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## From The President

By Louise Orum

This is my last newsletter item as president. I really can't believe that it is almost over!

We had a great time at our February State Meeting. There were 9 National visitors in attendance - our National President Janet Esper, Membership VP-Kim Troudt, Treasurer-Lisa Clark, Extensions-Deb Stein, FOW/Chaplain-Marcia Allison, PE PM-myself, Presidential Assistant-Thelma Carnduff, and Brenda Almoney and Cindy Hilbert from PA.

### YEAR-END REPORTING DUE BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> -NO EXCEPTIONS

Donation dollars (domestic abuse-general) and volunteer hours

There were no numbers reported at USWT mid-year.

Please report the entire year numbers to your state contact. Copy me on your report, please.

- ❖ Chapter treasurers should report all monetary donations/volunteer hours to the State Treasurer
- ❖ State Treasurer (Marie Tucker) will then report these numbers to the USWT Treasurer (Lisa Clark)
- ❖ Domestic violence donations/volunteer hours must also be reported to the USWT External Area Program Manager 15 days before USWT mid-year/year-end

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Reminder: Heart of Gold Award nominations are due to me no later than April 15, 2009. See attached form. One award per member please.

The Heart Bucks form is also attached. The May State Meeting will be your last opportunity to use them.

There is no form for the Angels Among Us award. Please send your nominee information directly to Janet Esper. This award is used for non-member recognition. Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.


It's time to start thinking about what board position you would like for the next Women of Today year. Do you want to try something new? Would you like to stay in the position you currently hold? If you hold a local board position now, do you want to step up to be on the State Board for next year? Are you ready to bid for a National position? I have had the pleasure of being the USWT Personal Enrichment PM for the current year. You get a very different perspective being on the National Board and it is very rewarding. Marcia Allison is currently our USWT Focus on Women/Chaplain. Please feel free to speak with either of us regarding a USWT position. If there is a specific position (either local, state or national) that you are

interested in, you can either contact the person that currently holds it or let me know that you are interested. Remember, we need everyone to come forward and participate. Step out of your comfort zone. No matter what board position you decide on, you will be making a difference.

Thank you to Bellingham! They will be hosting our May State Meeting on May 2nd. Mark the date in your calendar. They always add a special touch when they host meetings. Details to come.

I will be attending the USWT year-end convention in Kansas City, Missouri in June. I will also be staying in Branson, Missouri the week before convention at my time share—if anyone is attending convention and would like to come out earlier, they are welcome to stay with me in Branson. I will be driving up to Kansas City on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

It's time to wrap up our WOT year! See you in May!

Louise Orum   
Massachusetts Women of Today President

## From the Chairwoman of the Board

By Elaine Tallini

Can you believe this current Women of Today year will soon be over?

As you know, we cannot continue to exist without the support of our members. If you have never held a state position, please consider it. If you have held a state position in the past, how about trying a new one. After all, one of the many advantages to being a Women of Today member is the opportunity for personal growth.

I will be putting a motion (see page 3) to vote at our May State Meeting to change our State and individual chapter's By-laws effective May 1, 2009 to operate from a quarterly timeframe to a trimester timeframe; to be effective upon the approval at the National Convention in June.

If this vote is to pass at the National and State level local chapter policies will need to reflect the new time format. The policy can either state the specific time frame such as May to August, September to December, and January to April OR just have their policy state: follow the United State Women of Today time frame of running on a trimester basis beginning in May 2009.

The reason this change will be made is due to the fact that many chapters do not meet during the summer, and this will allow chapters to get paperwork to National for midyear convention recognition as well as helping to defray the cost of mailings from four times a year to three times a year.

Attached in this issue of the Calliope are the noted changes that will take place in the Massachusetts Women of Today By-Laws if it should pass at the National and State Level.

As always, spread the word about Massachusetts Women of Today to encourage membership.

Hope to see you all at the May State Meeting!

*Elaine Tallini*  
*Chairman of the Board 2008-2009*

## Proposed By-Law Changes

By Elaine Tallini

As a result of the upcoming changes to the United States Women of Today Constitution and By-Laws (changing from quarters to trimesters), I would like to make a motion to vote to make the changes be effective upon the approval at the National Convention in June to amend the Massachusetts Women of Today By-Laws and Policies as listed below:

By-Law Article II Section 2

An annual chapter fee shall be payable to the State Treasurer before July 1<sup>st</sup>, excluding those chapters formed during the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year.

**Change to:** An annual chapter fee shall be payable to the State Treasurer before July 1<sup>st</sup>, excluding those chapters formed during the third trimester of the previous fiscal year.

By-Law Article IV Section 1 a

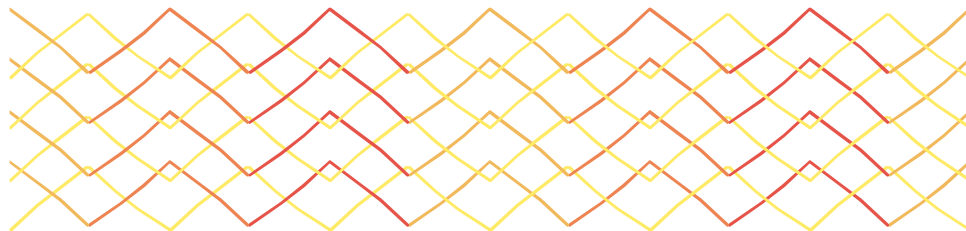
Each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to votes at State Meetings based on chapter size as of the last quarterly update immediately prior to the State Meeting.

