



Girls Just Wanna
Have Fun!

Aitkin Women of Today

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From Our President...

Hello Gals!!

What a busy month it has been! Super big thanks to Jen and her team for doing such an excellent job with Safety Town! The work you have done will certainly make a big impact on many children lives!

On June 26th we had our first District meeting of the year in Brainerd! All but one chapter in our district was in attendance! We had state staff, Many district program mers, and tons of LPM's from our district there! It is such a boost to get together with these gals between conventions and see what they have been up to during the trimester! I am constantly amazed and inspired when I get to hang out with such quality women! We have two more district meetings this year!! Lets see of some of you "first timers" can make it!!

Our state President Nicky Anderson's theme this year is "Imagine and Make it Ha pen". I LOVE this!! How many times have we been told that if we can visualize the goal, it will happen? I was told this over and over again when I was in basketball and other sports. But it is something that I have remembered and used often in my adult life. If I see the direction I want to go, all I need to do is "imagine" it, and it happens!

What is YOUR goal this year within our chapter? Is it to certify in Living and Lear ing? If so, I know a LPM, a DPM and a SPM who will be VERY happy with YOU!! Is it to complete your step? Is it to chair a project for the first time? Is it to make it to a M-Night, or the camp out? We all have different life experiences and bring different gifts and goals to our collective Women of Today table. That is one of the things that makes our organization so great!

So.. Get out there, Imagine, and HAVE FUN!!
The thought manifests as the word;
The word manifests as the deed;
The deed develops into habit;
And habit hardens into character.
So watch the thought and its ways with care,
And let it spring from love
Born out of concern for all beings.
As t he shadow follows the body,
As we think, so we become.

Buddha

Dhammapada.

Your president, Jessy

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4—Concessions at Aitkin fireworks show

July 5—Social Committee, Social Media and Pumpkin Patch meeting at the Beanery 10:30

July 9—Membership meeting at MLEC , social at 6:30, meeting at 7:00

July 22—Board Meeting at 7:00 at the Deerstand in Deerwood

August 3- 5,- Riverboat Day Events (Library party, Kiddie Parade, Softball Tournament, Riverboat Float)

June Membership meeting, June 11th MLEC, 7pm

Agenda:

Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance-Leslie

U.S. Women of Today Creed-Sarah

Invocation-Amanda

Present: Sarah, Heidi, Suzanne, Jen, Roxy, Heather, Leslie, Amanda, Cathy, Jessy

Ice Breaker-Heather-What do you really like? Dislike?

Parliamentarian-Jen-Quorum has been Established 10/26

Secretary Report-Sarah-no changes or additions.

Leslie, Amanda, Heather, Jessy, Roxy and Heidi got quarter in fork for minute to win it! Congrats!

-PALS-Sarah-sent application in

*golf social-will get in touch with Brainerd, Nisswa and Longville and set a date and time. Thinking Pirates Cove

Treasurer Report-Suzanne/Jen

School Picture Fund: BB \$7,032.60, IT \$540.00, ET \$1000, EB \$6,572.60, EMT \$4,600.00, AF \$1,972.60

Safety Town: BB \$6,182.53, IT \$500.08, ET \$1,091.79 AF \$5,590.82

AWT Checking: BB \$1,897.70, IT \$137.50, ET \$1,064.53, EB \$985.67, EMT \$505.00, AB \$480.67

I move that Aitkin Women of Today donate \$50 to the State Plan of Action. Motion made by Heather, seconded by Cathy and passed by membership.

State Delegate-Heidi, Annual Convention-at Grand Casino on 5/18-5/20. Thanks to Jen, Cathy, Heidi, Roxy and Leslie for attending. Aitkin and District 4 won many awards and recognitions, Fall State Convention, Sept 14th-16th

Membership-Heather-Early bird renewals are due by July 15th; final renewals due by Aug. 15th: Emily, Michelle, Jodie, Amy, Suzanne, Jessy, Jan, Bonnie and Lori are up for renewal for 1st tri. Incentive prizes for renewals turned in by July 9, Make your Next Move updates: Jessy's team receives 3 'moves forward' for meeting and talking about WT with 3 prospective, Passed around updated brochures, be sure to keep a couple on hand for chance encounters with prospectives

Presidents Report-Jessy, Board Meeting- June 24th 7pm, Black Dog, District Meeting-June 26th-Brainerd at 6:30, Thank you chairs: Jen-Safety Town and Leslie-Memorial Bake Sale, Reminder: Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7

Programming VP-Leslie-keep working on your certification and Step Forms, LPMS-Fast Starts due Aug. 1-turn copies to Leslie, DPM & SPM CIPS passed out. LPM manuals also passed out, Programming review for 2012-2013 will be for R & R(success) & WW. Due 10/1

PROGRAMMING AREAS

EXTERNAL

-Collect coins for causes \$7.16-Habitat for Humanity

I move that Aitkin Women of Today donate \$25 from coins for causes with balance from the general fund. Motion made by Jen, seconded by Cathy, passed by membership.

