bring your answers to the June membership meeting!



Ways & Means

Did you know that the MNWT have a wonderful line of clothing for purchase? Items such as sweatshirts, T-shirts, and sweatpants, that come in a variety of colors and sizes? If you would like to order, for delivery at Fall Convention, see me.

I will bring an order sheet to the June meeting. You are able to receive it sooner for a small shipping/handling fee. Just let me know.

Leslie W&M LPM

Park Bench

The park bench has been installed and looks very nice, complementing the one for Bill Muscatello, that was already there. Watch for an article in the Age soon! Leslie

Social Media Committee

Exciting things are starting to happen in our social media committee. Work has started on the Aitkin Women of Today website! Keep your eyes open for details on it in the upcoming months so you'll know when you can check it out. We will be eager to hear comments and feedback from everyone once it's up and running.

We have also started a new Twitter account for our Aitkin chapter! If you are a user of Twitter, please look us up. We're listed as AitkinWomenOfToday @Aitkin_AWT. If you're not currently on Twitter and feel adventurous, come check it out. Don't worry, we're learning about it as we go along too!

If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding any aspects of our chapter's social media outlets, please do not hesitate to pass them our way. We are always looking for ways to improve upon the avenues we are currently using and are open to new ideas of how we can share information about our organization with both members and the public. If you find something difficult to navigate, we want to know that. If you tend to use one area for most of your information, like Facebook per se, we want to know that too so we can focus on the areas that others find most beneficial.



Thanks! Amanda and Heather

When Life Hands You Lemons...

We have experienced some difficult times at our farm over the last week or so, and I know that we have several members of our chapter that are going through tough times too. I was wondering with all the uncertainties of life, jobs, relationships, money, weather, friendships, family, how DO we stay positive when bad things happen and allow ourselves to HAVE FUN?

Here are a couple of tips. Stay well, stay happy, and HAVE FUN!

Positive thinking starts within The way we view ourselves affects everything we do. When you choose to think and act positively, you'll often continue to feel that way as positive emotions build on themselves. Think about why you enjoy a certain person's company. Often that person is kind, funny, cheerful, or upbeat—all positive feelings. A great attitude is infectious and an instant mood booster. The first step to a positive path is understanding what's important to you and what makes you happy. What values do you treasure most? What can you let go? When you are emotionally, mentally, and spiritually well, you then have the energy to make a positive difference. Let positivity be the cornerstone of your intentions, values, and aspirations.

Look for the positive

When you're stuck in a less than fortunate situation, make an effort to look for the positive side of things. Often it's natural to feel anger, jealousy, and resentment. However, try to be mindful and make a conscious choice to act the way you'd like to feel. It helps to give yourself a moment to compose your feelings and focus on the right action and conduct. Keeping a positive outlook will broaden your mind and help you realize that change does happen.



Express gratitude

Feeling and expressing gratitude is a great way to turn your negative mood into a positive one. Writing a list of things you're grateful for keeps your spirit up and your focus on the right things. Doing things that help others also brings feelings of joy and accomplishment. Volunteer to babysit your cousins, help out at a soup kitchen, or spend your time teaching art to kids. Making someone else feel good often makes us feel just as good.

Do something you love

There's always something that makes you laugh, smile, and feel instantly happy. It could be a book, movie, person, or place. Find something that makes you feel good and keep it close. Focusing your attention on what you love helps keep your optimism and positivity alive. Passion cultivates joy and satisfaction—positive emotions that lead to happiness. To put it simply, the more time you spend doing things that produce positive emotions, the more positive you'll feel.

Explore new places

Who doesn't love to travel? Leaving your comfort zone forces you to feel, learn, and experience new things. But you don't have to go far to experience a new place. A nearby city or local park are attractions that don't require a lot of time or money. By shaking up your normal routine, you give yourself a much-deserved break from daily life and an opportunity for your mind to explore new sights and sounds. Any chance to see and think about fresh, interesting things is a positive.

~Jessy

“There’s always something that makes you laugh, smile and feel instantly happy.”
~Jessy, AWT President



PALS event at Harpo's in April

Play with Programming

Just a reminder to continue working on your Health and Wellness, Personal Development, and STEP certifications. If you were not at the last meeting, and are interested in certifying, you can find these online or I can get a hard copy to you. Just let me know. Also, let me know if you have any questions about filling them out. Please continue to "Play with Programming!"



