

Rays of Friendship

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From the President

Wow, what a year we have had! This year was filled with general meetings, parades, charitable works, certification events, fantastic socials, and much more. There are not enough words to express the thanks I have for each of you and the way you helped me this past year. I appreciate each of you and all you do for Springfield Women of Today. Thank you so much for making this an awesome year for me and Springfield Women of Today. I would like to especially express my gratitude to my amazing board. Way to go! You kept me from messing anything up too bad.

We need to remember to get our project reports done, certifications, STEP and nominees of awards/incentives submitted for the year end National Convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I would like to see Springfield Women of Today bring home lots of awards this year. I know we can do it, because we are a great group. One other thing to remember. Please be sure to register for the May Allstate. We have many National guests coming to this Allstate; one of the guests is our National President Brenda Almoney. I would like to see a huge turnout for Springfield's May Allstate. After all, we are the hosting chapter.

Let's please remember to let our "Rays of Friendship" continue with our new board, by giving them our love, support, and help as a new year and journey begins.

Always remember that the rainbow is God's promise to us. The rainbow means many things to different people, but for Springfield Women of Today it represents: **Respect, Accept, Important, Noteworthy, Beautiful, Opportunity, and Wonderful**. Let's continue to generate "Rays of Friendship" along life's journey.

Lisa Clark
2005-2006 President

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Janet Esper - Chairman of the Board / Parliamentarian

Here we are - at the end of the year for Women of Today. What a year we have had. I would like to thank everyone for stepping up to the plate and taking part in all the events we had this year. You, the membership is what makes these events successful. Without participation, we have nothing. Springfield Women of Today have really gone above and beyond with the community activities this year. I am proud to say I am from the Springfield women of Today chapter.

Springfield is hosting the May Allstate at the Mansion view. There are several events going on that weekend in the city - so if you are planning on staying at the Mansion View on Friday night, please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

I am sure and have no doubts - that this will be a good time. I'm excited!

The Chapter Bylaws and Policies have been revised and I hope everyone has received their new copy. If not - let me know and I will email a set to you. With life styles changing all the time and members having different ideas and needs, please make suggestions that might help things run smoother. Lisa Clark will be the parliamentarian next year, so keep that in mind and send her the suggested changes.

Year end convention is in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Sue Dionne's chapter will be hosting the event. Make time in your schedule to attend. This is a great way to actually see how the organization operates and what part you can take to make it successful.

Thank you Springfield Women of Today for another great year and for "Doing It Together".



Debbie Funsch - PVP / Programming

Well the year is coming to an end and most of the project reports have been filed, and sent on to state/ national. I want to thank all that have participated in the many projects Spfld Women of Today have done this past year.

Back in November I was given approval to form a committee to review new submit project ideas. I only have received a few. This committee will continue through with the change in next years new staff. SO members, even if you aren't on the committee please send any ideas you may have that you would like to see our group be involved in. The one project you may think isn't that great may be the one we have been looking for!

Thanks for the wonderful work and monetary giving you do each year.



Important Reminder from the President

Due to lack of attendance there will be NO April general meeting. We will have our normal Tuesday, May 9th meeting at Lone Star Steakhouse. We will eat at 5:30 P.M. have our meeting at 6:30 P.M. Then there will be elections of new officers and then we will have the installation right after the elections. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me. Thank you for being so understanding.

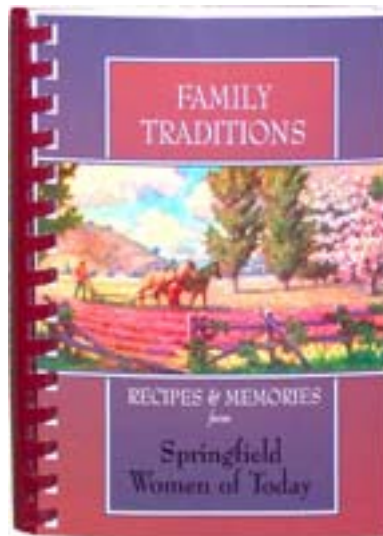
Lisa Clark

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Ruth Hopper

We are still collecting ink jet cartridges and cell phones. This has been so easy we will be continuing the collection. So keep collecting and bring them to the meetings. This is an easy way to recycle (Focus on Women) and make money. So keep up the collection and we will still keep making money.



*Spring comes to Matthiessen
State Park*



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“BUILDING THE IWT TEAM”

Hi Friends,

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Holiday filled with great memories of family and friends. I also wish all a very Healthy New Year.