-Youth of Today- Jodie

*Kids Week-Jodie J.

*OYA

*School Pictures- Nina/Billie Jo

*Safety Town- Jen- June 11-15-80 children age 4-7 attending, 35 teen helpers. Roxy, Leslie, Sarah, Heather and Jen-committee members. Thank you Amanda for sorting shirts and Dawn for doing snacks.

*Memory Books- Amanda/Cathy-still some books left

-Issacs Foundation- Heidi-1st tri challenge:for every \$100 that a chapter donates to foundation, name goes in a drawing for Isaac gift pack presented at fall state. Hope Run/Walk/Bike/Rollerblade-Sat, July 21st-West Union, MN-Registration 8, run at 9

-Community Connections-Sarah S.

*Park Bench- Jody/Leslie-installed at the Aitkin City Park. Foundation report turned in and article will be in Age soon.

* Community Meal-Leslie Jn 25, ag 6-Will be held at First Lutheran Church 6/25. More workers needed. Need milk donated. Thanks to those that signed up: Heidi, Leslie, Roxy, Cathy, Jody, Heather, Sarah. Suzanne for milk

I move that the Aitkin Women of Today spend \$41.85 for ice cream cups for the Community Meal on 6/25. Motion made by Leslie, seconded by Cathy and passed by membership.

*Dump Run-Roxy-wait and see

-Womens Wellness-Sarah-encouraged to sign up for win with wellness bingo through Riverwood www.riverwoodhealthcare.org/bingo. Your name will be thrown in for a prize if you sign up by next meeting.,Sarah will bring bingo cards to next meeting

INTERNAL

-Records and Recognition- Amanda-2012 Rave book has been updated. Review 2011-2012 t make sure you checked everything you were involved with.,New accomplishments Records Book. Will be e mailing for past records. Please think back and gather what info you can for it. Will go back 10 years max. Will generate spreadsheet and add data.

SUCCESS- Amanda-no report

-Living and Learning-Amanda-will get copies of living and learning certification

*Pep Course-nothing new

-Newsletter- Heather-6 members submitted articles, thank you Jen, Jessy, Leslie, Amanda, Roxy and Heather. Thank you Sarah for Early submission of mniutes, Starting a good and welfare section in the newsletter. See Heather about getting a postcard if you don't have e mail and want to include something in this section, Membership quiz winner:Jessy, Articles due Wednesday, June 27th

-Public Relations-Roxy-Day at Diamond-Sept. 9th, as each completes a project if they've advertised publicly their name goes in a drawing

-Social Committee- Heather-Amanda-Aitkin Ladies Night Out-June 21st-6:30 at Beanery, Heather and Amanda came up with basic info to go on website. Researched web hosting sites. Will look for feedback after it's up and running

I move that the Aitkin Women of Today spend \$50 for website design and hosting for the next year. Motion made by Amanda, seconded by Cathy and passed by membership.

*July Social-Founder's Day

*campout August 24th-26th-South Isle Campground-reserved 6 sites. Rates \$43 night for electric, \$39 for tent site-no electric. Extra \$2.50/night for more than 2 people 4+. Need concrete number of sites to reserve by 8/1

-Social Media Amanda/Heather

-Ways and Means-Leslie-MNWT clothing forms passed around-due 8/20 for pick up at Fall State, "That's my Pan" promotion for 1st tri. Order forms passed around-due in August

ONGOING BUSINESS

-Memorial Day Bake Sale-Leslie-Ways & Means Project,Held at Office Shop 9-5 on 5/25, 14 bakers baked 75 dozen cookies, earnings \$275.07, sold 3 recipe rings for \$9, need bakery, borrowed tent from Midge Johnson

-Softball Tournament- Amanda-Fliers are out. It will be in Age this week. Advertised on facebook. Becky Stock helping advertise around Brainerd.