~Leslie, PVP

Living and Learning

I am very excited to be the Living and Learning LPM this year! Hopefully by the end of the year you will see the Power in Positive that comes from being an optimistic person. Details regarding this year's PEP course opportunities will be coming in the next few months.

In honor of Memorial Day that just passed and Independence Day coming up, I wanted to share the following information about the U.S. Flag with you.

Most of us know that Betsy Ross is famous for being the seamstress who constructed the first American flag. However, did you know that until an Executive Order was issued in 1912, there was no uniformity mandated for the flag, so each flag was often created with abnormal proportions or arrangement at the discretion of the creator?

The flag certainly had some history and changes before that time too. After Betsy Ross reported she sewed the first American flag, it became the official flag in for the new nation when Congress passed the first Flag Act in 1777. Originally it was designated that the flag "be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field". Congress then changed the design of the flag many times. In 1794, it transformed the flag into fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. Then it changed back to thirteen stripes in 1818, but included one star for each individual state.

In 1912, President Taft established the first official arrangement of the flag by issuing that it should have six horizontal rows of eight stars each, with the stars pointed upwards. President Eisenhower then expanded it to be seven rows of seven stars each in January of 1959, and then later in August 1959 Eisenhower changed it again to be nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically. Today, the flag we all know and love consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white, and fifty stars made up of five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars.

My reason for this article is two-fold. First, I think it's interesting information for everyone to know and it's fitting for the holidays this time of year. Second, if you read the article, you can now pull out this year's Personal Development Certification Form and check off the item "Learn about the United States flag" listed about three quarters down the page! J See how easy that was?! Now you only need 14 more items to complete the requirements to get certified in Personal Development this year, many of which you can probably already check off by things you've done that you didn't even realize qualified for the certification. If you need a copy of this form, please email me and I'll be happy to get one to you. amanda.brookes@yahoo.com

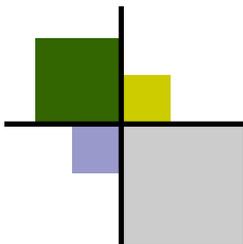
Hope you have a positive day! Amanda Byrnes

Parliamentarian News!

It is the beginning of the year and time to review the bylaws and policies. Yeah!!! I have learned to appreciate our bylaws and policies and enjoy going through them as it teaches so much about our chapter and our organization. If you have some suggestions for changes, or comments or clarifications for either bylaws or policies, please let me know.

I will be working on getting copies of the current bylaws and policies to interested parties for review. I'll also call for a committee in June. I will soon be on vacation, so will not have time to review until sometime in July. I would love to have you along on this learning experience.

Jen



Aitkin Women of Today

CO-ED SOFTBALL Tournament & Homerun Contest

August 4-5
Riverboat Days

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 21, 2012

<p>Tournament Cost: \$185/team (Maximum 16 players on roster, teams must be have equal number of men and women players)</p> <p>To register or for more information, please contact: aitkinwomenoftoday@gmail.com or Amanda Byrnes: (218)927-4595</p>	<p>Homerun Contest Saturday, August 4 5:30pm Cost: \$5.00 Prize: \$50.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to anyone, both the public and tournament players • Separate competitions for men and women • Register at softball fields on August 4 from 9:00am - 3:45pm
--	---

Tournament and Contest will take place at the softball fields located on Pacific Street NW in Aitkin, MN.
*Concessions will be available at the field
*Tournament will break for the Riverboat Days Parade

[Riverboat Days Co-ed Softball Tournament](#)

We are hosting a softball tournament for the Saturday and Sunday of Riverboat Days, August 4-5. We are hoping to get a minimum of 8 teams involved, but have extra softball fields reserved to be able to accommodate more if we have a number of teams interested in participating. I am still looking for another person to be on our committee. If you're looking for an easy project to get involved in, this would certainly be it. Most of the work needed right now is just lining up umpires and getting teams registered. I would also like at least one person besides myself to help assist in managing the flow of the tournament on the day of. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in helping with either of those areas.

Also, thank you to Suzanne for stepping forward to chair concessions for the tournament! She is going to need help from others to run the concessions on those days, so please consider stepping forward to take a few hour shift at the booth when you know you'll have some downtime in your Riverboat Days schedule.

Thanks everyone! I heard that the Chamber of Commerce is very excited to hear that we are bringing softball back into the area for Riverboat Days. Hopefully you're all excited too, I know I am, and we can put on a great event that will help enrich our annual community days.