**Change to:** Each chapter in good standing shall be entitle to votes at State Meetings based on chapter size as of the last trimester update immediately prior to the State Meeting.

Policy 1 Section 3 b

An annual chapter fee of fifteen (15) dollars per chapter shall be payable before July 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Treasurer, excluding those chapters formed during the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year.

**Change to:** An annual chapter fee of fifteen (15) dollars per chapter shall be payable before July 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Treasurer, excluding those chapters formed during the third trimester of the previous fiscal year.



## Newsletter Information

By Becky Fleming

I have truly enjoyed serving as your Newsletter Editor this year. Thank you for submitting articles and reading this great source of information! Serving as the Newsletter Editor is a great way to serve the MA Women of Today – give it a try!

## February State Meeting Follow-Up

By Eileen Murray

I want to thank all of you who attended the February State Meeting and Pampering Night. We all had fun and were pampered by Sarah Moore from The Body Shop. There were foot soaks, hand treatments and makeup applications. We also enjoyed a chair massage from two massage therapists. I highly recommend them if you would like to do a home party with your friends. Women of Today need pampering!!! I will give a complete report at the May meeting.

For the first time in many years we had a profit thanks to the generosity of members who donated items for the Lucky Buck Auction.

Julie Hutchinson	Quilt
Annamarie Monks	Bracelet
Kathy Griffin	Longaberger Pamper Basket

Hope to see you all in May.

Eileen Murray  
 Chairman, February State Meeting  
[eileenmurray@comcast.net](mailto:eileenmurray@comcast.net)



## Hello from the Easton Chapter

By Donna Bishop, Easton President

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Breakfast was held the first weekend in December in conjunction with the Lion's Club's Holiday Festival. This event is a family favorite and was once again a tremendous success! Our Holiday Social was hosted by our newest member, Regina O'Shea, and all that attended had a wonderful time (especially with the game Regina planned for us).

We were busy in January planning for two events in February. Our annual Skate Day Event was held in conjunction with the Lion's Club, where we provided soup, hot dogs, snacks and various beverages to the skaters. This was held the afternoon of Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This same day we held our first Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance. This event was held at our local VFW (with the Hall donated). We had an Italian Dinner theme and dancing to a DJ. The event was almost a sell-out and I'm sure if we decide to hold this again, word will get around that a great time was had by ALL.

Easton plans on helping out at the Belle of the Ball Event in March. This is where prom attire is supplied to young ladies that are unable to afford the many expenses of this special day.

In Friendship,  
 Donna Bishop, President

## News from Chelmsford

By Kathy Simmons, Chelmsford President

With Spring comes the end of our WOT year. Amazing how quickly the year passes.

In Q1 we finalized our new governing documents, held our banquet, a social and donated \$586.45.

Q2 – we signed 2 new members, held our first Food Pantry Drive collecting about \$3,000 in food donations, supplied Halloween Buckets of Sunshine to Alternative, updated our scrapbooks and held a Wine & Cheese social.

Q3 was very busy with selling Charity Night tickets, Leadership Dynamics, writing holiday cards to the troops overseas, shopping for Chelmsford's Secret Santa, Muffins with Santa, Alternative House Buckets of Sunshine at Christmas, bought G.S. cookies for a troop in Iraq, held 2 socials, 1 new member and donations totaling \$728.

So far in Q4, we welcomed our 4<sup>th</sup> new member, held an orientation, quilted for Project Linus and held a Paper Drive for Alternative House. We are finishing our Yankee Candle fundraiser, getting ready for eBay3, readying Easter Baskets for Alternative House, holding a Certification Party, working on filling our new board, distributing our annual donations, Dinner & Theatre night and planning year end activities.

I think Chelmsford has had a very good year; I know I have and I want to thank my officers (Joyce and Marcia) for all their support, the board of directors (Bev, Chantale, Jerry, and Simon) for their commitment to CWOT and each member for all the hours and efforts they gave to make this year so successful. You should all be very proud of all that you have accomplished, YOU did make a difference!

Thank you

Kathy Simmons

Chelmsford President

## Mansfield Women of Today News

By Mary Joyce & Lisa Ricker, Mansfield Co-Presidents

Mansfield has been busy planning and participating in social, community service and fundraising events. We just had our annual Progressive Dinner, are having a girls night of jewelry making and will be having a book discussion on The Shack for our members.

Mansfield will be participating in community service projects such as Adopt a Family for the Family Resource Center, volunteering at Our Daily Bread in Mansfield, hosting a Spring Tea for the Mansfield Council on Aging and giving scholarships to Mansfield high school students.

We are also working on a spring fundraiser, a Diva Delight Tea, which will be held on Sunday 5/3 from 11am–2pm at the Mansfield Y.

