



Aitkin Women of Today

Girls Just Wanna
Have Fun!

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From Our President...

Goodbye January!!! HELLO FEBRUARY!!

As the seasons change and the cold slowly starts to leave us, we are left with the exposed challenges of last year that we put off; content to allow the snow to cover them up for a later day. What can we do in the next 3 months to uncover those projects, or ideas and allow them to bloom??

- Consider running for an office in our local chapter!
- *If you are unsure what officer position is right for you, pull aside a member that has more experience and ask.
- Sign up to help Sarah at the Easter Carnival!
- *Trust me, it is a FUN event and she will be SO grateful!!
- Dust off any STEP certifications that need completing or any other certifications that may be laying around half done!
- *I know that Amanda will be thrilled to help with any questions that you (or I) may have!
- Have you signed up to host a membership meeting in the last year? Or perhaps you shared duties?
- *We have March and April available for you! It's a great opportunity to test your culinary skills, or do something really fun! Consider partnering with another member get together before hand for coffee and create a theme!!
- Invite a friend to a meeting or m-night event!
- *This is something that should come SUPER easy to us! Our organization can only become better and stronger by sharing it with everyone!!

So instead of looking at the melting snow as a challenge... Let's use it as a time to plant some seeds and watch the beauty grow into whatever we choose!

Jessy McShane, Aitkin Women of Today President

MINUTE TO WIN IT

I told you at the last meeting to bring a pizza pan and a deck of cards if you wanted to do the minute to win it at the February meeting. I am saving this challenge for the March meeting. I found a different challenge that will be fun for Valentine's Day. The pizza pan does not need to be flat. Let me know if you have any questions. ~Sarah



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 11—Membersip meeting at MLEC, 6:30 social, 7:00 meeting
- Feb 18—scrabooking at Cathy's
- March 1—Board meeting
- March 1—Distict social in Duluth
- March 2—District meeting in Duluth

January Membership Meeting

6:30 MLEC, January 14th

AGENDA:

Call to Order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance-Cathy

U.S. Women of Today Creed:Jessi

Introduction of Guests: June-Staff at Hwy 12 House

Invocation-Amanda

Ice Breaker-Heidi-"Your favorite Christmas gift"

Parliamentarian- Jen20/30 members. Quorum has been established.

-Orders of the Day-

Secretary Report-Sarah-no changes or additions to December minutes. Bring pan & deck of cards if you want to participate in the February minute to win it game.

-PALS-still trying to contact Amanda & set something up.

Sledding?

Treasurer Report-Suzanne **School Picture Fund: BB**

\$2,028.60, ET \$3,386., EB \$5,114.65, EMT \$1,100.00, AF

\$4,014.65 **Safety Town: BB** \$7,003.37, AF \$7,003.37,

AWT Checking: BB \$2,567.28, IT \$342.09 ET \$674.75, EB \$2,144.62, EMT \$380, AF \$1,764.62

State Delegate-Heidi

-Winter state Jan 25th-27th-Trivia game, plenty of room left convention

-District Meeting, Duluth3/2 9:30-12 **date changed!**

Membership VP-Heather- Membership is at 30! Plus one from Jessy's goal of 29. Keep talking to prospective members and invite them to our events.

-installation ceremony-Angie Stember-not at meeting. Next time

-M-night, Feb-looking at the dates of 9th, 15th, or the 2nd of game night at Heather's house, time? Put a check next to the ones that would work for you on the clipboard. Send Heather a list of the people you would like to invite by 2/1, so she can get the invites out.

Presidents Report-Jessy-some organizations asking for funds on clipboard, hoping to get someone from library to come speak at one of our meetings, carpool to Winter District

-board meeting-2/1 at Jessy's place. Meet at Leslie's at 6:30 to carpool.

Programming VP-Leslie-Thank you to all the LPMs for completing their 2nd tri report. All cards are out-Leslie is the winner! Feb. emphasis is NEWSLET & WW(March for Babies). National level is DVA.