-Also doing homerun derby-open to players and public. After Riverboat parade., Need a few workers to manage tournament flow, Talked to Matthew Hill about sponsorship from Chamber. Will get amount at later date, *concessions- Suzanne/Heather-need workers

-4th of July Concessions-Roxy-Sent sign up sheet around, also need buckets of vanilla icecream donated, I move that Aitkin Women of today provides a budget of \$200 for the 4th of July Concessions. Motion made by Roxy, seconded by Heather and passed by membership.

-Riverboat days-

*kiddie parade- Suzanne/Jolene

*library party-Heather 2:30-3:30pm-Aug 23rd -need 6 volunteers

*float- Sarah-sent sign up sheet around for help assembling float and help the day of

SUNSHINE-SARAH!! \$7-Leslie brings next gift

NEW BUSINESS

-Founders Day-Leslie July 1st-Picnic 7/1 at the Gobles. Come at 3, kids games at 4, dinner at 5, bonfire at 7. Bring salad, dessert or other. BYOB

I move that Aitkin Women of Today spend up to \$50 for hot dogs, brats, buns and children's prizes for the Founder's Day Picnic being held on 7/1 at the Gobles. Motion made by Leslie, Seconded by Cathy and passed by membership.

-Pumpkin Patch-Amanda/Heather-Sunday, October 14th. Sign up sheet went around

-Santas Workshop- I move that Aitkin Women of Today hold Santa's Workshop. Motion made by Jen, seconded by Cathy, motion defeated.

Benediction-Amanda

MN women of today creed- Suzanne

Good and welfare

adjourn

Submitted by Sarah Steinkopf

July Membership Meeting

July 9th 6:30pm

MLEC meeting room

Agenda:

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance- Michelle Elias

U.S. Women of Today Creed- Jackie

Invocation-Amanda

Introduction of Guest(s)-

Ice Breaker-Suzanne

Parliamentarian-Jen

Secretary Report-Sarah

-PALS-Sarah

*golf social

Treasurer Report-Suzanne

State Delegate-Heidi

-District Meeting

-Fall State Convention, Sept 14th-16th

Membership-Heather

Presidents Report-Jessy

Programming VP-Leslie

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*Dump Run-Roxy

-Womens Wellness-Sarah

INTERNAL

-Records and Recognition- Amanda

*success- Amanda

-Living and Learning-Amanda

*Pep Course

-Newsletter- Heather

-Public Relations-Roxy

-Ways and Means-Leslie

ONGOING BUSINESS

-MNWT Ladies Night out- April 17

-Softball Tournament- Amanda

*concessions- Suzanne/Heather

4th of July Concessions- Roxy

-Social Media Amanda/Heather

-Social Committee- Heather-Amanda

*campout August 24th-26th

-Day at the Diamond

-Riverboat days-

*kiddie parade- Suzanne/Jolene

*library party-Heather August 3rd 2:30-3:30

*float- Sarah

SUNSHINE-Leslie

NEW BUSINESS

-Founders Day-Leslie, July 1st picnic 3pm

-Pumpkin Patch-Amanda/Heather- Oct. 14th

-Winter event??? discussion

-Mid winter event?

Good and Welfare

Benediction-Amanda

MN women of today creed-

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.

United States Women of Today Creed

We, the United States Women of Today, are dedicated to serving our community and nation, committed to strengthening our individual talents and stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.

Celebrate!
August



- Birthdays:
 Jackie K. 2nd
 Linda E. 15th
 Amanda B. 21st
- Anniversaries:
 LaLond's 30th



UPCOMING HOSTESS
July—Suzanne
 Looking for hostesses:
 January
 March April

This Month in History: August

- 27th, 1908: Theodore Roosevelt became the first president to ride in an automobile



- 5th, 1914: The first electric traffic light is installed
- 11th, 1934: The first federal prisoners arrive at the island prison Alcatraz

- 14th, 1935: The Social Security Act becomes law
- 6th, 1945: The atomic bomb, "Little Boy" is dropped on Hiroshima killing over 80,000 people instantly

- 16th, 1948: Legendary baseball player, Babe Ruth, dies
- 2nd, 1955: A patent for Velcro is granted