In Friendship,

Mary & Lisa

## What do your efforts for MSPCC do?

By Sue Beattie

Connecting Families is a program to strengthen families and to promote child well-being by working with families that are struggling to take care of their children and whose children are at risk for poor outcomes. These situations are likely to include families where the:

- Parents have had histories of abuse and neglect and who struggle with parenting;
- Family lacks basic resources (e.g. food, medical services, housing);
- Family members are facing stressful events, or life situations and need social services;
- Parents struggle with mental health or addiction issues, disability or major illness; and
- Family is not eligible for government funded social services.

The primary purpose of our Early Intervention programs is to promote the health and emotional well-being of infants and toddlers with disabilities or who are biologically or environmentally at risk, by providing direct treatment to children and assisting parents/caregivers in developing the knowledge, skills, and support necessary to effectively care for their children.

### Services Provided

MSPCC's Early Intervention Programs provide individualized services based on the child's developmental stage, the parents' specific strengths and needs and identified risk factors. Services may include a combination of the following:

- Developmental assessment
- Home visits
- Day care visits
- Parent/Child groups
- Toddler groups
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Nutrition and Health consultation
- Parent education and support
- Information, referral and advocacy

Your involvement will help raise critical funding and awareness needed to promote the rights and well being of children and families across Massachusetts.

Please let me know of any activity your chapter has done on behalf of MSPCC.

## Last Call from the Historian

By Paula Hickey

I know that all of the chapters have had a very busy year and I would like to incorporate all of your hard work and fun in our scrapbook.

Please either email me or send via mail any articles and/or pictures you would like in the scrapbook. It would be greatly appreciated if I could have everything by mid April. Thanks!

## From the National Programming VP

By Dana Anderson

I hope you are all working on your Outstanding Achievement in Programming Awards, which are due to me by May 1, 2009. The main obstacle for most of our members is the competition part of the form. Competitions can be held at a variety of locations including your state meetings. They don't have to be too elaborate, just step out of your comfort zone and give it a try. You might just surprise yourself!

Project Recognitions are also due to me on May 1, 2009. Instructions and outline are in the manual or you can always contact me for information.

Let me be your guide as we soar together through this year in Women of Today!

"Guiding US Through Programming"

Dana Anderson

Programming Vice President



## From the National Secretary

By Terri Hebda

Thank you Becky for the terrific Newsletters. It has been fun reading all the different articles not only from MAWT but all the Newsletters I get from each state. Your newsletter is informative and well laid out. I appreciate you thinking of sending it to me. I do read all the State and Chapter newsletters I receive and I hope I can get them next year too.

Terri Hebda

USWT Secretary

## Happy Spring from Bellingham!

By Sheila Chartier

This new quarter is busy for Bellingham, we continue to run our normal projects, but have decided to add a few new ones for some extra needed funds. In addition to Muffins with the Easter bunny and our senior baskets, we've decided to hold a pasta dinner. This is something we haven't done in many years. In addition to the meal, we will hold a silent auction and a 50/50 cash raffle. Hopefully this will raise what we need for next years scholarship and get our name and charities out to the community.

Dawn will be hosting a new membership night this quarter, a wine and cheese tasting event. Our volunteer week project will be cleaning the kitchen of St. Blaise church; they graciously allow us to use it for many fundraisers. Most importantly, we are trying to fill our 2009-2010 board. After that is completed we're off to a busy May, hope to see all of you at the State Meeting in Bellingham.

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

SHEILA

## Hello from Greater Attleboro

By Elaine Tallini

Our year in Greater Attleboro is now winding down – it's hard to believe that another year has gone by!

We held a Valentine's Day Senior Bingo event at Canterbury Woods, which is where we hold our monthly general meeting. Students from Hill-Roberts Elementary School made over a 140 Valentine's Day cards for all the residents, we also had our first Wine Tasting at Café Porto Bello in North Attleboro on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the proceeds will be going to New Hope; a women and children's battered shelter and rape crisis center.

At the end of February we held an E-Board meeting to make up our Planned Calendar Year and Budget for next year. These will be voted on at our April General Meeting. And we are currently working on filling our board for the chapter for next year.

Upcoming events for us are:

- Muffins with the Easter Bunny on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro in the Welcome Center from 9:00–Noon. Proceeds from this event will be going to the Attleboro Council for Children and the Attleboro Council for Churches.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> we have members of our chapter helping out with the Fairy Godmother Project in Taunton.
- Our Year-End Banquet will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Leona's Restaurant in North Attleboro.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> we will be holding a Bingo night at the South Attleboro Knights of Columbus; proceeds will go to The Friends of the Attleboro Public Library.
- For the Sturdy Memorial Hospital Essay Contest, members of our chapter will once again be judges.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Child Car Seat Safety Program/Blood Pressure Check-Up/Membership Drive along with the Professional Firefighters of Attleboro will be held on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Located at the South Attleboro Fire Department at 1476 West Street (Route 123). This event will be held rain or shine!

My year as President has almost come to an end and it has been a wonderful experience. I feel blessed to have made so many friends through Women of Today not only within my chapter but from other chapters as well. I feel lucky to belong to such a wonderful organization. I hope to see you all at the May State Meeting – Happy Spring!!!

