

Maple Grove Women of Today

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Events of Interest:

- **January 12, MGWT Board Meeting, Byerly's 7 p.m..**
- **January 16-18 Minneapolis Women's Expo www.mpls-womensexpo.com**
- **January 19 MGWT General Meeting, 7 p.m. Maple Grove Community Center**
- **January 22, District 11 Meeting, Plymouth, 6:15 p.m..**
- **Feb 13-15, Winter State Convention, Golden Valley**

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Fall State Convention Highlights

The State Women of Today organization has 1577 members. Cindy Karels and Bonnie Marten attended the Fall State convention in St. Cloud on November 22. All 15 districts were present and 55 of 92 chapters were represented.

As chapters complete projects and donate money to charitable causes, they are asked to send a transmittal form to the state WOT listing dollars donated and hours worked. At the convention it was reported that 64 transmittals were received from 21 different chapters reporting over **\$108,000** in donations in the 2nd quarter. Other statistics for second quarter: \$97,355 was raised and 1235 service hours worked in the Community Connections area. \$7016 and 1849 service hours reported for Youth of Today

\$11,550 donated to Relay for Life
\$112 donated to March of Dimes
\$379 raised for Jacob Wetterling Foundation

Certifications
Living and Learning – 46 individual certifications
PEP (video learning) – 6 members and 1 chapter
Women of Today week – 21 chapter certifications
23 Projects of the Quarter nominations received in the External areas

Looking Ahead
For the Women's Wellness programming area, the 3rd quarter emphasis is Cervical Cancer and Meditation
April 21 is Women of Today Ladies Night Out. Every chapter is encouraged to hold an event on Tuesday April 21. If that date does not work out, hold it any night during Volun-

teer Appreciation Week, April 19-25, 2009.

District 11 News
District 11 had highest increase in membership in 2nd quarter and was recognized at the convention
Kris Lurrs from the Champlin Chapter received a Key Woman Award—the highest honor a member can receive.



This is YOUR Chapter

You might have joined the Maple Grove Women of Today because you are new to the city and want to meet others. You might have joined because you have a strong sense of community service and want to give of your time

and talents. Whatever your reason for joining, you can influence the chapter in suggesting projects and activities. In addition to ideas you may have, the State Women of Today web site has a list of project ideas. Go to

<http://www.mnwt.org/> and click on Project Ideas. There you will find links for: Fundraising ideas, Non-fundraising ideas, Socials and Memberships Nights, and Ways and Means.

Maple Grove Women of Today is in District 11 and Area 3



An early Christmas Present for Angie and Curt

Area 3 Meeting on April 3

As a member of Maple Grove Women of Today, you are also a member of a district, area, and the state Women of Today organization. Maple Grove Women of Today chapter is in District 11 and Area 3. An area meeting will be held the evening of Friday April 3.

The area meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Personally meet State President Sarah as she makes her last visit across the state.
- Meet presidential and treasurer candidates for the new year
- Assist at the meeting, since District Directors and the state WOT chairman of the board work together on planning and facilitating these meetings and might ask for chapter help.
- Attend Mini training sessions and the topics are being formulated. If you think of any training or interests to add value to the meeting, send ideas to Bonnie Olmanson at cob@mnwt.org.

Reserve April 3 on your calendar. More details to follow.

Baby News

Their baby arrived three weeks early for Angie and Curt L. Angie calls her an early Christmas present rather than the expected New Year's gift.

The baby arrived with a little help from the doctors and modern medicine as Angie was experiencing a small health setback. So, she checked

into the hospital on Monday December 8 for some extra care and continued that care after delivery.

Elise Lillian was born at 8:31 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and is 20 inches long.



Winter State Convention—February 20-21



The State WOT convention theme is "Everything Old is New Again...Lessons from our Past Lead us to our Future."

The State convention will be held February 20 and 21 at Double Tree Park Place. The convention includes a business meeting, training sessions, forums and fun. (If you are reading this, e-mail bmarten@embarqmail.com,

First person to contact Bonnie receives a prize!) Are you ready to take a step back in time and attend prom at the Friday night party? This is the night to bring out your finest formal attire and dance the night away. Your music requests will be honored by the DJ. Contests with prizes will be happening throughout Prom.