- 21st, 1959: Hawaii becomes the 50th U.S. state

28th, 1963: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech

- 16th, 1977: Elvis Presley dies at age 42



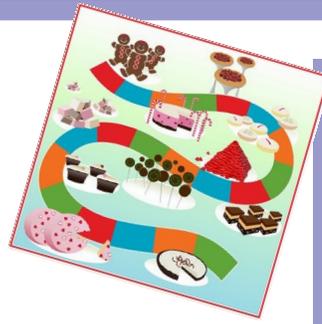
Thank you to all of the members who helped make Safety Town a success this year. We had a very busy and successful Safety Town project again this year. Thank you to my Safety Town committee: Heather, Leslie, Roxy, Sarah, Dawn and Amanda. Also thanks to Melinda Ferry and Ruth Reeves as well as Sentence to Serve, Specialty Embroidery, Grange volunteers and Riverboat Lions volunteers. We could not have completed this important project without you. 82 children attended along with 32 teen volunteers. ~Jen



Community Meal

A huge thank you to those involved with the Community Meal. We served 95 meals, at First Lutheran Church, on June 25th. The food was delicious and the fellowship was fun. Helping with the meal were: Heidi, Cathy, Jody, Sarah, Roxy, Heather, Sam, Jackie, and myself. Those that donated bread and milk were: Suzanne, Amanda, Dawn, Jessy, Jen, and Jodie. Thank you so much. Already our next meal is coming up on August 6. Please check your calendars and be prepared to sign up at the July meeting for this very rewarding project. ~Leslie

Make Your Next Move with Membership!



Ok, so you have a friend that is interested in Women of Today and wants to learn more. How do you answer her questions? Here are some commonly asked questions with great answers:

Q: What is Women of Today?

A: Women of Today is a nonprofit, community service organization, which offers leadership training, fellowship and the chance to make the community a better place to live.

Q: What kind of leadership training would I get?

A.: We offer personal enrichment programs to improve speaking, writing, leadership and personal skills. You will also have the opportunity to chair projects, work on fundraisers or hold leadership positions, which will give you hands-on experience.

Q: In what ways can I improve my community?

A: Our chapter serves the community in many ways (talk about some of our service projects). We are always looking for new ideas.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: One of the great things about Women of Today is that you can be as involved as you want. There are no "requirements" but it is suggested that you attend the monthly general meetings to keep up to date on what is going on.

Q: How big is Women of Today?

A: Start with talking about how big our own chapter is. Then explain Women of Today at the state level and then the national level. Don't forget to mention our international group in Cyprus!

These are just some ideas of how to discuss Women of Today with prospective. When in doubt, talk about your own experiences and what Women of Today has meant to you personally. We all have countless positive experience that to share. Also, take a genuine interest in what your prospective wants to get out of an organization. Everyone joins for a different reason. You may have joined for the fellowship aspect, but someone else may be interested purely in volunteerism. I truly believe that there is something in our organization for all women!

Congratulations Jessie's team for moving three steps forward in membership! Three prospective were asked to meet for a friendly discussion about women of today and were given brochures. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Now that you all know your team members, please pick a team leader and come up with a team name for the membership meeting. All teams who have a leader and name by the meeting will get one "freebie" on the candy land board. Good luck and keep up the good work!

Finally, this year I have decided not to focus too heavily on M-Nights as a means of recruiting new members. With our new social committee, there are numerous opportunities to invite a prospective to a social event to meet and discuss our organization. However, I do have something in mind for our first real social that will focus on prospectives. It may have something to do with... chocolate... mmm... Keep your ears open for details!

~Heather, MVP

Members up for renewal this trimester:

Emily Bellah	Michelle Elias	Jodie Johnson
Amy Kraushaar	Suzanne LaLond	Jessy McShane
Jan Moriarty	Bonnie O'Neil	Lori Swanson



*Early Bird renewals are due July 16, bring your check for \$45 to the July membership meeting for a prize!

School Pictures

I am in the process of scheduling the days for School Pictures and am looking for volunteers to fill the shifts. As of today, I know that we will need volunteers on Tues Sept 4th from 9 am - 7 pm and Wed Sept 5th from 10 am - 4pm. I am still in the process of scheduling High school pictures and community day along with a retake day. In the past anyone who worked a 2 hour shift was allowed a free picture package.

~Nina

District Meeting

On June 26th, seven members attended the "Red Solo Cup" District Meeting in Brainerd at 6:30 pm. They were Heather, Leslie, Jessy, Heidi, Cathy, Roxy and Amanda. Aitkin received one award, Chapter Attendance Award. Yeah!!