*In Friendship,  
Elaine Tallini, President  
Greater Attleboro*



## Presidential Pin Award Recipients

Please join in congratulating the following Presidential Pin Recipients who received this honor at the February 2009 State Meeting.

Melanie Kempton, Chelmsford  
Julie Hutchinson, Bellingham  
Jerry Sullivan, Chelmsford  
Sue Beattie, Bellingham  
Elaine Tallini, Greater Attleboro



## From the Secretary

By Kathy Simmons

Secretary? ... Secretary? ...Who?.. Me? You're kidding, right?..... Sound familiar? That was your first reaction when someone mentioned it to you, right? It certainly was what I said when I was asked, but I want you to know, it was the easiest position I have ever taken.

I want to say that **I have enjoyed being your Secretary these last two years** and that it is now time for someone else to step out of their comfort zone to take my place. It is a position of great importance - remember, you are going to record the history of our organization and **every one of you can do this job!**

I know you're interested so let me tell you a little about this position. Prior to each state meeting you request the officers and chapter presidents send you their reports or that they give you a copy of their reports when they get to the meeting. During the meeting you record things like motions, seconds, voting results and new items that come up on the agenda. You already have all the reports being given, so just mark or underline the important items mentioned at the meeting on the individual reports. After the meeting, you take the agenda and reports and merge them together to form the minutes of the meeting. That's it! Really! No certificates to file, no competitions to set up and no newsletter to write. So sign up for Secretary now, before someone else does☺!

Once again, Congratulations to Cheryl Farley of Mansfield, Outstanding Secretary for Q3

Remember to make your Minutes Count!

Kathy Simmons

Secretary

## From the National Membership VP

By Kim Troudt

The 2008–2009 Women of Today is coming to an end.

Have you thought about what role you will play in the next year?

With elections happening in each chapter and state, I would encourage each of you to accept the challenge, and share your passion for the Women of Today organization by serving as an officer. Our organization is about Leadership, and there is no better way to improve your Leadership skills than by serving the organization. Each level of the organization is looking for fresh ideas. If you have questions concerning certain positions on the local, state, or national level, please be sure to ask someone currently holding that position. A great place to get some additional information and training will be at Annual Convention in Kansas City. Not only will you learn more about the United States Women of Today, but you will have the opportunity to be a part of a training session involving all offices in the organization.

Step up! Share your passion for our organization by taking the lead. Mark your calendars for June 11–14, 2009. Come to Kansas City and have some fun, meet new people, and share new ideas.

Membership – Put Your Heart in It!

Kim Troudt



## Focus on You: Year End Competitions

By Marcia Allison, National FOW/Chaplain Program Manager

### FOCUS ON WOMEN ESSAY COMPETITION

Topic: "I Found My Focus" (About a turning point in your life)

Guidelines: 800 – 1200 words; typed, double spaced. Send 4 copies, each with a stat sheet and each in a binder/folder

### CHAPLAIN'S POETRY COMPETITION

Topic: "At the Center" (About something that centers your life spiritually)

Guidelines: Poetry form or style of your choice, not to exceed one page in 12 point font. Send 4 copies, each with an attached stat sheet

FOR BOTH– Notify your State Program Manager, and submit entries and copies to USWT FOW/Chaplain PM:

Marcia Allison

189 Littleton Rd., Apt. 48

Chelmsford, MA 01824

Deadlines for both : May 1, 2009. Cost is \$5.00 per entrant, with checks payable to USWT, to be enclosed with entries.



## From the Awards PM

By Elaine Tallini

*Hello Massachusetts Women of Today!*

I am thrilled to announce the Massachusetts Woman of Today Award winners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter for Rookie, Member, and Officer along with the Carrie Lutz Spirit Award that were announced at our February State Meeting are:

<u>Rookie</u>	Melanie Kempton	Chelmsford
<u>Woman</u>	Tara Greaves	Chelmsford
<u>Officer</u>	Jerry Sullivan	Chelmsford
<u>Carrie Lutz Spirit Award</u>	Becky Fleming	Easton

Please join me in congratulating these wonderful ladies and gentleman!

Year end is upon us and I know there are some great members out there who need to be recognized. Chapter Presidents please submit your candidates for judging for the **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**. The categories are outstanding Rookie, Women, and Officer. Please include only what the member has done in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter; February 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Year end** awards for the same categories are due at the same time. This is where you can tell us all the great things these members have done all year.

We also have an award for year end for **Unsung Hero**. Use the same format and tell how this member has worked in the background and has impacted the chapter and community throughout the year.

**Due to the fact that one of the awards will be presented on a plaque, time will be needed to be sure it is ready for the May State Meeting; therefore, ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

All awards will be given out at the May State Meeting – hope to see you all there!!

*In Friendship,*

*Elaine Tallini*

*Awards Program Manager 2008–2009*



## Heart of Gold Award Recipients

Please join in congratulating the following Heart of Gold Award Recipients who were awarded this honor at the February 2009 State Meeting.