Programming Areas:

External:

-Coins for Causes-\$11.00-Rides for Health

M/S/P Suzanne/Jody I move that we round up coins for causes to \$25 for Rides for Health.

-Youth of Today- Dawn-no report

*Safety Town-Jen- June 10-14-1st meeting 1/31 at Birchwood at 6:45 a.m.

*Drop and Shop- Leslie, Sarah- Dec. 8th 1:15-Thanks again to those who worked at or baked for this. 207 children,plus adults. Total net was \$9.37. 50 hours. 10 members.

-Bakesale, 12/8 -10:00 at Rialto-earned \$226.55. 15 bakers

*Easter Carnival-Sarah- March 9th-need many hands to make light work! Sign up on clipboard or e mail Sarah!

M/S/P Sarah/Heidi I move that we approve a budget of up to \$500 for the Easter Carnival.

*OYA- Due November 1st-Jodie-no report

*School Pictures- Nina/BillieJo-Activity day at Rippleside 12/21 8:30 -11. 2 members. 4 hours. Great photographer. May be a 2 person job.

*Memory Books-Amanda/Cathy-just started working on them. 400 books with 36 pages will be ordered. Cost \$12

-Isaacs Foundation-Heidi-items for sale. Heidi will bring back from Winter State

*luminary walk-winter state-made luminaries on 1/7 at 6 p.m. 7 members 8 hours

M/S/P Heidi/Leslie I move that we donate \$50 for the Isaac's Journey Luminary walk at Winter State.

*blanket ties- Cathys house, Jan. 7th 6pm-13 hours, 7 members

M/S/P Heidi/Heather I move that we donate \$100 worth of tied blankets to Ella's Halo for Buckets of Sunshine at Winter State.

Community Connections- Sarah-Kinship has 24 children waiting for mentors-give it a try & make a difference in a life!

*PDC Award-Congratulations Jackie on being a finalist!

M/S/P Sarah/Leslie I move that we approve a budget of \$20 for OPDC award expenses.

M/S/P Sarah/Heidi I move that we pay \$70 to cover Jackie & a guest at Winter State Convention Banquet for her OPDC Award.

*Duck Races- Heather-no report *Community Meal-Joy-will have a list of open dates at next meeting. Joy is now on Community Meal board

-Womens Wellness- Sarah-Anyone do 30 challenges for 30 days of growth? If so..don't forget to e mail Becky for an incentive.

Any bingos..grab a prize! Check out website from speaker at Women's Wellness event. 6 week weight loss challenge starts 2/3

-3/17-sign up on clipboard or e mail Sarah.

Internal:

-Ways and Means-Leslie-Thank you to those who supported MNWT & W & M in 2012. Order form for clothing on clipboard. New promotion will be announced at Winter State.

-Records and Recognition-Amanda-files over 1/2 finished converting to digital. Please be sure to fully date all documents & include year. Easter Carnival first project to use thumb drive.

*success- Amanda-submitted for 2nd tri-scored 1202 points. We'll see how we do at convention. 180 of these from certification completions.

-Living and Learning-Amanda-Guest Speaker from AADA at future meeting. Thank you to Jody, Jessi, Joy, Amanda, Cathy, Leslie for certifying in one or more areas.

*Book Club-Jen-Thy Named Me Marjorie-Jen will send out e mail to set date to discuss.

-Newsletter- Heather, Jan. 30th-9 members submitted articles for Jan. newsletter, 3 members submitted sunny notes. Sunny notes are an easy way to participate in the Newslet.

-Public Relations- Roxy-Thank you for PR in the community

*Winter State Flyer-thanks Amanda for submitting your flyer

Ongoing Business:

-Social Media- Heather/Amanda-no report

*mission statement

-Social Committee- Amanda/Heather-no report

*Ladies Night Out- December 27th- Amanda-Ugly Sweater Party

-at 40 Club. 7 members attended. Heather, Leslie & Joy's team won Holiday movie quote trivia. Cathy, Jolene & Jody runners up! Played apples to apples, spot H & enjoyed a few beverages. Great time & ugly sweaters were awesome!