You can register for certain events (the price listed next to the event) or pay full registration of \$63, which includes the Friday Night Party(\$13), Business Meeting(\$7), Saturday Luncheon (\$28) and Saturday Banquet (\$36).

Contact our Maple Grove Women of Today State Delegate, Cindy Karels, at ckk8316@aol.com, if you are interested in attending.

Maple Grove Ambassador News

“Freezin’ for a Reason” – Second Annual Maple Grove Polar Bear Plunge

Maple Grove Women of Today sponsored Brooke Beltrand in the Maple Grove Ambassador program last summer, and Brooke was chosen to serve as an ambassador. Saturday February 21 at 1 p.m. marks the second annual Polar Bear Plunge at Weave Lake in Maple Grove. The Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship program is a partner in this event and Brooke is sure to participate. The 2008 plunge earned over \$43,000 for Special Olympics with 200 participants. Interested plungers can register their team at www.specialolympicsminnesota.org. Businesses looking for on-site sponsorship opportunities may contact info@maplegroveambassadors.com.



Maple Grove Ambassadors participate in Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

The Maple Grove Ambassadors had the privilege to assist Ty Pennington and his team of designers in the recent Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build in Albert Lea. Dirk and Susan DeVries were chosen by the show to receive a new home build especially for them. Dirk, a farmer, lost his arm in an accident and Susan suffers from a severe heart condition. They have three children. To read the entire article, check your December issue of the Osseo/Maple Grove press and see a photo of Brooke Beltrand (the ambassador sponsored by the Maple Grove Women of Today) with the builder or read online at http://pressnews.com/articles/2008/12/03/other_news/858ambassadorshomemakeover.txt

Use Goodsearch, Goodshop or Igive to Raise Funds for Women of Today

Goodsearch will donate one penny for every search. Just go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and choose Minnesota Women of Today under the box, “Who do you Goodsearch for?” When making online purchases consider using Goodshop (<http://www.goodsearch.com>) or Igive (<http://www.igive.com>). There are hundreds of stores available to shop and a portion of all sales are donated to the Minnesota Women of Today.

December & January Birthdays

Sharon Kotula
Dec. 9

Laurie Hoffman
Dec. 29

Wendy Tindall
Dec. 30

Katina Dillon
Jan. 28

Recipe Corner — Make Ahead Mashed Potatoes

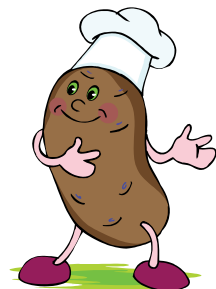
5 lbs potatoes, peeled, boiled until soft
1 c. sour cream
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/2 stick butter or margarine
1/2 tsp. onion salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp salt or to taste

Mash potatoes until

smooth with the cream-cheese. Add the sour cream, pepper, and onion salt. Beat using an electric mixer until light and fluffy if desired. Place potatoes in a 9 x 11 pan. Drizzle with butter and bake at 350 uncovered for about 30-minutes. (May be cov-

ered and refrigerated for a couple of days or overnight, then bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until heated through.

Works great for holidays and large gatherings, since you don't have to mash potatoes along with last minute preparations



Please submit your favorite recipe for publishing in the February newsletter.

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Service, Growth, and Fellowship

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.

How to Make a Motion

- Rise and address the chair, "President Wendy" for example
- Be recognized by the presiding officer
- State your motion, "I move that we donate \$50 to Feed My Starving Children." or "I move that our chapter participate in Relay for Life." **It is incorrect to say, "I make a motion."**
- The motion needs a second by another member of the group. You do not have to agree to the motion to second it. The second merely means that the motion is open to discussion. Without a second, the motion fails.
- The presiding officer states the motion as presented—"It has been moved and seconded that our chapter donate \$50 to Feed My Starving Children."
- Discussion is held, and the person who made the motion has the first chance to speak and present her reasons for the motion.
- A vote is taken.



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