Chelmsford – Jerry Sullivan

Easton – Maura Davis, Heather Edlund, Janice Nolen, Regina O'Shea, Maureen Strong

Bellingham – Carol Bogdanovich



## Calendar of Events: April 2009 to June 2009

By President Louise Orum

**Black lettering pertains to everyone**

**Red lettering pertains to Chapter Presidents**

**Green lettering pertains to Membership**

**Purple lettering pertains to Programming**

**Blue lettering is Chapter Events**

### April 2009

Emphasis: Effective Listening, Volunteer Recognition

- 1 New member adds and renewals due to Julie Hutchinson
- 1 Donation summary Report due to National
- Volunteer Recognition Week
- State Spring meeting to be announced

### May 2009

Emphasis: Website

- 1 New member adds and renewals due to Julie Hutchinson
- 1 Competition entries and all PE/ID Certifications to national counterparts
- 1 Outstanding Officer nominations due to national
- 2 May State Meeting hosted by Bellingham
- 10 All American Chapter forms due to national president
- National Convention to be announced

### June 2009

- 1 New member adds and renewals due to Julie Hutchinson

MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN OF TODAY  
STATE MEETING  
MARLBORO, MA  
FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Call to Order: 9:11 AM

Attendees: 6 of 7 Chapters represented. 23 Members First Timers: 3

Bellingham 5: Sue Beattie, Joanne Eisner, Janet Greco-Russo, Julie Hutchinson, Dawn Shilke; Chelmsford 3: Marcia Allison, Simon Curry, Kathy Simmons; Easton 1: Becky Fleming

Greater Attleboro 8: Marion Brousseau, Paula Flynn, Paula Hickey, Patricia Zervas, Elaine Tallini, Judy Romero, Louise Orum, Wally Woodard; Mansfield 4: Kathy Griffin, Lucy Kelliher, Anna Marie Monks, Eileen Murray; Norton 2: Nancy Collins, Marie Tucker

Saturday night additional attendees: Shelia Chartier (B), Bev Barry (C)

Guests: Janet Esper, USWT President (IL); Lisa Clark, Treasurer (IL); Kim Troudt, Membership VP (NE); Deb Stein Extensions Director (PA); Thelma Carndiff, Presidential Assistant (PA); Brenda Almoney & Cindy Hilbert, Past National Presidents (PA). Other National staff: Marcia Allison, FOW; Louise Orum, PE

WELCOME First Timers: Nancy Collins, Norton; Lucy Kelliher & Anna Marie Monks, Mansfield

Pledge led by Walter Woodward

Invocation: Walter Woodward

Agenda: presented – no changes

Rules of the Day: Elaine Tallini No issues to vote on today.

President's report: Welcome everyone

Thank you Eileen Murray for chairing the Winter Convention

Introduction of Past State Presidents, Ambassadors and National Guests

It is 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter & time to think about stepping up

- o Time to try something new. Take on a Board Position on the chapter state or national level.
- o Talk to the current officers to answer any questions you may have.
- o It's your turn to make a difference

The chapters have all been very busy. See chapter reports.

Thank you to Bellingham for Hosting the May State Meeting; May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bellingham – Report by Dawn Shilke for Shelia. Held a Recipe Swap Membership night – results: 3 new members and almost a full page article on the group. Held 3 craft nights to make items to sell at Muffins with Santa. Ran our annual butter braid sale, raised \$400. Shopped for 10 kids for our Santa's Elves project, held a successful Toys for Tots Telethon raising \$4000. At muffins with Santa we sold 50/50 raffle tickets, crafts and letters to Santa. We held a Holiday party, completed our new constitution and held a planning meeting for 2009.

*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*

Greater Attleboro Report: by Elaine Tallini – Donated \$250 from Beautiful Pet contest to the Friends of Attleboro Animal Shelter, held a December Holiday/Yankee Swap/Pot luck event; Six members volunteered as elves to help Christmas is For Kids, held our Re-Gift Auction at January GM raising \$76.00. Upcoming Projects: February 14<sup>th</sup> – Senior Valentine’s Day Bingo at Canterbury Woods. February 23<sup>rd</sup> – our first Wine Tasting at Café Porta Bello in North Attleboro, proceeds going to New Hope. March 28<sup>th</sup> – “Muffins with the Easter Bunny” at the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, proceeds going to the Council for Children and Council for Churches. We signed on a new member and volunteered 149.5 hours!

Presentation: On Fire / Loss Awareness – by Sue Beattie

‘THANK YOU for your generosity and concerns...very overwhelmed by the cards, calls and donations from Women of Today across the country...’

Highlights of presentation:

- Check your policies – be sure it includes: 1. replacement costs, 2. Up codes, 3. living expenses (rental allowance) 4. check depreciation clauses
- Detail inventory of your house –photos are best.
  - Keep in fireproof box and update periodically
  - Keep receipts for large purchases 7 major repairs with inventory
- Displaying a plaque “a Pet Lives Here” will initiate a search for the pet
- Expect that each of your family will be interviewed separately by police
- Business Cards: Many business associates follow fire calls. They will hand out business cards – Take them, most of their services will be needed throughout the process.
- Board up the property to limit your liability and protect what is left
- Adjusters – Most important contact. This will be your liaison – your insurance go between
  - Choose carefully Be sure to get references – check for current or prior lawsuits
- Contractor – Be sure they experience working with fires. They will negotiate with Ins. Co.