M/S/P Leslie/Heather I move we move to a committee of the whole.

M/S/P Roxy/Sarah I move that we move out of the committee of the whole.

SUNSHINE- Jody S. -\$10-Jessi

New Business:

January Winter Get together with kids- Ice Skating?-try to do PALS with this event. Tubing?

March Bowling Event-Roxy-no report

Installation Banquet-Suzanne-Twin Pines, 40 Club or Deer Stand. Scrapbooking nights at Cathy's 1/28, 2/18 & 2/25 at 5:30.

M/S/P Suzanne/Jody I move that we have a budget up to \$50 for scrapbooking for president scrapbook.

*nominations ballot-Suzanne-be sure to fill these out!

Mid Year Evaluations-Jessy-will put in Feb.newsletter

All American Chapter-Jessy

Good and Welfare

Benediction- Amanda

MN women of today creed-

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m

Submitted by Sarah Steinkopf

Celebrate!

February

Birthdays:
Cathy—Feb. 28th

Anniversaries
none




UPCOMING
HOSTESS:
Cathy

This Month in History: February

- **February 1, 1960** - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.
- **February 3, 1870** - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.
- **February 8, 1910** - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts. 
- **February 14th** - Celebrated as (Saint) Valentine's Day around the world, now one of the most widely observed unofficial holidays in which romantic greeting cards and gifts are exchanged.
- **February 21, 1965** - Former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X (1925-1965) was shot and killed while delivering a speech in a ballroom in New York City.



Community Connections

Community Connections, SPM, Barb would like our help with donations for the Anna Marie House in St. Cloud. She is looking for donations of toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex. Can you help me reach a goal of \$100 worth of supplies? We can do it!! There may even be a small incentive for anyone that donates. I will be taking donations until annual convention in May. Do you have soup labels sitting around your house? Bring them to the meeting and we will donate them to Camp Friendship. It will warm your heart-plus someone else's! I will also be collecting these until annual convention.

7 Myths of Domestic Violence

- **Domestic violence doesn't happen here.** Domestic violence happens everywhere. 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.
- **He didn't mean to hit her. He just had too much to drink.** Domestic violence is about power and control. It is more than physical violence.
- **If it was really that bad, she would leave him.** Leaving is not so easy. Leaving can be dangerous.
- **It doesn't effect me. I'm not abused.** Domestic violence affects everyone. Children who witness domestic violence suffer long-term effects. Outsiders can become victims of violence.
- **She doesn't want to press charges.** The decision to press charges is made by the prosecutor -not the victim. A lot of factors come into play with how a criminal case proceeds.
- **It is only a criminal court issue.** Domestic violence issues are handled by civil court (orders for protection), family court (divorce and child custody), juvenile court(child in need of protective services), as well as criminal court.
- **It is a private matter. There is nothing I can do.** Several agencies exist for the sole purpose of providing domestic violence awareness, resources, and assistance for victims. Victims can get free assistance in obtaining orders for protection.

~Community Connections, Sarah

AWT Bylaws and Policies

We did approve new bylaws and policies last fall. I then proceeded to set them aside and not think about them again. I am in the process of completing those updated changes now and should have new copies available at the February meeting. Know you have been on the edge of your seat, just waiting... So, wait no more. Jen

District Meeting

District Meeting will be held on March 2nd in Duluth. More information is forthcoming, and will be shared when available. At this time, just jot down the date, and work on scheduling your busy life for attendance. Rides will be arranged as we get closer to the date. At the February meeting, we will be voting on Project of the Trimester to present at the District Meeting. Be thinking of what you would like to present to District of the project you are most proud of and had the most impact on our community. ~Heidi

March for Babies

Every April, the March of Dimes hosts its annual fundraising walk, March for Babies. As the leading non profit organization for pregnancy and baby health, the March of Dimes consists of researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates who are dedicated to helping babies fight for a healthy start in life. Since 1970, millions of participants nationwide have joined the symbolic walk, with the goal of preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

Throughout the year, March of Dimes conducts other fundraising activities, but the March for Babies, formerly called WalkAmerica, is among the most notable and touching events.

