

Maple Grove Women of Today

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Events of Interest:

- November 8, Arc Value Village Merry Thriftmas Event, Brooklyn Center, 9:30 –11:30 a.m.
- November 10, Board Meeting, Byerly's, 7 p.m.
- November 11, Pamper Me Night, Plymouth Creek Center, 7-9 p.m. (Plymouth Chapter)
- November 17 Maple Grove Women of Today General Meeting, 7 p.m.
- November 21-23, Fall State Convention, St. Cloud
- January 16-18, Minneapolis Women's Expo

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District 11 Meeting Highlights

The theme for the District 11 meeting was Pajama Party. A number of members wore their favorite pajamas or brought their favorite blanket or stuffed animal and participated in the contest for cutest pajamas, sweetest stuffed animal or blanket. The Waconia chapter is a new chapter, recently chartered with 15 new members and two members from the chapter attended the meeting.

A vendor fair is planned for either January 27 or 29 and will highlight Women of Today members who have a small business.

District Bylaw review is Tuesday February 17 led by past district director and parliamentarian, Sue Jammes.

The following members from Maple Grove won

awards:

New Member of the Quarter – Claire Stangle (for getting involved in the Craft Fair event before becoming a member).

Member of the Quarter – Sue Jammes (for her passion for membership, organizing the Women of Today booth at the craft fair that resulted in 33 solid prospects with 4 attending the October meeting and for organizing the Feed My Starving Children membership event.

Local Program Manager of the Quarter – Angie Frassel (for serving on the Craft Fair committee and for initiating the project to donate magazines, books and other items to the VA hospital in Minneapolis.)

Spotlight Awards:

Internal Project of the Quarter – Eden Prairie for seven events during Women of Today Week.

External Project of the Quarter – Waconia for the SAFER program.



Fall State Convention: “Dreams to Reality”

Fall State Convention with the theme, “Dreams to Reality” will be held November 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in St. Cloud. Contact our State Delegate, Cindy Karels if you would like to attend. Attend one day or all three.

The Cheryl L. Anderson Scholarship Art Auction will be held during the meeting. The foundation is soliciting art work. If you would like to donate, contact Bonnie Marten.

Besides the business meeting on Saturday, you can attend enrichment sessions. Choose from these topics:

Identity Theft, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Wealth Check Up. Also choose from these forums: “Be Aware of the Cancer Risks Around Us”, “Protecting Your Youth-Personal & Online Safety”, and “How to Deliver a Knock Out Membership Drive”.

Together we can change lives and build better tomorrows “One Child at a Time”



Shriners Hospital



Shriners Hospitals for Children™

The Shriners Hospitals for Children in a network of 22 hospitals throughout the United States specializing in orthopedic and burn injuries. Shriners Hospitals are leaders in the medical industry in research and development.

Since 1922 they have cared for over 865,000 children all at absolutely no charge to the patient or their families. Transportation free of charge is also provided so it doesn't mat-

of the state you live, the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital is your hospital. The Twin Cities hospital operates on a 5% administrative cost and the Women's General Auxiliary operates on 0% administrative cost as all time and funds needed are donated.

What the Shriners Hospitals want from the Women of Today is the opportunity to educate all chapters on what they do and how to assist potential patients from your community to receive

community to receive the care needed at the hospital. They would also like our assistance in projects and fundraising. They will design endless ways over the next three years that all chapters large and small can participate in projects and fundraising to support the hospital and auxiliary. They will work with state program managers to tailor programs for chapters of all sizes and locations in Minnesota. With the magnitude of what they do,

we can do things from collecting personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste to making or collecting toys, blankets, pillows to fundraising to sponsor camps for children with special needs.

The Shriners Hospitals have three monthly periodicals and many local newsletters in which they would help promote Women of today activities, projects and meetings. They have a state of the art meeting facility at the hospital which could be used for educational meetings, local, district or state meetings. They

will assist in all education and fundraising projects providing manpower if needed. **Together we can change lives and build better tomorrows “One Child at a Time”**

This is part 3 of a 3 part series. Chapters will be voting at Fall State on our next three-year priority project. The Shriners Hospital is one of three contenders.

Arc Value Village Event

ARC Merry Thriftmas

Join the Maple Grove Women of Today on Saturday Nov. 8th as we work at Arc's Value Village in Brooklyn Center from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. unpacking holiday donations and getting them ready to display in the Merry Thriftmas shop. This is always a highlight of our holiday season.