Convention Chairperson – Eileen Murray – Thank you for coming. Great Night of Pampering included foot massages, hand massages, make overs and chair massages. Thanks to Julie, Marcia and Marie for providing airport shuttles. Early registration prize: Louise Orum

10:38 AM – Resume agenda

National Reports:

Lisa Clark: Treasurer – Thank you for Hospitality. Promoted the National Store

Reminded local treasurers of the importance of filing quarterly donations reports

Deb Stein: Extensions Director – Only have members in 14 Of 50 states – lots of room for extensions. Nebraska has extended so could MA – willing to come & help

Kim Troudt: Membership VP – Thank you. USWT down 74 members as of Q3

Could grow this year. Very possible for MA to grow this year. Each chapter needs to sign two new members

Brenda & Cindy – Made presentation to Sue Beattie of medallions, pins, Outstanding President and Ambassador plaques to replace those lost in the fire

*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*COB/Parliamentarian – Elaine:1. Constitution Revisions: **(See page 3)**

- Starting in May 2009, USWT will operate on a trimester period for reporting. Chapter policies should be changed to follow USWT reporting periods.
- This will defray costs for dues billings and mailings and adjust report filings to coincide with mid-year
- Revisions will be voted at May State Meeting.

## 2. Upcoming Elections – Time to think about contributing in a new capacity

- Positions offer opportunity for growth
- Talk to present board member or Elaine to ask questions or volunteer

Be sure to keep Louise informed and spread the word of MAWOT and encourage membership

Treasurer – Marie Tucker:

- Current checkbook balance \$4,456.40
- M/M to accept treasurer's report by Becky Fleming, Easton 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmons, Chelmsford – motion passed
- All chapters are current. No outstanding receipts.
- Send Quarterly donations report detailing both \$ and hours. Include recipient organization, Service Area (Buckets of Sunshine e.g.) Monetary donation or cash equivalency and total # of service hours.
- Thank you to Amy Morrison for her raffle basket at the last meeting.

Secretary – Kathy Simmons:

- November were included in December Calliope, copies in chapter packets
- Motion to accept – by Kathy Griffin, Mansfield 2<sup>nd</sup> – by Sue Beattie, Bellingham. motion passed
- Outstanding Secretary for Third Quarter – Cheryl Farley, Mansfield
- Think about The Secretary position – EASY Job!
- Chapter secretaries were given homemade loaves as thank you for Making Minutes Count!

MSPCC – State Charity: Sue Beattie Large Raffle Basket – tickets sold

- In Massachusetts, a child:
  - is reported abused or neglected every 8 minutes
  - born into poverty every three hours
  - dies before his/her first birthday
- Please plan or earmark a portion of profits to donate to MSPCC
- Donations to date: Greater Attleboro \$670, Norton presented \$100 at meeting.

ID PM /Personal Enrichment – Amy Morrison submitted report, read by Kathy Simmons:

- Have only received three chapter reports: Bellingham, Chelmsford & Easton
- Certifications: Team Bldg: 20, Listening: 20, Leadership: 7, Eff. Writing: 4, Eff. Speaking: 8, FOW: 6, Chaplain: 3, STEP: 1

Kim Troudt – National revamping Programming. 5 new topics Need ideas for certifications.

Topics: 1. Community Connections, 2. Leadership, 3. Careers, 4. Wellness, 5. Environmental

*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*

Membership – Julie Hutchinson: Thank you to each chapter contact

- Current membership 175. \ / 13 members Reach out! We can still grow!
- Traveling – want to visit each chapter. Georgetown is still passionate and dedicated but struggling.
- Important to keep websites updated. It is your ‘first impression’
- Recognition – keep your name in the papers “**ROAR**” (Recruit, Orientate, Activate, Retain)
- 2 chapters at growth – Bellingham & Chelmsford
- Trying to reconcile base numbers between chapters and National
- Retention: 100% Norton
- Growth: Q3 – Bellingham +2 Mansfield +4
- US membership 4/30 – 2748 9/17 – 2699 1/31 – 2674 \! / 74 members

Voting Delegates by Chapter: Bellingham–2, Chelmsford–3, Easton–3, Georgetown–2, Greater Attleboro–3, Mansfield–4, Norton–2

Awards: Elaine Tallini. Received several submissions

- It is important to recognize those members that give something extra!
- Awards are a great motivational tool to inspire and thank members.
- Several chapters submitted members. Goal is to have all chapters submit for each category
- All submissions were praised by the judges as Outstanding
- Please submit Rookie, Member & Officer for **4th Qtr** (Feb 1– Apr 30) & **Year End** (5/1–4/30), and **Unsung Hero Award** (5/1–4/30). Deadline for submissions are due 4/15/2009.

Newsletter – Becky Fleming: Having a Great Time doing the newsletter! Anyone can do this job. Becky will train you. Great position – especially for a busy person!

- Thank you for submitting articles
- Hope that everyone finds the issues to be enjoyable and informative
- Next submission deadline is Sunday, March 15th for April issue
- DON”T be Late! THIS ISSUE WILL BE AMAZING!!!

Historian – Paula Hickey: Need materials for the scrapbooks,

- Please SUBMIT ARTICLES & PHOTOS

Fellowship Director – Wally Woodard: Wally requested birthdays so that he may send out cards.