As we wind down our Women of Today year and gear up for the 2006 year, wouldn't this be a great time to invite a friend to a Women of Today meeting or function? After all, what better way to chase away those "Winter Blues"? Let's get out of the house and help our friends get out too! Check out the "Black & White" social ideas included with this quarter's incentives.

I recently received information from our National Membership VP, Debbie dropping. Even though we have new members joining our membership in Illinois and Nationally is dropping. What can each chapter do to retain our members? Keeping our members active and interested in this wonderful organization can be a challenge, but I feel that we are all capable of taking on this worthy cause.

May is just around the corner and our IWT Chairman of the Board, Debbie Funsch is looking for members to serve on our State Board. If you are interested please contact her for information. This is a wonderful experience, I have served in several positions on the State Board and can honestly say it has been a growing experience each time. I look forward to serving again next year in a position that is long overdue for me. When I first joined H-F-D I never thought that I would serve on the Chapter Board, let alone State level, but each experience has been so wonderful that I now look back with happy memories and realize that I have gained knowledge and made friendships that will last a lifetime. Please consider serving your State.

I would like each of you to review your Chapter Roster when you receive the dues billing notice. Please make any necessary changes so that we can start our 2006-2007 year off with correct membership.

Fourth Quarter Incentives:

1. Send nomination for "Rose of Friendship". See form enclosed.
2. Plan to attend the May All-State. It promises to be special and fun, so "Take the Time" and "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" to Springfield for the May All-State.
3. Please send me an updated Chapter Roster by March 31, 2006. I would like to have an accurate roster for year-end.
4. Dues: Please send Fourth Quarter dues to me by April 16, 2006.
5. Retention!! How about an 85% for the State! If each chapter can retain membership by 85% we can grow in membership for the end of the year. Send me one idea on membership retention; maybe together we can come up with some insight on this situation.
6. Excite your chapter about an M-Night! What better way to meet and grow!

Send to me by, April 16, 2006 (yes I give you one more day than the IRS) to be recognized at the May All-State.

Please call me if you have any questions, at 708-927-6289. Please be aware that I can no longer receive e-mails at work, this was the only e-mail I use.

"Building The IWT Team";

Terri Hebda

IWT Membership V.P.

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"What I like about Spring" by Lisa Clark

I love Spring, because everything is blooming all around us. It's new, fresh, warmer and everything is coming alive. The promise God made us; Renew, April, Invigorating, Newness, Beautiful, Outdoors, Wonderful! The beauty of Spring is breathtaking. I feel very blessed by the changing of each season and the beauty that it brings, especially Spring and it's Awesome colors.

"What I like about Spring" by Debbie Funsch

The birds chirping when you open the windows to get the nice breeze to blow in the stuffy house from being closed up for months.

The new colors that appear of flowers and foliage, after months of blahness.

The clean smell you get when you hang your sheets on the clothes line outside.

The campgrounds open back up!

Nothing better than sitting by a open fire watching the flames to relax you and occassionly when you look up, you see a falling star.

"Spring Feelings" by Ruth Hopper

Winter is over and all the storms are upon us. With all the disaster around us the plants are still coming up and blooming. They don't know how hard it has been to watch the tornados destroy our property and put our lives in disorder. The flowers peak their heads up in an array of colors and arrangements with new life and hope for a new beginning. We can learn from them that we are still alive and here to see tomorrow. Our smiles will be there with the light of day and our friends are there to help up along the way. We never go alone. We always have the outreaching vines and blooms of friends to help us. Spring is a good thing. This year it is the beginning of a new year that will last in our memories forever.

"Like I Said..."

I just got lost in thought. It wasn't familiar territory.

Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just do not have film.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

TAKE THE TIME TO CELEBRATE!

May All State Registration

May 19-20, 2006

Hosted by Springfield Women of Today

Full Registration \$30 Friday \$15 Saturday \$25

Saturday Without Food \$20

Registration Deadline May 15, 2006

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Springfield, IL 62701**

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Member	Full	Fri Only	Sat Only	Sat w/o Food	First Timer
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(Use back of form to sign up more members!)

Co-chairs: Thelma Carnduff (217-523-2708) & Becky Goetsch (217-483-5536)

Send to: Thelma Carnduff

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**Menu: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Seasoned Green Beans,
Homemade Noodles, Nappa Cabbage Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chocolate
Heath Bar Cake, White Cake, Tea & Coffee**



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