

Events of
Interest::

- Jan. 18 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. MG Community Center
- Jan. 29 MN WOT Winter State Convention
- Feb. 25 WOT District 11 Meeting
- March 20 Spring Fling Craft Fair, Maple Grove Community Center

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Maple Grove Women of Today

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Angie Frassel Wins State WOT Women Who Impact Award

A goal of the Minnesota Women of Today is to recognize women throughout the community for their community service efforts and for that reason, the Women Who Impact Award was implemented. This award is given annually by the Minnesota Women of Today at the Winter State Convention Saturday evening awards banquet. Our chapter was notified on January 5 that Angie Frassel is this year's recipient of the award in the Non-Profit category. The purpose of this award is to recognize women who show excellence in leadership abilities, are involved in their local communities, and possess the ability to initiate ideas and innovations for new and existing projects and programs.

All Maple Grove Women of Today members are invited to attend, free of charge, the reception honoring Angie.

Angie and her family will be recognized at the banquet on Saturday evening at the State Women of Today Winter State Convention, January 30, at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park, 1500 Park Place Blvd. A reception will be held before the banquet from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. and as the nominating chapter, all Maple Grove Women of Today members are welcome to attend the reception. The banquet begins at 7 p.m., at a cost of \$37.



Women of Today Winter State Meeting

Diamonds, Like the Minnesota Women of Today Are a Girl's Best Friend!

January 29th – 31st, 2010
Double Tree Park Place
1500 Park Place Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Friday Night Anniversary Party: Wear your glitz and glam to celebrate 60 years of service, growth and fellowship! Prizes will be awarded to the biggest and brightest diamonds! The champagne will flow while we dance the night away!

Lunch: Join us for an anniversary luncheon of Tossed green salad, followed by Champagne Chicken, Sweet Corn Soufflé, rolls, anniversary cake, tea, and milk.

Banquet: Marinated Tomato, Cucumber and Red onions with Dill on Fresh Greens; Beef Pot Roast, vegetables, rolls, vanilla cheesecake with strawberry sauce, coffee, tea, and milk.

Advance registration must be postmarked by **January 13, 2010**.
Make checks payable to: Winter State and mail to Laura Gaylord,
1002 North German Street, New Ulm, MN 56073

Advance Registration:

Full Registration \$65
Friday Night Party \$13
Business Meeting \$7
Saturday Luncheon \$29

Late Registration:

Full Registration \$80
Friday Night Party \$16
Business Meeting \$10
Saturday Luncheon \$30

Women of Today collect books and blankets.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children™

MN Women of Today Buckets of Sunshine Statewide

The Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities is a children's hospital providing high quality pediatric orthopedic care. Since 1923 they have provided high quality care at no charge to over 25,000 patients. The hospital is designed for the special needs of children with orthopedic conditions and offers privacy and comfort to patients and their families. The Women of Today are focusing on collecting items in three areas: books, fleece tied blankets and teens. Pre-teens and teens are often overlooked when it comes to items donated. As it is the 60th anniversary of the Women of Today, the goal is to raise over \$6000 in donations. The collection celebration will take place at Winter State Convention in St. Louis Park. Items requested include:

New Books for ages 8-18

Fleece Tied Blankets ages 8-18

Items for Teens ages 13-18 (ideas: electronic games, ipod shuffles, sports apparel such as ball caps and shirts, games, DVDs etc.)

Bring your donations to the January Maple Grove Women of Today meeting.

District 11 Winter Meeting—Aloha Theme

Aloha

District 11 February Meeting

Join us Eden Prairie Women of Today for a Hawaiian Luau Party!

Date : February 25, 2010

Time : 6:15pm- Dinner

6:30pm- Speaker

7:15pm- Meeting

Cost : \$8.00- Dinner (Sandwich) and Meeting

\$1.00- Meeting Only

Location : St. Andrew's Church

13600 Technology Dr, Eden Prairie

Lucky Buck Baskets and Spaghetti Dinner Raffle are Up for grabs!

