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Becky Goetsch, President *2006-2007*

As the President of Springfield Women of Today, I would like to introduce myself. I am Becky Goetsch and I live in Chatham with my husband, Ernie, and my two children, Heidi, 14, and Christopher, 9. I am a stay-at-home mom with a very active volunteer life. In addition to Women of Today, I am very active in PTO and in my church. I have served as President of Springfield Women of Today before. My theme this year is “Back To Basics” with the apple as my logo.

We have started the year with some exciting events. Springfield hosted a wonderful May All State with many National visitors. We celebrated Founder’s Day with a tour of the National Weather Service Office in Lincoln, Illinois and went out to dinner after.

We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming year. We will celebrate Friendship Day with a potluck picnic at Center Park (across from the zoo) with games and fun planned by Debbie Funsch.

Women of Today week festivities will include making a meal at Ronald McDonald House, a wiener roast and hayride at Debbie Schnapp’s, a church service and a class on how to make quilt squares.

Upcoming plans include a garage sale, a bus trip to St. Louis for holiday shopping and possibly a mystery weekend!

We have lots of fun planned so join in!

Becky Goetsch

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"IT'S A LIFE SAVER"

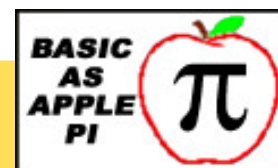
Well Ladies and Gents we have some things planned for our chapter for the coming months.

- * August 6th we are having a Friendship Day picnic at Center Park in Springfield. Bring the family and neighbors at 6pm for a fun evening of food and fellowship with games for all ages.
- * September 9th will be the IWT All State to be held at Tish's House plan now to attend. Check the IWT website for details.
- * September 18th through the 24th is Women of Today Week.
 1. We will show our support to Ronald Mc Donald House by preparing a meal on Wednesday the 20th
 2. Have a Wiener Roast at Deb Schnapp's house on Saturday the 23rd
 3. Attend Church in Auburn, eat at the I-55 & Hwy 104 Truck Stop and move down the road to Pawnee where you will learn to make a Quilt Square on Sunday 24th.
- * GOT STUFF! We are having a chapter Garage Sale on September 29th & 30th at Judy Armstrong's in Auburn. She just moved so a very convenient time to have one.

We will be having M-Night's, Socials, and Projects other than what is listed in the fall months, so be on the look out for the upcoming dates.

Know of someone who you think might enjoy one of the events coming up invite them to attend. No strings attached just fun and fellowship.

Ruth Hopper, Programming Vice President
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What an exciting year this is going to be. We have already helped the food pantry with can goods, school supplies for Hope School, raised money from our Kidprint ink strips and getting ready for a St. Louis Bus Trip. You need to come to our meetings to share in all our fellowship and get in on all the fun. Check out our calendar of events and meeting date.



Janet Esper, Treasurer
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The first quarter of Back to Basics is behind us and the chapter dues billing went out on time, thanks to the members paying on time. It helps to pay your dues at the beginning of the quarter that they are dues. For those of you that will be turning in bills to be paid, please have them attached to the voucher with the receipts attached to it.

The monthly donations also need to go in to the treasure before the beginning of the new quarter.

Does anyone have any ideas about fund raising? If so please contact Thelma or me with your suggestions. We are having a garage sale at the end of September so please keep your items ready and have them marked for us. It will be at Judy Armstrong's home in Auburn.

Any questions, please contact me by email, in person, or by phone.

Debbie Schnapp, Personal Development Director
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Hi. I am Debbie Schnapp from Springfield, IL. I joined Springfield Women of Today in August 2002 and currently serving as the Personal Development Director.

In case you are wondering, listed below is a brief summary of my duties:

- Responsible for coordinating personal development programs
- Responsible for promoting STEP at the local chapter level
- Responsible for selecting speakers for topics concerning the chapter on a quarterly basis
- Submit reports to the local Programming Vice President & local President
- Promote National and State competitions
- Recognize members with awards achievements
- Submit articles for the local newsletter

I am proud to report the Personal Enrichment area was active last year. I am confident this trend will continue this year as well. I look forward to working, playing and spending time with a team of committed chapter members.