Webmaster – Simon Curry: There has been a deafening silence! No request, no comments, little activity.

- Still experimenting with secure mechanism that will allow members to update information
- Keep Contents UPDATED! Some info is from 2004!
- Please, please, please: NEED NEW AND CREATIVE MATERIALS TO KEEP SITES UPDATED
- Large number hits indicated on counter is due to a web–crawler being developed, will reset page counts soon

President Janet spoke on Angels and membership.

- March – Membership month



*February State Meeting Minutes Continued*

- Domestic violence is going to be voted on as our permanent charity instead of just for three years.
- National Convention – Kansas City, MO National buckets for Project Wonderland Camp. Info in packets

Chelmsford Report – by Kathy Simmons – We held both a Leadership Dynamics and Effective Listening course, certifying 6 members at each. We sold Evening of Giving tickets and wrote cards to the Troops. In December we filled wish lists of 4 children, held Muffins with Santa in the aftermath of an ice storm in a town without power, Collected personal gifts for the women at Alternative House and held a Holiday Party. We Signed 2 new members, donated \$728 and clocked about 145 hours. Q4 looks to be just as busy with Yankee Candle sale, Easter baskets & Paper drive for Alternative House, Ebay 3, Dinner/Theatre night and year end Banquet.

Easton Report – by Becky Fleming for Donna Bishop: Easton held its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Breakfast. A large event with months of planning, features full breakfast with an omelets station – Raised \$1500. Held a member social with guests that volunteered at the breakfast. Families in need is our main focus this year. Baskets of sunshine were sent to Easton’s Children’s Museum and Easton’s Food Pantry. Upcoming is 1<sup>st</sup> Valentine’s Day Dinner/Dance. Tickets are \$20 per person. Donation made to Women’s Place Shelter.

Mansfield Report – by Lucy Kelliher for Lisa Ricker – Clothing drive yielded 26 bags of clothing for a local church. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday House Tour raising over \$8,000 for Mansfield fuel assistance fund, the Mansfield Historical House and internal projects. Members volunteered over 100 hours to Christmas is for Kids and held a Holiday GM with good food and swapped books. We are adopting a family leaving a shelter and moving to an apartment, providing new items to set up house. February’s project will be a progressive dinner and March is the annual Sr. event – Irish tea party, scholarships and a day of beauty for women or local shelter.

Norton Report – Marie Tucker: Our Internal Auction was a lot of fun and raised \$1727. We wrapped at Borders, wrote 106 letters from Santa, sang Christmas Carols at Epoch, and had a speaker on “Real Life Retirement Wisdom for Women”. This quarter Norton sponsored a basketball team (they wear shirts with Norton Women of Today on them) and donations were made to the Norton Home Heating Fund, the Sue Beattie Fund, The Cupboard of Kindness, and \$100 to MSPCC.

Re-Dedication Ceremony – Lovely candle light ceremony

Benediction: Walter Woodard

Adjourned: 3:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Simmons



## 2008–2009 Individual Development Competitions/Deadlines (United States Women of Today and Mass Women of Today)

### PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### Effective Speaking:

##### **National Year End Competition only**

Topic: **Where do you envision yourself in 5 years? How will you attain that dream?**

Guidelines: 4 – 6 minutes; submit stat sheet; requires attendance at Year-end National Convention

Cost: \$5.00 – payable to USWT; reimbursable by MAWT

Deadline: **May 1, 2009 postmark**

Submit to National PE PM (Louise Orum 23C Benefit Street, Attleboro, MA 02703 508-369-7207 lro2@netzero.net)

Notify State ID PM of members entering competition

##### **Massachusetts State Competition only**

Topic: **What makes you thankful everyday?**

Guidelines: 4 – 6 minutes; submit stat sheet; requires attendance at May State Meeting

Cost: \$5.00 – payable to USWT; reimbursable by MAWT

Deadline: **May 1, 2009 postmark**

Please notify State ID PM (Amy Morrison 136 Mary Lane Bridgewater, MA 02324 508-697-1677 alanglais1020@yahoo.com)

#### Effective Writing:

National Year End Competition

Topic: **Who is the STAR in your life?**

Guidelines: 600 – 800 words, typed, single sided, double spaced, 5 copies with stat sheet

Does not require attendance at National Convention

Cost: \$5.00 payable to USWT; reimbursable by MAWT

Deadline: **May 1, 2009 postmark**

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### S.T.E.P.