Couple of notes. Fall District Meeting will be in Longville, and Winter District Meeting will be in Duluth. The dates and times will be announced later. And finally, there is a rumor that our District Director, Becky Stock, will be attending our meeting! Yeah again!!

~Heidi, State Delegate

Membership Quiz!

How well do you know our PR LPM, Roxy Appel-Wigton?

- What is her favorite color?
 - red
 - yellow
 - orange
- Where was she born?
 - Lake Heron MN
 - Austin, MN
 - Pipe Stone, MN
- Who is her husband?
 - Robert
 - Orv
 - Jack Daniels

- Where is her favorite place to shop?
 - Pamida
 - JoAnn's
 - WalMart

- If she could go on vacation anywhere, where would she go?
 - England

- Ireland
 - Spain
- How long has she been an Aitkin Women of Today member?
 - Since 1985
 - Since 1995
 - Since 2000
 - What has been her favorite position to hold in Women of Today?
 - Domestic Violence Prevention SPM
 - Chapter President
 - District Treasurer/Secretary

Roxie states,

"Women of Today means meeting women who become your friends for life and living the dream by giving back with community service."

Bring your answers to the July membership meeting!

Ways & Means

At the membership meeting, I will again have order forms for MNWT clothing and the current fundraiser-"That's My Pan". Orders are due mid-August for delivery at Fall State Convention. Leslie-AWT W&M LPM



WANTED

Help to paint boathouse at Camp Friendship in Annandale on July 28th at 8:15 a.m. Is anyone able or interested in helping with this? Friendship Ventures is the 1st Trimester Emphasis, so this would be a great way for us to get involved and show our support! Collecting soup labels for Friendship Venture is another way for us to help out.

~Sarah

Family Camp-Out

Our annual family camp-out has been set for August 24-26. We are switching locations this year and the camp-out is going to be held at the South Isle Campground. They sound like a fun campground that has planned activities for the whole family every day. The cost is \$43 per night for electric sites and \$39 per night for no electric. These rates are based on two people per site, so there is also a fee for anyone more than that of \$2.50 per person (children under 4 are free). We currently have 6 sites reserved and the campground needs a hard number soon on exactly how many sites and people we will have in our group, so please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to attend, what kind of site, and how many people are coming with you. At this point, if you're considering it, please let me know and we can adjust if needed up until August 1. This is a great social event for our chapter that allows are families to get to know one another

a little better and gives us some time away from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives to help foster our friendships. It's sure to be a fun-filled weekend so please consider coming along.



~Amanda, Social Committee Chair

Living and Learning

We already have one person who completed their Living and Learning Certification - Awesome job Jessy!! My goal for the year is to have 12 people certify in this so please pull out your certification form and see how you can be one of those people! There are probably a number of areas you can already check off just from the things you do normally in your day to day life. I will be handing out copies of the certification forms at our membership meetings, but if you know you won't be there or want a copy right away, please email me at amanda.brookes@yahoo.com so I can get a copy to you.

Thanks! Amanda Byrnes, Living and Learning LPM

Women's Wellness

Wellness is more than eating healthy and exercise, it's a state of mind. Small steps can change the health of our community, so get a BINGO card to keep wellness on your mind. Post the BINGO card somewhere you can see it daily—such as your refrigerator. You may print a BINGO card at www.riverwoodhealthcare.org/bingo or Sarah will have them at the July meeting. I encourage you to go to the website to register to win prizes. You could win \$100 grocery gift card, \$100 fitness card, \$100 wellness card, t shirts, water bottles and other wellness related items through Riverwood. You could also win something from my fabulous prize bag if you are registered by our July meeting. For each bingo, you may choose from the fabulous prize bag! Any black outs will receive a special prize and have their name put in the bucket for a year end grand prize. Many ways to earn prizes, but remember the ultimate reward is a healthier YOU!

"Wellness is more than eating healthy and exercise, it's a state of mind."

Sarah, Women's Wellness LPM



Be sure to look at the delicious bags of trail mix and other snacks that we are selling to raise money for the March of Dimes. Jessy had an order form at our last meeting, but don't worry we will have it at our July and August meeting. You will have until August 13th to purchase some snacks for a good cause!

