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East Central
Women of Today

Chapter Newsletter

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NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to several members having conflicts with the ECWOT meeting time, Members of ECWOT made the decision to change the date of general meetings from the second Monday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the next ECWOT meeting will be:

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

6:30 p.m. at the Kanabec County Courthouse basement

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A word from the president...



**Kirsten
Faurie**
ECWOT President

Greetings ECWOT members!

May 6 was my first meeting as chapter president. I had just attended the May 2 Local Officer Training Session and was super motivated! I brought snacks and worked hard to put together an informative meeting packet.

Well, the May 6 meeting was fine, but we were delayed in making some important decisions because we did not have enough members in attendance to meet quorum. If I am going to be honest, I was a little sad that so few could attend.

It's unreasonable to think that every member can attend every meeting. We all have a lot going on in our lives including engagements, graduations, work and taking time for family and personal health! But for the success of our chapter, I hope all our members can do their best to attend when they can so we can continue to make a difference in our communities.

For those that were not able to attend, please read the unapproved meeting minutes in this newsletter to catch yourself up on what was discussed so we can move forward immediately at our June 3 meeting.

I was fortunate to be able to volunteer at Museum Day on May 16 at the Kanabec History Center. I was able to try out some old communication technology in between volunteering helping kids roast hot dogs and play games.

Still, I was the only person from ECWOT to attend and it was an eye opener for me on our need to focus on the first portion of my theme this year: **STOP**.

At first the word "stop" sounds very negative, but if we take the time to pause and evaluate the direction we are headed, "stopping" can be a positive thing. It will keep us from biting off more than we can chew. I believe as a chapter we need to make sure we are not over-extending ourselves. If we choose to participate in volunteer and fundraising activities, I want it to be something we are passionate about and have our hearts invested in.

It also reminded me about the rest of my theme: **COLLABORATE AND LISTEN**. Perhaps no one from the chapter was available to participating in Museum Day, but it wasn't communicated properly. It's important for us to be honest with each other about what events we are willing to participate in and to decide exactly who can and cannot participate before the event.



Whether it is via switchboard or cell phones, to be a successful chapter we need to make sure we are COMMUNICATING!

So remember, this year let's remember to communicate whether it is with an old switchboard, carrier pigeon, rotary phone or email.

Stop, Collaborate and Listen

STOP: Sometimes the best way to move forward is to pause for a minute to evaluate the direction we are going. Let's not be afraid to take a time-out to gather our thoughts and reflect on what direction we are heading and if it is where we want to invest our efforts.

COLLABORATE: We need to work together. Our group is a diverse group. Each person has different skills to offer, and different life experiences and different views. Being able to embrace those differences will make us stronger. Remember, part of working together is helping out when another member may be struggling.

LISTEN: In order for us to work together, we need to be able to communicate openly and honestly. That includes truly listening to each other with respect. This way we can promote an environment where everyone feels safe to speak their mind.

My goals for this year are to promote effective communication and efficient meetings to help us reach our goals. So, this year let's remember to **STOP, COLLABORATE and LISTEN** as we continue to grow and serve as members of the Women of Today!

Upcoming Events:

- **General Member Meeting**
Wednesday, June 3,
2015 6:30 p.m. at
the Kanabec County
Courthouse basement
- **Braham Parade**
June 6
Line up is at 2:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting**
Wednesday, June 27,
2015 6:30 p.m. at a
location TBD

Welcome new ECWOT officers

New officers for the 2015-2016 year were elected at the ECWOT April meeting.



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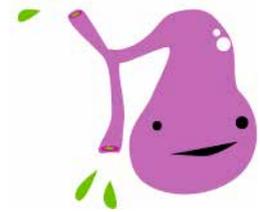


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Goodbye Angela's gall bladder!

Everyone be sure to wish our treasurer and past president, Angela Patenaude, a speedy recovery following the removal of her gall bladder. Get well soon, Angela!



Woo-Hoo Natasha!

East Central Women of Today member and Programming Vice President Natasha Gnasdosky is recently engaged! We will all have to give her our congratulations and pester her to tell us about the proposal and wedding plans! Congratulations, Natasha!



Congratulations Jenny!

Congratulations to ECWOT member and Membership Vice President Jenny Morrison who showed us what hard work really means when she graduated this May from St. Cloud State University with a BA in social work. Way to go and best of luck in your new internship, Jenny!

