



**Minnesota Women of Today
Chairman of the Board
Winter State CIP
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Dear Chapter Past Presidents,

You have successfully made it to the finish line! I cannot believe that we are in our third trimester. I am so proud of all we have accomplished this year as an organization and as individuals. There is so much to be celebrating!

As this year is starting to wrap up, you may be wondering what is next. There is so much for you to still do to contribute. Being a past chapter president is something that is now a part of your chapter's history. You now have the important job of mentoring the upcoming chapter presidents and leaders in your chapter.

As you start the elections process for the next year, remember to be there for your current chapter president. You were just there last year and it can sometimes be difficult to transition. I wish you all luck with the elections process and with the transition to a new board.

Thank you for all your support this year as we continued to navigate the unknown and all the changes that we have gone through. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your chairman of the board this year.

In Fellowship,

Illeana Miller

Chairman of the Board

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*If you want to achieve your dream you
have to dream one. ~Renuka Murmu*

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Jan 27-29 | Winter State Convention, Crown Plaza Plymouth |
| March 1 | March Planning Recommendations due to COB |
| March 12 | March Planning in Monticello |
| March 19 | State Committee Meetings |
| March 26 | Regional Meeting — Area 1&2 |
| April 2 | Regional Meeting — Area 3&4 |
| May 7 | LOTS — Monticello |
| May 20-22 | Annual Convention, Alexandria |
| June 10-11 | USWT National Convention |

Searching for our next Executive Director

For the last 11 years Katie Castro has served the organization as the Executive Director. Prior to that Past State President Nancy Dvoracek was the Executive Director. We are lucky to have two amazing women to have served our organization in the only paid position in the organization.

While we are sad to see Katie leave for new adventures, she will still be around! What does that mean? The next Executive Director will have the ability to lean on Katie for any help or answering any questions. There will be a cross training period and we can assure all members that we will make sure that there is minimal impact to the organization daily happenings.

A committee has been formed in search of the next Executive Director. We are currently working on the expectations of the position, application and selection process. While we are hoping to move quickly, please know that a lot of thought and consideration is going into this process.

We look forward to being able to announce a new Executive Director at or by Annual Convention.



Chapter Elections Quick Hints

Electing new officers can sometimes be intimidating. If you are a newer chapter, or have a vast amount of new members it may be best to quick review some hints to help elections for the new year go faster.

- When conducting elections, make sure that all candidates for the board positions are agreeing to being an officer for the upcoming year
- Start the search early, you don't want to be scouring for officers at the last minute
- Don't be afraid to ask members to take on a leadership position. Sometimes people are afraid to speak up when they are interested in a position. Worst thing they can tell you is no, not this year
- Mix it up a bit: Try having officers that are seasoned members as well as newer members. It can help bring some diversity to the board and make newer members feel more a part of the process.
- When electing new officers you will need to ensure that you going position by position.
 Ie: For the position of Chapter President Suzi Sunshine is being nominated. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Here no other nominations, the nominations for the position of Chapter President are now closed.
Continue through all board positions until they are all filled. The only one not elected is you past president position if your chapter has one. They are automatic ally on the board the following year.
- If there are no contested positions, you are able to make a motion to approved the board members as nominated.

As always, as an Executive Council and a State Staff we are here to answer any questions you may have on elections. Wishing you all a happy MNWT election season!



In National News...USWT

- ◇ The United States Women of Today, which began on July 1, 1985, is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that provides support for our local communities as well as leadership training and personal growth. Our purpose as stated in our bylaws shall be to encourage, foster and support the growth and establishment of state and local chapter members.
- ◇ Donations for CASDA will be collected at USWT National Convention in Duluth. A quick note about the organization: “The Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse is a private, non-profit agency which marked its 30th year of service in 2018. Our mission is to provide supportive services to individuals hurt by domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse while advocating for a community effort to end violence. “-(CASDA website).
- ◇ Join President Anna and members of her staff as they trek to convention to celebrate all of year end accomplishments. This will be the last convention celebrating our Something Wonderful Year and we will be introducing our newest state president who will be elected at our Annual Convention.
- ◇ It is not too late to register for Annual Convention. This year it will be close to home as it is in Duluth. It is the perfect opportunity to dress up in your favorite holiday attire. Get creative! Fourth of July, St. Patricks Day, Easter.....take your pick! Who knows, you may see me in a kilt ready to celebrate St. Patricks Day a little late.
- ◇ This will be National President Cindy Umland, who is from the St. Cloud chapter, last convention as National President. It would be great to have a large MN support group.

holidays All year Round



United States Women of Today Annual Convention June 9-11, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter/State _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Women of Today Information: Member First-Timer
 Guest Board Past President

Check the appropriate event for which you wish to register	Advanced Registration	Late Registration	
Full Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	<p>ROOMS HELD UNTIL May 9, 2022 Holiday Inn and Suites, 200 W. 1st Street, Duluth 55802 888-868-4352 218-726-1111 Fax: 218-727-3976 Thurs: \$129 for 2 Queen beds or 1 King; \$169 for a 2 room suite with 2 double beds Fri/Sat: \$169 for 2 Queen beds or 1 King; \$209 for a 2 room suite with 2 double beds</p> <p>Amenities include: Free Parking, Wireless Internet Access, refrigerator and coffee pot in each room. Mention Duluth Women of Today/USWT when reserving your room.</p> <p>TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT by SHUTTLE!! Duluth International Airport, 4701 GrindenDr, Duluth, MN 55811 Code: DLH Directions from airport to hotel</p> <p>The Holiday Inn does offer a complimentary Airport (DLH) Shuttle. If unavailable, Duluth Chapter members will shuttle you!</p> <p>ROOM RESERVATION IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! You are responsible for your own room reservations. Reservations need to be made by 05/09/2022. Mention "United States Women of Today" to receive the preferred rate. Rates differ per night: Thursday \$129-169; Friday and Saturday \$169 to \$209. Contact The Holiday Inn and Suites at 218-722-1202.</p>
Friday Opening Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	
Friday Party	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	
All Day Saturday Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	
Saturday Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	
Saturday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00	
Saturday Business Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	
<p>Advanced registration must be received online or postmarked by 5/12/2022.</p> <p>Any registration refunds must be requested before 05/09/22; a \$10 cancellation fee will apply. Registrations received at the convention are not guaranteed meals. Make checks payable to "Duluth Women of Today" with "USWT Year-End 2022" in the memo line. Email uswtpresident20192020duluth@gmail.com for instructions on where to mail registration.</p>			