When you walk in March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in your community that helps moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies.

Talk to Nina, if you would like to join a March for Babies team or donate to a great cause. I have decided to join Nina in her walk this year and am hoping we can get a few more people to join us. The walk will be May 4 in Brainerd. There will also be walks in 15 other locations. Will you join us in celebrating 75 years with the March of Dimes? ~Sarah, Women's Wellness

Make Your Next Move with Membership!

Membership Game Night: Take II...

Apparently Friday nights are not very popular as an evening of choice for an M-Night. With only 2 members signed up and one "maybe", I think I will go with a different night of the week. I am going to make the executive decision to have our M-Night on Monday, February 25th. Whoever can make it- great. If I'm playing board games by myself, so be it. :)



If you have given me a name of a prospective in the past, I will automatically be sending them an invitation. However, I would really like to add a few new names to the list, so please brainstorm and send me a name (and contact info) or two by February 15th.

Early bird renewals are due March 15. The following members are up for renewal this trimester: Laura, Billie Jo, Jolene, Tanya, Jackie, Jen, Nina, Jody, Heidi, and Dawn.
~Heather, MVP

Meet our Newest Member: Angie!

Angie joined Aitkin Women of Today in November. We are so excited to have her join our community of service, growth and friendship! Angie grew up in the Crosby area with Scott, Terry, Brian and a step-sister. She enjoys dancing and arts and crafts. Her favorite season is Spring. When asked why she joined Women of Today, Angie says "Because I like it!"



Aitkin Women of Today welcomes Angie!

Membership Quiz!

How well do you know AWT member, Jody Studniski?

What is Jody's favorite color?

- A. purple
- B. pink
- C. red

What is her favorite holiday?

- A. Halloween
- B. Valentine's Day
- C. Christmas

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

- A. The Bahamas
- B. Alaska
- C. Texas

What is her favorite hobby?

- A. snowmobiling
- B. scrapbooking
- C. playing cards

Who is her husband?

- A. Jim
- B. Henry
- C. Tim the Tool Man

What cartoon character do you relate with the most?

- A. Daisy Duck
- B. Wonder Woman
- C. Wilma Flintstone

How long has she been a member o AWT?

- A. 24 years
- B. 19 years
- C. 27 years

What has been her favorite WT project to work?

- A. Drop & Shop
- B. Easter Carnival
- C. Captain and Queen Tea

Jody states:

"I joined the Women of Today to meet new people. I started volunteering and really enjoy it and the friendships I have made are wonderful the projects are a lot of fun when you have fun people to work on them with."

Safety Town Update

Safety Town is on the agenda once again. This year's project runs June 10-14. We are still hoping to purchase Pacer Puppets this year for a part of Safety Town and for use of the Aitkin schools. Our first committee meeting was held on January 31st. Upcoming meetings will be announced at the Membership meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Please keep Safety Town in mind even if you are not on the committee; we can always use volunteers to help in classrooms, at registration, organize items ahead of time, etc. If you have any ideas for grants or funding for Safety Town or the Puppets, please contact me. Thanks. Jen



Ways and Means News

I am excited about our 3rd Trimester promotion-*Minnesota Spice*-by the Wayzata Bay Spice Company, located in Rogers, Minnesota. Your choices are: Holy Cow Hamburger Blend, Barbeque Seasoning, 10,000 Lakes Fish, Whatever! (all purpose seasoning salt), Spuds, and Italian Blend (salt-free). All perfect for us Minnesotans! They range in weight from 0.7 oz. to 3.9 oz. A single bottle is \$6 and a 2-pack gift set is \$11.75. First orders are due March 1st to be delivered to the area meetings and the final order is due April 30th with pick up at annual convention. What a great idea for Easter baskets, Mother's Day, or Father's Day. I will have the order forms at the membership meeting. Remember, a portion of our order goes back to our chapter. Leslie-W&M LPM

EASTER CARNIVAL

A HUGE THANK YOU to those of you that have already signed up to help with the Easter Carnival on March 9th at Westside from 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There are still spots that need to be filled-advertising, pictures, games, set up and clean up. Please be sure to sign up or send me an e mail if you are able to help. It will be a fun time!