ECWOT General Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Wednesday May 6, 2015 at the Kanabec County Jail Conference room

Called to order at 6:55pm by Kirsten Faurie (President)

Attendees: Kirsten Faurie, Angela Patenaude, Wendy Quinn

Pledge of allegiance led by: Kirsten F.

MN Women of Today Creed led by: Kirsten F.

Ice Breaker: None

Quorum: 3 out of 10? Members present; No Quorum established so no motions were made; only discussions were done.

New officers are as follows: Kirsten Faurie -President, Wendy Quinn- State Delegate, Jenny Morrison -Membership, and programming external, Natasha Gnasdoskey - internal programming, Sandy Molin - Treasure, Angela Patenaude – Secretary

Secretary (Angela P): Read the secretary minutes and they are unapproved because we did not have Quorum.

Treasurer (Sandy M): No Report, not present

State Delegate (Wendy Q): Stated no report at this time. Wendy has given state delegate booklet and instructions for future meetings.

Programming Vice President (external, Jenny M): No Report, not present

Programming Vice President (Internal, Natasha G): No Report, not present

Membership Vice President (Jenny M): No Report, not present

President (Kirsten): Created a Monthly News letter and we went through it and talked about it. It will be brought up at next meeting and if there is a quorum we will vote on it.

Kirsten's theme for the year is **Stop, Collaborate, and Listen**. She was inspired by American rapper Vanilla Ice's first hip hop single to the

billboard charts. "Ice Ice Baby," Kirsten also talked a little about herself in her introduction.

Kirsten wants a Board meeting with reports in hand to be put into the news letter that will be sent out the following week to all members.

Kirsten also talked about the LOTS training and how it went.

Programming report: No Report, no programmer

Ways and Means: No Report, no ways and means person

Ongoing Business: Holly Fair

New Business: Bylaws and policy review (1st Reading), will be put on agenda for June. Google Docs training to do on your own, our new president, made a new letter that will come out 1 week before each meeting of the month the budget for the news letter will be \$96.48 per year it will entail all reports and updates from the last meeting and have an agenda for the next meeting dates and times. This will be done by Kirsten.

Kirsten checked into Vista printing and priced a banner, holly fair signage, and parade supplies. We could get a banner 2.5' by 6' for \$40.65, 10 signs for Holly Fair for \$125.23 and 10 lawn signs at \$22.49 for a total of \$147.72 for the signs, and for the parade 3" round stickers qty 1,000 for \$100.00.

There will be a Holly Fair meeting at Kirsten's house on 05-13-2015 at 6:30 pm. There will be a Board meeting on 05-27-2015 at the Kanabec County Sheriff's department at 6:30 pm, and HWY clean up day on 05-30-2015 on the north side of 35W at 10:00am.

MN Women of Today Creed led by:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Signed Angela Patenaude, Secretary

East Central Women of Today Agenda

6:30 pm Wednesday June 3, 2015 – lower level Kanabec County Court House

Meeting 6:30 pm Wednesday June 03, 2015 –Kanabec County Sheriff's Department

Call to order by: Kirsten F. at _____ pm:

Pledge of Allegiance led by _____: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MN Women of Today Creed led by _____: *We the women of Today are Service, Growth and Fellowship. We believe that through us Great lessons can be learned, worthy deeds preformed, and a hand of fellowship extended to millions of women everywhere. May we leave this world a better place because we lived and served within it.*

Officers Report: Please stand while giving report and keep report to 5 minutes or less.

Attendees:

Quorum: 3 Of 10 to meet quorum requirement of 1/3 membership, Actual:

Secretary Report (Angela P): M: _____ S: _____ P: _____ Report from 05-06-2015 M: _____ S: _____ P: _____

Treasure Report Sandy M): Checking _____, Savings, _____, Outstanding _____, Balance _____

M: _____ S: _____ P: _____

State delegate Report (Wendy Q):

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President (Kirsten):

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Paper work for name change by Angela we are still Mora Women of today and are on the TLC List. We need more members.

Convention: New President is Terri Dahlberg, Secretary Joann Miller, Membership Vice President Debbie Benke, Internal Vice President Brenda Sather, External Vice President Shelli Struzyk, Administrative Vice President Heidi Westerlund, Chapter Management Vice President Christine Sibilleau, Parliamentarian Michelle McGowan, Extensions Director Julie Marchand, and Presidential Assistant Colleen Todd.

US Women of Today Creed led by _____: *We, the United States Women of Today are dedicated to serving our Community and Nation, are committed to strengthening our individual talents, stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.*

Meeting adjourned at _____ pm.