~Sarah, Women's Wellness LPM

Fall State Convention

September 14-16, 2012, at the Doubletree in Rochester, MN. Registration is \$79.00 and the rooms are \$99.00 for four people. This is the convention where we have the project fair on Friday Night. We learn all about the LPMs and what they would like us to do for them this year. It really launches the programming year.

Along with the project fair, we need to get ready for the "Game Show Showdown". We will be playing Plinko and Survey Say! We will also be attending "Anything Auction" and challenge your friends....Win the Million!!! Saturday Night we will be dancing the night away and celebrating all our successes for the trimester!

Start thinking now about attending this convention. I will have a sign up sheet going around. Early registration is postmarked by August 24, 2012. Remember, "Girl's Just Want to have Fun!" So, let's go have some!!!

~Heidi, State Delegate



Play with Programming

How are all of you doing with your certifications? How about STEP? If you need any help, just contact me. Forms are also online, but please let me know if you have completed one.



Just a reminder to you LPMs: Your Fast Starts are due on August 1.

Please check your CIP to see what you need to do. I would like a copy of it. Again, if you need some help, please let me know. The first LPM to get theirs to me will earn an additional playing card.

Thanks in advance! Leslie-AWT PVP

Effective Writing Contest

The US Women of Today puts on an effective writing contest every year. This year the topic is "Your Memory of a Place You Visited as a Child". This essay needs to be 600-800 words long and submitted by August 24th. Now before you scoff at the idea of participating, please hear me out. Writing a reflective essay such as this can be a great way to improve your writing skills, possibly step out of your comfort zone, and help check off an item on some of the certifications. Think of it as an opportunity to grow and learn more about yourself. 600 words isn't really as long as you'd think. Maybe ponder over the topic for a while and then start writing your response out as more of a journal entry. You may find that the 800 words closes in pretty quickly. As someone who loves to write, I would be happy to help anyone who is interested, whether it be proof reading for basic grammar errors or offering tips and feedback. You can either submit the essay to me or the Living & Learning SPM at ll@mnwt.org. It would be great to have some Aitkin members give it a show. And who knows, maybe you'll discover that you have a natural gift at writing or find that you really enjoy it!

~Amanda, Living and Learning LPM



Aitkin Ladies' Night Out; at the Beanery! Erin (member from Longville), Jessi (guest), Heather, Roxie, Leslie, Lynn and Amanda!

RIVERBOAT FLOAT

Thank you Heidi, Jessy, Leslie, Suzanne and Amanda for signing up to help decorate the Float for the Riverboat Days Parade or to help the day of the parade. We had some discussion at the Board Meeting and have decided to have a theme about the many hats in Aitkin Women of Today. We talked about putting some Safety Town, Pumpkin Patch, and other items from our events on the float. We also thought it would be fun to have someone dress up in the Easter Bunny costume. I will share more details at the meeting, but wanted to let you know our thoughts so far, so you can be thinking and share your thoughts at the meeting. I could still use some helpers with decorating and the day of the parade. Feel free to e mail or call me if you want to help, but won't be at the meeting.

sarahstein@yahoo.com or 218-639-3527

~Sarah



☺ Library Lawn Party

The Library lawn party is on August 3rd at 2:30 at the Aitkin Public Library. I am looking for volunteers to help work some of the games. So far, Leslie and Sarah have signed up. Ideally, I would have 6 volunteers—one person for each game. This is a very LOW-STRESS event and requires very little commitment (other than being there). Please consider helping with this fun event! You get to play games with kids! ~Heather

Mini Golf PALS Event

I apologize we haven't done our mini golfing that usually happens in June. I have e mailed the Brainerd, Nisswa and Longville Chapters as we thought it would be fun for all four of our chapters to have a PALS social to start off the year. Brainerd is a for sure and Longville was going to mention it at their July meeting. I haven't heard from Nisswa, but will try again to get in touch with them. We are thinking of going to Pirates Cove in Brainerd as that would be a central location and then going somewhere for supper afterwards. I will get more information on date, time and place when we get it squared away. Thanks for your patience! ~Sarah, Secretary



Fun for the Brain! *Weird Museums*

In keeping with our President's theme (*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!*) I have decided to write an article each newsletter issue featuring something just for fun! This month's Fun for the Brain article features *Weird Museums* throughout the world. Enjoy!