~Sarah



Women's Wellness

Getting Some Sleep

"If you can't sleep, then get up and do something instead of lying there worrying. It's the worry that gets you, not the lack of sleep." Dale Carnegie

- Do relaxation exercises in bed; deep breathing, visualization or listening to a guided meditation.
- Be regular; wake up at the same time every day, no matter how you slept, use an alarm clock if necessary. Avoid napping during the day and wait until you're tired to go to bed.
- Cut or reduce stimulants; avoid drinking tea or coffee in the evening and don't watch TV in your bedroom. Create a calm, relaxed environment where you sleep.
- Make your room as dark as possible, use a sleep mask if necessary.



6 Week Weight Loss Challenge

Thanks to those of you that signed up for the challenge. I am excited to start making small, but healthier changes in my life. I don't know about you, but I have been having trouble getting back on track since Christmas time. Nothing better than doing the challenge with a great group of people. No matter your amount of weight loss, you are all winners in my eyes for taking the step to a healthier life style. Your heart says Thanks!!

Women's Wellness, Sarah

Living & Learning

The speaking & writing competition for Annual convention is themed "The Star in My Life". I encourage everyone to consider participating. For the speaking competition, you must be present at convention to partake, whereas you do not need to be for the writing competition. These are great ways to show off your creative talents, reflect on your personal experiences, and grow in new areas. If you are interested, please contact me for the nitty gritty details. ~Amanda, Living and Learn LPM

PLAY WITH PROGRAMMING

Congratulations to myself for winning the card drawing at the last meeting. We should have the opportunity for 2 or 3 more drawings before the end of the year. So keep collecting those cards! Please continue to work on your USWT STEP form, Outstanding Achievement in Programming form, and, if interested, there is a USWT Project Recognition form for any project completed this year. It is due by May 1st. If you need help, or more information on any of these forms, please let me know. None of them are hard to fill out. Finally, are you wondering what you might do for programming in the year 2013-2014? Becoming a program manager is a great way for newer members to get involved and learn more about our organization. Becoming the Programming Vice President helps you get to know all 9 areas of programming. Please consider one of these positions. If you need to know more about any of these positions, please give me a call or ask the current LPM about their area. Keep up the good work in *Playing with Programming!* ~Leslie-PVP



Isaac's Journey

We had 10 luminaries displayed from Aitkin Chapter at Winter State. We donated \$50.00 to Isaac's Foundation for our 10 luminaries. It was a wonderful display (not actually a walk, but it had donations which is the purpose of any walk/display). Ours were decorated very nicely, with respect and meaning. I would like to make mention that Amanda had four luminaries that had an actual picture of her brother-in-law. He was a very nice looking gentleman that had kindness written all over his face. It made me cry, and I had to compose myself before going into the Awards Banquet....Please keep up the good work of raising money for Isaac's Journey. I attended a seminar presented by a Doctor from the University of Minnesota, and it takes 15 years for a "known drug" to help children with cancer get an approval from the FDA. All we can do to help reduce those years is raise and donate money....