#### NATIONAL YEAR END COMPETITION

##### **Step II: Resume' only – see USWT forms**

Does not require attendance at National Convention

Guidelines: 4 copies of each resume

Cost: \$5.00 payable to USWT; reimbursable by MWOT

Deadline: **May 1, 2009 postmark**

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**STEP III – Resume' and interview**

Requires attendance at National Year End Convention

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**FOCUS ON WOMEN****National Year End Competition**

Essay Topic: **I Found My Focus** (about a turning point in your life)

Guidelines: 800 – 1200 words; typed, double spaced; send 4 copies with 4 stat sheets – each copy in a binder or folder

Does not require attendance at National Convention

Cost: \$5.00 payable to USWT; reimbursable by MWOT

Deadline: **May 1, 2009 postmark**

Submit to National FOW/Chaplain PM (Marcia Allison 189 Littleton Rd Unit 48 Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-3395  
[randmallison@comcast.net](mailto:randmallison@comcast.net))

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of members entering competition

**CHAPLAIN NEW \*\* NEW\*\* NEW\*\*****National Year End Competition**

Essay Topic: **At the Center** (about something that centers your life spiritually)

Guidelines: not to exceed one page: 12pt font; typed, double spaced; send 4 copies

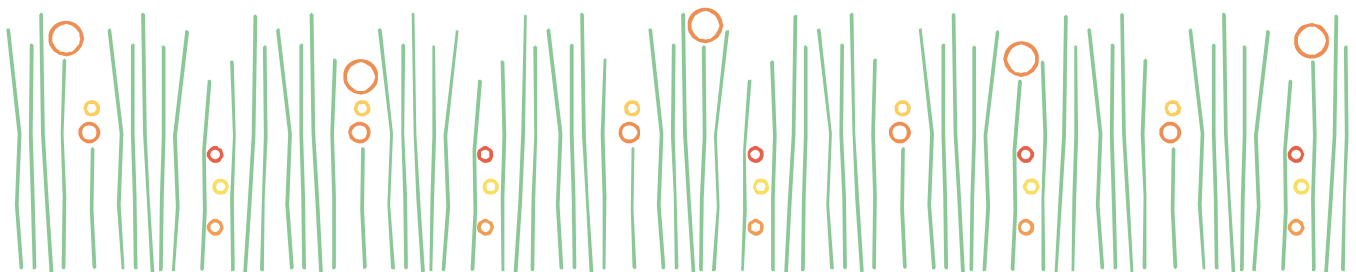
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## Women of Today Give From The Massachusetts Women of Today Incentive

This year, all MAWT Chapter Members will have a unique and fun opportunity to earn points by completing tasks to claim prizes. Here's how it works: use the time frames from state meeting to state meeting (May to Nov, Nov to Feb & Feb to May) – complete as many items as possible on the form below, add up the points and submit to Louise prior to or on the morning of the state meeting. At the state meeting, your points will be traded in for WOT Dollars (Heart Bucks), which can be used at that meeting or future meetings to bid on fabulous prizes – Heart Bucks are good till May 2009.

**Board Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For which State Meeting is this being submitted?** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) **Make a visit to another chapter (add 1 point for each chapter visit)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) **Create a theme for your office (Nov only)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) **Develop goals and submit to state president (Nov only)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) **Receive training from your predecessor (Nov only)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) **Provide training in your area to your chapter counterpart  
(add 1 point for each person, chapter trained) (Nov only)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) **Make contact with your chapter counterparts (email or other)  
(add 1 point for each time you contacted the chapter)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7) **Make contact with your national/state counterpart  
(add 1 point for each time)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8) **Submit a written /email report to the state president  
(add 1 point for each time)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 9) **Submit an article to "The Calliope" or another chapters' newsletter  
(add 1 point for each article)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10) **Participate in a state and/or national competition  
(effective writing, effective speaking, STEP, project recognition, FOW)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 11) **Bring in a new member and/or guest to a chapter/state meeting** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12) **Certify in an area of ID (1 point for each area completed – 8 total)** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 13) **Attend an MAWT General Membership and/or USWT meeting** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 14) **If this is your first state meeting – you get 5 bonus points** \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Massachusetts Women of Today  
State Award Nomination Form  
2008– 2009



**Criteria for Nominations:**

Any member of the Massachusetts Women of Today may nominate another member for the “Heart of Gold” award. Nominees should exemplify the following: a member who goes above & beyond to assist their local chapter, state, community and/or Women of Today sister(s) in one or more projects for the quarter. In doing so, they are growing into a strong individual and a valuable member of the community.

Please provide the following information about the person you would like to nominate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person making this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe how the nominee exemplifies the theme “Women of Today Give from the Heart” and provide specific examples.

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Nominations will be accepted throughout the year (May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009). Awards will be given out at the November, February and May State Meetings.

Nominations will be accepted up until one week prior to each of these State Meetings. Nomination forms will be accepted via e-mail or snail mail to:

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Women of Today \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer  
 Arrival: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Means of Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza (One block away/walkable) holding 2 double beds

Mention USWT to reserve. 816-474-6664 or toll-free 1-800-2CROWNE

Registration	<u>Advance</u>	<u>Late</u> (after 5/15/09)
<b>FULL</b>	_____ \$125.00	_____ \$145.00
Includes all meetings, forums and meals		
<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS</b>		
Friday Night Party	_____ \$23.00	_____ \$26.00
Saturday Forums / Meetings	_____ \$15.00	_____ \$15.00
Saturday Luncheon	_____ \$32.00	_____ \$35.00
Saturday Banquet	_____ \$45.00	_____ \$48.00
Sunday Breakfast	_____ \$22.00	_____ \$25.00
	Total _____	Total _____
<b>SATURDAY ONLY</b>	_____ \$85.00	_____ \$95.00



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE - POSTMARKED BY May 15, 2009**

Make check payable to: Missouri Women of Today  
 Send registration form and check to:  
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 Kirksville, MO 63501

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