Specify dietary needs (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, etc.): _____

Food: Lunch _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Chicken Caesar Wrap (Choose one)
 Banquet: Great Lakes Buffett

Online registration & payment is available at www.duluthwomenoftoday.org!

Spring Regional Meeting ~ Areas 1&2

LET'S GATHER UP NORTH FOR
#SOMETHINGWONDERFUL

When: March 26, 2022
 Where: St. James Catholic Church , 299 Red Oak Dr, Aitkin, MN 56431
 Time: 10:30am - 1:00pm Registration at 10am
 Cost: \$10 for meal/mtg, \$1 meeting only
 Meal: Soup & Chili with the fixin's & some snacks
 Assorted beverages such as water and coffee

Please Join us for the Spring Regional Meeting for Areas 1 & 2 happening on Saturday, March 26, 2022. This meeting is specifically for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 though all MNWT members are welcome!

We will be gathering at 10:30am for the meeting with lunch following. There is time to enjoy each other's company and hear from potential candidates for 2022-23 Women of Today State President. The Membership VP will lead us in a fun, hands-on membership activity. And MNWT President Anna will inspire us all with her message of Something Wonderful. This is a great opportunity to see people you haven't seen in quite a while!

Register online by March 25 at <https://forms.gle/v9G3JGfQhEyWnmp57> , email DD02 Liz at dd02@mnwt.org, or use the form below. Late registrations are subject to a \$1 fee.

Payment should be made out to MNWT District 2 and mailed to: Liz Weigel, 307 4th St SE, Baudette, MN 56623. Payment will be accepted at the meeting, however, members are responsible for all registrations not canceled by March 21th.

If you have questions, DD02 Liz Weigel at 815-276-6145

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 _____ Lunch & Meeting (\$10) _____ Meeting Only (\$1)

Spring Regional Meeting ~ Areas 3&4



GROWING TOGETHER FOR #SOMETHINGWONDERFUL

- When:** April 2, 2022
- Where:** Chaska American Legion , 102 W 4th St, Chaska, MN 55318
- Time:** 11am - 1:30pm Brunch at 10:30am
- Cost:** \$10 for meal/mtg, \$1 meeting only
- Brunch:** Make your own Breakfast Burrito - Create your own breakfast burrito using eggs and lots of fixins', assorted pastries, yogurts, water, juice and coffee

Please Join us for the Spring Regional Meeting for Area 3 & 4 happening on Saturday, April 2, 2022. This meeting is specifically for Districts 7, 8, & 10 though all MNWT members are welcome!

We will be gathering at 10:30am for Brunch with the meeting time following at 11am. There is time to enjoy each other's company and hear from potential candidates for 2022-23 Women of Today State President. The Membership VP will lead us in a fun, hands-on membership activity. And MNWT President Anna will inspire us all with her message of Something Wonderful. This is a great opportunity to see people you haven't seen in quite a while!

Register online by March 25 at <https://forms.gle/maBP2CSwCgHQGVCYA>, email DD08 Michelle at dd08@mnwt.org, or use the form below. Late registrations are subject to a \$1 fee.

Payment should be made out to MNWT District 8 and mailed to: Tevyan Sorensen, 19743 Henning Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044. Payment will be accepted at the meeting, however, members are responsible for all registrations not canceled by March 28th.

If you have questions, call DD07 Peggy at 763-486-5229, DD08 Michelle at 612-810-9546

Name _____	Chapter _____
Email _____	Phone _____
Brunch & Meeting (\$10) _____	Meeting Only (\$1) _____

March Planning 2022
March 12th, 2022 10am – 2pm
Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites



Join us at our annual March Planning meeting to help brainstorm some new ideas for the organization.

You don't need to be a seasoned member to join in, just need to have a desire to learn and participate in active discussions about the future of the Minnesota Women of Today.

All recommendations are due to COB Illeana no later than March 1st, 2022 via e-mail to COB@mnwt.org.

All covid protocols will be followed as recommended by the CDC and MNDH. Masks will be requested, but not required for the safety of everyone attending.

Sample March Planning Recommendation Write Up:

Recommendation: To have free ice cream and puppies available all conventions moving forward

Reason/Discussion: In an effort to increase attendance at conventions, it would be a great idea to have ice cream machines with a build your own ice cream Sunday bar. In conjunction with that there should be an area that is roped off for a local animal shelter to come in and bring puppies that are up for adoption to be adopted that weekend.

March Planning Registration Form

Early Registration Deadline: March 1st

All registrations postmarked after March 1st will be considered late

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____ **District:** _____

Early Registration with meals: \$15 (includes light breakfast, snacks, and lunch)

Late Registration with meals: \$17

Please make checks payable to Minnesota Women of Today and mail check and registration form to COB Illeana at 6024 Badger St, Monticello, MN 55362.