Ella's Halo

The Aitkin Chapter had a wonderful showing for Ella's Halo at Winter State.... We donated a total of \$1,165.00 worth of tie blankets and books to be used at the local hospitals. This was about 1/3 of the total amount donated to Ella's Halo for the State. How proud are we that we made such a great contribution to this worthy organization!! ~Heidi, State Delegate

Records & Recognition

I'm happy to report we received 10th place in success at Winter State Convention! After some of the battling I had to do over points and tracking down items for verification, I am really happy we still made it in the top 10. It would be awesome if we ended the year in the top 5. Please think about helping our chapter achieve this goal. An easy way to help is by completing your personal certifications as we get points for each one of them and they start to add up quickly. In fact, one of our bonus points areas this trimester is to have 3+ members complete the Outstanding Achievement in Programing this trimester. If you have questions about this certification, or any others, please see Leslie or myself.

Success is really just about keeping chapters active and well -rounded. So if you see an area of interest that our chapter maybe isn't currently involved in, please bring forward your ideas so we can strive to be a balanced chapter. Awesome job on second trimester ladies! ~Amanda, R&R

AWT Book Club

Our latest book is "They named me Marjorie; the Brave Journey of an Orphan Train Rider" by Ann Zemke. Looking forward to the book discussion. Sorry I missed some of you regulars for this book. However, I should have our next book available by the next meeting or book discussion. Thanks for continuing to be a part of our book Club. Jen



Winter State Convention

We had nine members attend Winter State on January 25 - 27th, at the DoubleTree Park Place in Minneapolis, along with one recipient of the Person With Developmental Challenges Award! Great fun was had by all, and fantastic awards were presented and accepted by the Aitkin Chapter. Be prepared to have a wonderful membership meeting with celebration of all accomplishments and acknowledgements we were given as individuals and as a chapter!! You will be amazed and truly honored!!



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Sunny Notes

Thanks to my roomies (Amanda, Heather & Sarah) at State convention for making it a wonderful fun filled weekend - many stories, laughs and overall great time!!
~Cathy

Leslie, Thank you for the flower at convention! I SO wish I could have been there!! ~Love, Jessy

Amanda and Heather you guys ROCKED at convention! ~Jody

Jackie-We were all so proud of you at the MNWT Awards dinner. You looked so pretty and represented Aitkin so well. Congratulations! ~Leslie

Jessi, Congratulations of your Marriage!! Time to celebrate! ~Jessy

Congratulations Amanda and Heather on your Outstanding LPM Award. You are both very deserving of this award. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication with your positions and beyond!
~Sarah

Cathy, thanks for all the scrapbooking fun lately. Sorry I can't make it to the retreat but we'll be sure to have our own scrapbook days again soon. And thanks for your endless listening ear, which is quite a feat with me! J You have been such a great friend. ~Amanda

Congratulations to Amanda, Heather & Sarah for receiving Outstanding LPM of the Trimester Awards!! You ladies rock!
~Cathy

Congratulations to our State Convention Award Winners!!! I am so proud of all you.
~Joy

Jody & Leslie, thanks for being such patient riding companions and for all the fun at convention! ~Amanda

Heather & Sarah, Thanks for being 80s rock stars with me- It was a blast!
~Amanda

Congratulations to those that won "other" awards at Winter State Convention. Are you one of them? Come to the February membership meeting to find out! ~Leslie

Jessi Goble - Thank you so much for letting me be a part of your wedding day and act as your fauxtographer! J It was such a wonderful day and best wishes for a long happy marriage! ~Amanda

Thank you to Heidi for organizing convention weekend, Jen and Amanda, for the rides, and all the rest of you for the good company, conversation, and support this past weekend. Aitkin rocks! ~Leslie

Sarah, Amanda, and Heather, Thanks for all of the photos, videos, and updates keeping me in the loop "real time"! I missed out on a GREAT convention!!! :(~HUGS, Jessy

Leslie, Heidi, Jen, Jody, Heather, Amanda and Cathy-Thanks for the great time at convention! A busy, but fun weekend!
~Sarah