The first weird museum on my list is right up my artistic alley—**The Museum of Bad Art** in Boston. Clashing colors, disproportionate images and blue people are just a few of the freak show illustrations you will find in this museum. This destination guarantees a good laugh! The museum staff states, "the work of talented artists that have gone awry to works of exuberant, although crude, execution by artists barely in control of the brush. What they all have in common is a special quality that sets them apart in one way or another from the merely incompetent."

As if spending the day looking at horrible artwork wasn't torture enough, try the **Torture Museum** in Amsterdam. This museum is sure to raise the hair on your arm! The ghastly exhibits include the stretching tables, screws to crush your fingers, your head and any other body part, a chair of nails and more. Go to www.torturemuseum.com for more information.

Has your doctor ever said this to you, "*A few volts of electricity appropriately applied will put the sparks back into your love life!*" Well, you will find the aforementioned device in this next museum. This museum is not only fascinating, but quite disconcerting! It's the **Museum of Questionable Medical Devices**. It was founded in honor of Bob McCoy, who spent his life exposing frauds and quacks in the medicals field.

The last museum on my list is one you may have already heard of... **The SPAM Museum** in Austin, MN. You, too, can experience 16,500 square feet of SPAM-tastic displays! This is a particularly good year to visit this museum (it's practically in our backyard) because of SPAM's 75th birthday. Join Hormel in celebrating this salty, canned meat's conception!



Heather, NEWSLET LPM

The Price is Right - Public Relations

Advertising in any form is the right price for Aitkin Women of Today!

We have had our photos taken for Safety Town, at the Community Meal, and District meeting (go to Brainerd Women of Today on Facebook). We will be holding our Founders Day July 1st picnic at Leslie Gobles. On the 4th of July we will have our Root Beer Float concession. I also planned to have our poster up at my Watkins booth at the fair - so now it will be in August 1-3 instead. Anytime you can do a little

'PR' for our organization - you earn a chance at the what's behind the big door. So get information to me on how you did 'PR' for our organization and get your name in the chance. Our game is Public Relations.

Roxy Appel Wigton, LPM



Root Beer Float Booth Help Wanted!

This is a reminder that the 4th is next WEEK.

If you are available on the 4th the work the root beer float booth here is the schedule and please let me know asap if you can fill a slot.

Shifts: 4:30 - 6:30 - Leslie Goble and Jessy McShane and myself

6:30-8:30 - Heidi Westerlund and Samantha Rasier _____

8:30-clean up - Sarah and myself and _____

Need ICE CREAM - 1 gallon buckets (need 8) - donations to date: 1 - Leslie

WATER - 48 bottles -

Anyway you can help would be appreciated.

~Roxy Appel Wigton



Sunny Notes

A HUGE THANK YOU to Roxy for taking over as Teen Instructor on Monday and Tuesday during Safety Town, so I could finish my math class in Bemidji. I appreciate all your help with the teen helpers and Safety Town this year. Thanks again Roxy!
Sarah

Congratulations, Leslie on ALL of your accomplishments this past year. Way to finish out 2011-2012 year—your Key Award for State Delegate, Gold Key Award for Community Connections SPM and lastly your Programming Award of Excellence!! You are an awesome gal and I am proud to have you as a friend.
Cathy

Thanks, Leslie, for hosting an awesome Founder's Day BBQ. It was a great time!
Amanda

Thanks to all the gals that attended the District meeting on Tuesday!! Cathy, Roxy, Heidi, Leslie, Amanda and Heather!! Sorry I had to leave early!!
LOVE Jessy!

Roxy-Thank you for your past service as District 4's secretary treasurer. Good luck to in the 2012-2013 year!
Leslie

Thank you Jen for all your hard work and dedication with Safety Town! You were a great chair for the project and I really enjoyed working with you. Thanks to Leslie, Heather, Dawn, Roxy and Amanda for all your help as well with Safety Town! What a great team to work with! Such a fun program to teach our future leaders about Safety!
Sarah

Thank you Leslie for helping me out at the District Meeting. No one could have a better side kick than you! Thanks again!
Heidi

Cathy, thanks for the great scrap-booking day at your place. It was nice to have just a girls day with lots of laugh, and even managing to get a few pages done! :) Hope we can do it again soon.
Amanda

Amanda... I just wanted to say you are looking great! I bet you are feeling great too. I am very inspired by your motivation and hope to get myself motivated and on track because of you. Keep up the great work!
Sarah

Thank you, gals, for a GREAT Ladies' Night Out! I can't wait until this fall's Night Out!
Heather



Isaac's Journey, MNWT Priority Project

There is going to be a 5th Annual Isaac's Journey....."where HOPE begins" Foundation Bike, Walk or Rollerblade HOPE run on July 21st (which is a Saturday) at 8:00 a.m. to register and 9:00 a.m. to....bike, walk or run. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know.

