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East Central
Women of Today

Chapter Newsletter

May 4, 2015

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, May 6, 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!

Welcome to the first edition of the ECWOT Chapter Newsletter!

My name is Kirsten Faurie and I am your recently elected chapter president for the 2015-2016 year. I hope you are all as excited about this year as I am!

First, I want to thank past president Angela Patenaude for a wonderful year and the work she did to move our chapter forward. Secondly, I want to thank all the chapter members for their support and their efforts to support the ECWOT mission of service, growth and fellowship.

My theme for this year is:

Stop, Collaborate and Listen

Inspired by American rapper Vanilla Ice's first hip hop single to top the Billboard charts, "Ice Ice Baby," these lyrics are more than part of a catchy tune.

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 make sure everyone is on the same page.

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!

About Me: My name is Kirsten Faurie. I was born and raised in the Mora area then married a Chicago boy, Mike, in 2013. We don't have children but have what I call my fur baby (my great Dane named Kano) and my feather babies (a small flock of backyard chickens).

I love to be outside gardening and taking care of my animals. But I can also be a little rough around the edges as I like to drink, and have a nasty sense of humor.

I work as the editor of the Kanabec County Times and have really enjoyed the joys and challenges the job provides. I get to do something different every day and meet new people on a regular basis.

Upcoming Events:

- General Meeting

Wednesday, May 6,
2015 6:30 p.m. at
the Kanabec County
Courthouse basement
- Holly Fair Committee
meeting

Wednesday, May 13,
6:30 p.m. at Kirsten's
house (2138 240th
Ave. Mora)
- Kanabec History
Center Museum Day

Saturday, May 16
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at
the Kanabec History
Center

ECWOT adopts a highway

A crew of seven volunteers including East central Women of Today members and their guests picked up trash along I-35 Sunday, April 26.

It was a beautiful day which made walking along the freeway rather enjoyable.

Thank you Jenny Morrison for organizing the event!



Angela Patenaude (left) and Noel Ness from St. Cloud WT (right) try to pass a message on in a game of "Telephone" during LOTS training Saturday, May 2 in Rice.

ECWOT members attend LOTS training in Rice

ECWOT members Kirsten Faurie and Angela Patenaude journeyed to Rice Saturday, May 2 to attend Women of Today Local Officer Training Sessions (LOTS).

During LOTS Kirsten and Angela learned that teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision or the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

One theme of the training session was learning from flocks of geese who work together in a V-formation to travel greater distances than they ever could by themselves.

But even in this type of collaboration, there are negatives as well as demonstrated by "splats" or bird droppings. Every group also has some poop to take care of but it is always best to tackle the issues rather than ignore them.

Unapproved Minutes

Monday March 9, 2015

Meeting 6:30 pm Monday March 9, 2015

Attendance: Angela, Jenny, Sandy, Kristen, Wendy, Natasha, Jody, and Sammy.

Guest, Karen Amundson who talked about the friendship ski for the Friday before the big ski race. She asked if we wanted to take over and get it started and set up from now on. We said we would talk about it and vote on it.

Meeting Called to order: We had a quorum of 8 people / 14 members.

- Secretary Report read and passed
- Treasures report: there was no bank statement so there was no report.
- State delegate report: Lots training, Angela and Wendy are driving. Kristen, Angela Wendy, Jenny, Natasha, Sandy are going.
- Kirsten made a motion to pay ECWOT \$78 to pay for 6 members to attend lots training on May 2nd, 2015. Jenny seconds this and motion passed.
- President's report was read
- Membership VP report was given by Natasha, She is asking for help at the teen center with Gary H. in Cambridge next to the

police station every Friday from 3 to 7 pm. There will be a parade in Brahm in June. Volunteer week.

- Jenny gave her presentation on care planning and it was good.
- New officers are as follows: Kirsten -President, Wendy- State Delegate, Jenny -Membership, and programming external, Natasha - internal programming, Sandy - Treasure, Angela - Secretary,
- Sandy Made a motion to meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 place to be determined, Kirsten second it and motion passed.
- Wendy asked for help at the History center on Museum Day May 16th. Sandy made a motion to volunteer to help at the museum day May 16th 2015, Kirsten seconds it and motion passed.
- Sandy made a motion that we have a budget per convention of 1 hotel room and 2 members paid. If more go cost is split evenly amongst old members that are attending the convention. Kirsten sends this and motion passed. Angela is going to convention.
- A few people agreed to help out Laurie at the Theater.
- We will conduct Hwy Clean up on April 26th at 10:00am and meet at the tire truck place.
- Meeting was adjourned

East Central Women of Today Agenda

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

Call to order: by Kirsten

Attendance: Kirsten, Sandy, Jenny, Jody, Natasha, Sammy, Angela, Bonnie, Wendy,

Pledge of Allegiance: 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:

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 3 to 5 minutes or less.

Parliamentarian Report: 4 Of 14 to meet quorum requirement of 1/3 membership, Actual:

Secretary Report:

Treasure Report: Checking _____, Savings, _____, Outstanding _____, Balance _____

State delegate Report:

Membership Vice President Report:

Programming report:

President:

New Business:

- Bylaw and Policy Review (1st Reading)
- Google Docs Training
- Introduction of newsletter
- Vista Print Purchases: Banner, Holly Fair Signage, Parade supplies?

On going Business:

- Upcoming Holly Fair Committee Meeting

Miscellaneous:

Adjournment:

US Women of Today Creed: 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.