Amanda

The Price is Right - Public Relations

This year 'The Price is Right' will be my theme for P.R. Public relations is used to promote our organization. The responsibility is not just the Program Manager but each of us. Talking to someone about our organization, putting articles in the newspaper, radio, cable etc. is also a major part of P.R. Each project should have a P.R. committee that gets the word out.

Coming up on July 1st is our Founders Day and that is where we celebrate being Women of Today. I find this a special time for me because I was present at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN when MN Jaycee Women met with other states to discuss starting the Women of Today - setting up Foundations and getting funds changed over. President Ronald Reagan was speaker at the convention - congratulating the Jaycees on opening to women. I think I slept through that

part. At the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia I was present when we gathered on the steps and sent up balloons commemorating our new adventure.

So be thinking about how you can promote our organization and remember 'The Price Is Right' - it costs nothing to speak out about Aitkin Women of Today.

Roxy

It's Root Beer Float Time!

Concessions for the Fourth of July Fireworks are coming soon. Roxy will be looking for help at the June membership meeting. If you are unable to work in the booth, please consider making a donation of ice cream.



Annual Convention Report

Annual Convention was held at the Grand Casino, in Hinckley, May 18-20. Thank you Heidi, Jen, Cathy, Roxy, and myself for attending! Aitkin and District 4 ROCKED!! Great job, everyone! The following is just a sample of some the awards given to the Aitkin chapter:

- SUCCESS-6th place for third trimester; 10th place for overall points for the 2011-2012 year
- 3rd Trimester Growth
- 75% Year End Retention
- Year End Growth
- 3rd Tri Outstanding R & R LPM-Cathy Olson
- 3rd Tri Fired Up W & M DPM-Leslie Goble
- Presidential pin-Roxy Appel-Wigton and Sarah Steinkopf was recognized as receiving one at the district meeting
- MNWT Raffle-Aitkin won \$50!!
- Community Connection Joint Ventures Award-Aitkin for the
- Vintage Wedding Style Show
- Programming Award of Excellence-Leslie Goble CC SPM
- Bronze Key-Leslie Goble-Aitkin State Delegate
- Gold Key-Heidi Westerlund MNWT EVP and Leslie Goble CC SPM
- Presidential Challenge-Leslie Goble and Heidi Westerlund

To find out about others, come to the June membership meeting. Maybe your name will pop up somewhere!

Leslie, 2011-2012 State Delegate

Meet Our Two Newest Members!



Tayna Hoss

Family: Lance (husband), Sierra (daughter)

Occupation: Para-professional, Horse trainer

Things I like to do or collect: I collect breyer horses and I have, and love, to ride horses and have belted Galloway cattle.

What I like about AWT: All the girls to visit with!

Jolene Gansen

Family: Peter (husband)

Occupation: U of M Extension Nutrition Programs, Community Nutrition Educator for schools

Things I like to do or collect: Kayaking, spending time with our 3 cats, walking, traveling, boating with my husband, meeting new people/friends and going out to eat with friends and husband

What I like about AWT: The many events the do in the community and helping other people.



Newsletter Editor: Heather Goble
 Email: awtnewsletter@gmail.com
 Address: 30731 Pioneer Ave
 Aitkin, MN 56431
 Phone: 701-799-7764

**Check us out at:
 www.mnwt.org**

Next membership meeting:

**June 11, 2012
 Mille Lacs Energy Coop**



Suzanne La Lond
 Independent Consultant
 CM ID 69088009

Photo Organization & Memory Celebration
 41753 290th Street
 Aitkin, MN 56431
 Home: 218.927.2939 | Cell: ~~218.838.4467~~ 218-251-5024
 celebrationbuff@mlecbw.net | www.mycmsite.com/suzannelalond
 your life | your story | your way



**SEPTIC SYSTEM
 MAINTENANCE**

- ★ Inspection
- ★ Cleaning
- ★ Repair

30731 Pioneer Ave.
 Aitkin, MN 56431

Local: (218) 927-6175
 Toll Free: 800-713-5234

Licensed and Bonded
 WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS



*Since 1868 135 yrs. satisfaction
 guaranteed*

Roxy Appel Wigton Rep#064561
 33514 Dove St., Aitkin 56431 218-927-4558

Chapter receives
 10%