The Isaac's Journey..."where HOPE begins" foundation was launched in January, 2008. Isaac's Foundation developed from the passing of cancer patient Isaac Matthew Lieser (June 22, 2005 - January 23, 2008).

Isaac's Foundation is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization operated 100% by volunteers with ZERO administration costs and ZERO employees. Since the Isaac's Foundation began in January of 2008, the Foundation has donated more than \$75,000 to the University of MN to strictly fund Childhood Cancer Research! Because, we believe that the only way a cure can be found is through the advancement of research.

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 is deserves in HOPES to educate all people across the world.

Isaac's Foundation is based in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. Visit their website at www.isaacsfoundation.org or "like" their Facebook Page "Isaac's Foundation."

~Heidi, Isaac's Journey LPM

Records and Recognition

My goal this year is to move towards getting our project files into a digital format. I am going to be sorting through each project file and scanning information so we can have it all neat and organized on jump drives that are easier to pass back and forth between project chairs than the cumbersome folders we are currently using. However, I realize that many of you have a lot of these documents saved as digital files such as word documents, PDFs, etc. already. It will save me a lot of work if you would be willing to send me whatever you have stored on your computer instead of having to scan stuff in or retype it. So, if you have worked on any of our projects and have a useful document or report saved, can you please email that to me as well? If you're not sure it's something we would need on the jump drives, just go ahead and send it anyways as I will be sorting out the necessary information as I go through each file. And don't worry, I will still be keeping the hard copies of everything, nothing will be getting destroyed, but I think that moving forward in digital formats will be beneficial to our chapter as we keep up with the age of technology. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am also in the process of doing some records gathering and updating for the chapter. I have started a records book of personal achievements for each member and need you to send me some information so I can get it filled out as much as possible. I have included a list of the positions, awards, committees, or certifications that I am looking for if you have received or participated in any of them and the year in which it occurred. The positions are across the board from local, district, or state level so please note which level you've held. I would like information as far back as you remember or have records of. I know this is a lot of information and many of you haven't tracked it through the years, which is why I'm trying to implement an easy way to keep tabs on this info going forward. It's okay if you can't remember it all, please just send me whatever you do have on record. Please email me at amanda.brookes@yahoo.com with your info so I can get the book up and going with back records and set to move forward with the new information as it takes place.

Positions: (Please note the year and whether the position was held at a local, district or state level)

President, Membership VP, Programming VP, Secretary, Treasurer, State Delegate, Parliamentarian, Director, Living & Learning, Newslet, Public Relations, Records and Recognition, Ways & Means, Community Connections, Priority Project, Women's Wellness, Youth of Today, or any positions I have missed that you've held at one time

Committees:

Audit committee, bylaw review, social committee, social media, or anything I've missed

Certifications:

Living & Learning, Women's Wellness, Personal Development, STEP (let me know which number), PEP course

Awards: (These are shortened briefly and not technical award titles)

Outstanding in programming, outstanding local officer, outstanding LPM, USWT Presidential Pin, MNWT Presidential Pin, Presidential Medallion, Award of Excellence, Fire-up, Keys (gold, silver, or bronze), Key Woman, Ambassador, Aitkin's Outstanding Woman of Today, or any of the many others I may have missed. If you've received it, I'd love to know about it!

Thanks!

Amanda Byrnes, Records and Recognition LPM

Relay for Life



July 27th I will be participating in a fun and exciting community activity — the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. It is a fun, outdoor and overnight fundraising event where teams take turns walking around a track. The Relay is a unique way to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. Because cancer has affected us all in one way or another, I have decided to participate in Relay for Life. I am asking you to support me in this effort by making a donation to the American Cancer Society. By making a check payable to the American Cancer Society and returning it to me, together we can make a difference! Remember, there is no finish line until we find a cure!!! If you won't be at the meeting and would like to donate you can send money to Sarah Steinkopf 975 2nd St. NW #4 Aitkin, MN 56431. Thanks for your support! ~Sarah

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