Please RSVP by Feb 18 2010 to Melissa Redzuan at lisaad-lina@gmail.com



State Women of Today Used Book Sale



At Winter State Convention (January 29-31, 2010), a used book sale will be held to raise money for the First Book Organization www.firstbook.org. Donations are being accepted and they can be books for kids, teens, or adults. Even some magazines such as National Geographic, would be accepted. All items should be in good condition. All books will be sold for \$1 each and remaining books will be donated to appropriate organizations. Stacy Pearson, the MN WOT Youth of Today State Program Manager's goal is to raise \$5000 toward literacy programs including First Book. Local chapters can donate money to their local school library, donate books to a local women's and children's shelter, send a monetary donation to First Book or another organization, or anything else that helps get books in the hands of our youth.

Bring your donations to the January Maple Grove Women of Today meeting.

District II Spaghetti Dinner Raffle Fundraiser

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DISTRICT II SPAGHETTI DINNER RAFFLE \$5

Thursday, February 25th

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPAGHETTI DINNER RAFFLE: A Fun Filled District II Fundraiser

For **a mere \$5 per ticket**, you have an opportunity to win a spaghetti dinner for 6 served in your home by your district board members!

What do you get?

THE DINNER... A spaghetti dinner for 6 served in your home or the location of your choice, between March 1 and April 30 (date to be agreed upon). Dinner includes 2 bottles of wine, an appetizer, salad, spaghetti and secret sauce made of your choice of ingredients, garlic bread and a fabulous dessert.

THE SERVICE... The hostess will be treated like a queen **-she will do nothing!** Your guest will greeted at the door, coats taken, table set, wine butlered, dinner served. Laughter, entertainment and an evening of bossing around your district board members at no additional cost!

Members need not be present to participate or win. If you are unable to attend the district meeting on February 25, complete one raffle ticket for each entry then send it and your cash or check with your chapter president to be added to the drawing. We are sure you will want to win this great dinner, ..SO.. enter often to increase you chances..

Any questions? Contact Marie Robinson, DDII, 952-935-3170



Tangled Roots, a popular bluegrass band will perform at 7 p.m. on Friday January 22 at Word of Peace Lutheran Church 21705 129th Avenue North in Rogers. Tickets are \$15 for adult, \$12 for seniors and students, and children under 12 attend free.

Proceeds donated to CROSS Food-shelf.



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About Us

The Maple Grove Women of Today is part of [District 11](#), the [Minnesota Women of Today](#), and the [United States Women of Today](#). We hope you enjoy learning more about our organization through our Web site. We meet the third Monday of every month (except December) at the Maple Grove Community Center.

The Maple Grove Women of Today is a dynamic and diverse women's organization interested in the betterment of our community. We are not politically or religiously affiliated. We are women from various backgrounds, communities, and life experiences. We are working women, homemakers, mothers, grandmothers, married and single women. We are women who want to make our communities a better place for all to live. We volunteer our time, raise funds for charities, and provide informational seminars that are open to the public. Our members choose the projects they want to participate in, given their interest and time availability. Members can be as involved as they want to be. Most group events take place in the evenings or on weekends. We are also interested in bettering ourselves and having fun. We have speakers attend our meetings, challenge ourselves to improve our communication skills, gather to develop new talents and plan social events. The wide range of opportunities that Women of Today offers is one of the elements that make it unique. There is something for every woman and new ideas are always welcome.

We welcome you to attend a meeting and join our organization.

Author Event: Practically Green

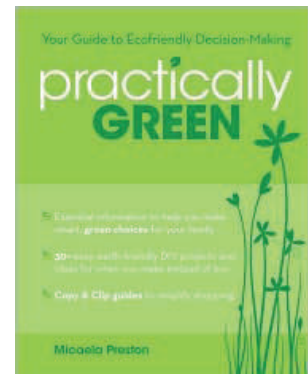
Micaela Preston, a local author will speak about her book, *Practically Green*, and also show various craft items that she made for the book (mittens, coasters and toys made from old felted sweaters, baby hats from t-shirts, handmade napkins, homemade fizzy bath balls and more. See Micaela's popular blog at www.mindfulmomma.com.

If "being green" has ever felt like an overwhelming task, then discover, "Practically Green" and learn how to take the practical approach to green living. Author Preston's book helps you make smart, healthy choices for your family without spending

hours researching all the products on the market today. Each chapter is broken down into a 'Buy It' and "Do It" section. The "Buy It" section provides key information about every day purchasing decisions, and the "Do It" section gives ideas for how to make things that are good for your family and environment.

**Practically Green by
Micaela Preston**

**Date: Monday Jan. 25
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Location: The Studio at
Rush Creek
9481 Garland Lane N
Maple Grove**



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