CEAP

CEAPs Annual Holiday Program

The holidays are the Community Emergency Assistance Program's (CEAP) busiest season, when they enlist the help of local businesses, churches and service groups to make this time bright for those who are less fortunate. The holidays bring increased financial burden to those already struggling. Last year, 3632

individuals from 675 families received holiday meals and/or gifts from CEAP's Holiday Program. In the first 9 months of 2008 CEAP provided food assistance to 20% more families than in 2007. On average, CEAP gives out 14,000 pounds of food per week!

How we can help...

Food Drive: Hold a food drive to provide holiday meals for our neighbors in need!

Monetary Donations: Your dollar goes farther! Through CEAP's network of suppliers, they are able to increase the value of your donation. With your \$5 donation CEAP can buy approximately \$25 worth of food.

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Career Counselor Speaks at October Meeting

Jill Carlson was the speaker at our October Women of Today meeting. Jill works for West Hennepin Community Outreach as a Career Development Program Coordinator. She can help deal with the depression that comes with being unemployed. She can act as a sounding board if you are feeling underpaid, not appreciated or pending layoff. She can assist if you are considering pursuing higher education. She can assist you in brainstorming by asking yourself questions such as: Are my goals realistic? Do I have to relocate? Should I stay where I am? She also has referral services. When you call Jill, you will first answer some screening questions. She fields at least eighteen phone calls per day. Her services are provided at the Maple Grove Community Center in room 102 on Thursdays from 1-4:30 p.m. by appointment. She also operates from the Cross Food Shelf in Rogers. Other services she provides are presentations and workshops. One of those workshops includes a personality profile and your job/career. Is it a fit?

Jill noted that we could form a partnership where she could refer clients to the Women of Today as a professional development opportunity.

Jill recommended a local job search Web site www.ParnossahWorksMinnesota.org. This new online employment service offers local jobs and personalized assistance, unlike monstrosly big online employment Web sites. ParnossahWorksMinnesota.org goes beyond online postings and offers job candidates assistance with writing resumes, organizing a job search, networking, and more. Employers access a highly skilled pool of pre-screened candidates at no cost. Display detailed job openings to a wide audience and meet diversity and Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity requirements. Job seekers search, review and apply for jobs online. Job search in the privacy of your own home. Access information on networking, resume preparation, cover letters, interviewing, and thank you letters. It is confidential and no cost to either the employer or the job seeker. For more information, contact Janet Flam at 952 417-2112 or email Parnossah@jvsmn.org.

CEAP (continued)

Gift Drive: Collect holiday gifts for children, ages newborn to 18. Gifts must be new and unwrapped. The greatest need is for infants and children ages 11-18.

Gift Certificate Drive: It is difficult to buy gifts for teens, especially those ages 17 to 18. CEAP suggests donating \$20/\$25 gift certificates so parents can do the shopping. Holiday gifts and donations should be delivered to CEAP's Brooklyn Park office by Friday, December 12th.

Out of every \$1, 91 cents goes directly to helping your neighbors in need. CEAP's administrative costs are just 9%, compared to the 30% standard for non-profits approved by the Minnesota Charities Review Council.



“Are my goals realistic? Should I stay where I am?”

November Birthdays

Linda Lawson
Nov. 15

Bonnie Marten
Nov. 22

Alison Hahn
Nov. 22

Leslie Byzewski
Nov. 24

Angie Frassel
Nov. 25

Recipe Corner — German Apple Pie

(From recipe and recollection book titled "Dr. and Irene Hordinsky, Memories of the Good Doctor")

Fill Pie Plate 3/4 full with peeled, sliced apples. Sprinkle over apples: 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon
Set aside.

In a separate bowl, melt 1 stick butter and add:
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 egg
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup nuts (optional)

Mix above ingredients well. It will be thick.

Pour mixture over apples in pie plate.

Bake at 350 for 50-55 minutes (until apples are tender).

This is the quickest, easiest apple pie ever! Makes its own crust.

Please submit your favorite recipe for publishing in the August Newsletter.



It is apple season, so try this easy recipe.

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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.

Book Club: The Autobiography of Santa Clause

The November book (date to be determined) is *The Autobiography of Santa Clause* by Jeff Guinn.

Jump on Santa's sleigh for a journey though 17 centuries of Christmas magic! This enchanting holiday treasure combines historical fact with glorious legend as Saint Nicholas himself reveals the definitive story of Santa Claus. From his birth in Lycia to meeting Mrs. Claus and all of his helpers, Santa relates the tale of how he spread his message of generosity and the goodness of giving across the world. Families will delight in every entertaining chapter of this holiday classic, one for each cold December night leading up to Christmas!

Source: http://www.jakeludington.com/audiobooks/The_Autobiography_of_Santa_Claus__Unabridged_



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