OMG!! Do we have three LPMs who were Outstanding this Trimester?? Yes, we do.... I am not going to name them here, but I will be announcing them at our membership meeting! As a past EVP, I cannot explain enough how significant this honor is..... We have 80 chapters throughout the State, and our three were chosen as the Most Outstanding LPMS of this Trimester!! You cannot hope for it, you cannot write up for it, you have to actually "Earn" it!! You know who you are, you should be extremely proud, and if you earned this during my year as EVP, I would have made you stand up and get a standing ovation! Because, you deserve it!! Thank you for your efforts and dedication. Heidi

Congratulations to my LPMs: Heather-NEWSLET, Amanda-R&R, and Sarah-CC, for receiving the Outstanding LPMs of the 2nd Trimester. Very well-deserved! ~Your PVP, Leslie

Jackie - Congratulations again on your award! You looked so wonderful at convention. Our chapter is proud of you and lucky to have such an amazing woman serving our community with us. ~Amanda

Jen, Thank you for running our book club! It has been a great time so far! ~Jessy

Heather you do an awesome job on the newsletter! ~Jody

Jessi-congratulations on your becoming a Goble! What a great family to be a part of. You looked very beautiful on your special day. Hope you have many years of love and happiness ahead! ~Sarah

To the chapter - Thanks for the nominations as Outstanding LPM both trimesters. I have had a lot of fun in my LPM positions this year and I'm honored that I've able to help represent Aitkin well at the state level too. I appreciate all the support that everyone has offered. Here's to finishing the year strong now! ~Amanda

Aitkin Women of Today Members - We were well represented at the Winter State Convention and had a great time. Let's do this again!! For those unable to attend, please plan on attending the Annual Convention in May in St. Cloud. It is sure to be a fun filled weekend plus it is close to home! ~Cathy

All the gals that went to convention I had a lot of fun with you! ~Jody

We had two Project of the Trimester announced at Winter State for Aitkin Chapter... Again, I will announce this at our membership meeting... Along with a Fired Up DPM from Aitkin!!! When we are done with our membership meeting, if you are not inspired, excited, and so proud that you are bursting.... then, we need to talk. We have a huge State, and every time they say "Aitkin", that is a tremendous honor... And, along with our District 4, we have so much to announce.... Did I forget how well we did as a District??? Again, come to have fun at this meeting.....We were awesome!!! Heidi

February Membership Meeting
6:30 MLEC, Feb. 11th

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance-

U.S. Women of Today Creed:

Introduction of Guests:

Invocation-Amanda

Ice Breaker-Cathy

Parliamentarian- Jen

-Orders of the Day

SPEAKER- AADA

Secretary Report-Sarah

-PALS-

Treasurer Report-Suzanne

State Delegate-Heid

-Winter state Jan 25th-27th

-District Meeting Feb. 23rd, Duluth

-LOTS-May 4th, St. Michael Albertville

-Area Meeting, Bemidji

Membership VP-Heather

-M-night, Feb

Presidents Report-Jessy

-board meeting, march 1st, 6:30 Deerstand

Programming VP-Leslie

Programming Areas:

External:

-Coins for Causes

-Youth of Today- Dawn

*Safety Town-Jen- June 10-14

*Easter Carnival-Sarah- March 9th

*Memory Books-Amanda

-Isaacs Foundation-Heidi

-Community Connections- Sarah

*PDC Award-

*Duck Races- Heather

*Community Meal- Joy

-Womens Wellness- Sarah

Internal:

-Ways and Means-Leslie-Spices

-Records and Recognition-Amanda

*success- Amanda

-Living and Learning- Amanda

*Book Club-Jen

-Newsletter- Heather, feb. 27th

-Public Relations- Roxy

*Winter State Flyer

Ongoing Business:

-Social Media- Heather/Amanda

*mission statement- Leslie

-Social Committee- Amanda/Heather

SUNSHINE- Jessi Goble

New Business:

March Bowling Event-Roxy

Installation Banquet-Suzanne, April 27th

*nominations ballot-Suzanne

Mid Year Evaluations-Jessy

All American Chapter-Jessy

Memorial Weekend Cookie Sale- Need chair

Good and Welfare

Benediction- Amanda

MN women of today creed-

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

US 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