Mitch Hopper, Webmaster
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It's been a busy year for the official Springfield Women of Today's Internet website. Since we have started publishing the newsletter on-line with limited printing and distribution through the U.S.Post, we have seen two definite changes. First, the traffic through the website has increased and second, we have saved our cold hard cash - funds which remain in the treasury to help carry out our community programs. I'm happy to be a part of that.

But, the newsletter is not the only reason Internet surfers stop by our website. It's a wealth of general information to both the membership and to the public at large. It is difficult (though not impossible) to tell exactly which materials are being viewed, but I can report some general numbers. Between January and July, 2006, the SWT website has been accessed 22,452 times - and it's not just members either. The website has logged visitors from across the United States as well as Europe, Canada, and Mexico.

I am also the webmaster for the Illinois Women of Today and have submitted an article for the IWT newsletter. In it I noted that the IWT website was accessed 8,604 times during the same time period. It just proves the communicative power of the Internet.

As your webmaster, I thought you would find this "traffic report" interesting. www.brainmist.com/swt

FundingFactory

We are collecting ink cartridges and cell phones which we send in for cash. This is easy and very profitable. So bring in your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to help us raise money to help support our community projects.



Ester Jorgensen Scholarship ***Lincoln Land Community College***

After spending their time raising families, many women have made the decision to go back to school in pursuit of something more for themselves. The Ester Jorgensen Scholarship, funded by the Springfield Women of Today, helps that individual in their journey toward fulfillment by easing their financial burden. This year we hope to have our recipient come to a meeting so we can talk and share her success.

Kidprint Fingerprinting

Our children's fingerprinting program has been a long-time success in our community. Over the past thirteen years we have printed thousands of children in the Springfield area. Our organization has always provided this service without cost because we believe everyone should have the opportunity to keep their kids safe; regardless of their income. With DNA collected at birth and new fingerprinting technologies, many people have already provided this protection for their children. Though the number of families participating in Kidprint is reduced, we are still committed to this free service. We will be fingerprinting in Chatham on October 7th from 9 to 12 for their annual celebration. See you then.



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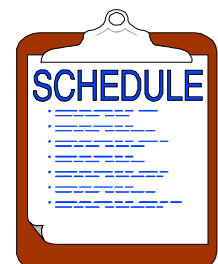
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SWT Meeting Dates

Tuesday, August 08, 2006
Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
Tuesday, December 12, 2006
Tuesday, January 09, 2007
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Tuesday, May 08, 2007



ILLINOIS WOMEN OF TODAY
ALL STATE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2006
BUCKETS OF SUNSHINE PROJECT

The Hope School, a private, not-for-profit educational and residential center, has been serving children with multiple disabilities and their families since 1957. Hope was founded by a Springfield, Illinois dentist and his wife who were looking for a specialized educational program, rather than custodial care, for their daughter who was blind and had developmental disabilities. From its origins in a humble, six-room house serving a handful of children, The Hope School has developed into an educational, residential, and outpatient treatment center encompassing a 25 acre residential campus, a new state-of-the-art learning center, 9 community homes, and an outpatient treatment center.

The Autism Program (TAP)

The Hope School was directed by the Illinois General Assembly in 2002 to create TAP in response to the need for training, consultation and services for the state's growing number of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Designed to create and enhance community networks that promote best practice in the diagnosis, treatment and education of children with ASD, The Autism Program provides diagnostics, parent training and consulting services as part of the larger systems development venue.

A Needs List

- * ***Basic School Supplies***
- * ***Craft Items***
- * ***Gift Cards (at School Supply and Craft Stores)***

Calendar of Events for SWT

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 12, 2006 – Membership Meeting
Speaker for September meeting - Patty Young at Memorial Medical Center. Patty is Memorial's rehab admission coordinator for the F.A.S.T. program, part of the hospital's stroke center. It was designed to help identify symptoms in the the event of a stroke.

All State – Sep. 9 at Tish Carneghi's in Springfield
Ronald McDonald House- Wed. Sep. 20
Wiener Roast – Sat. Sep.23 at Debbie Schnapp's home 6pm
Church Service – Sun. Sep. 24 in Auburn
Quilt Squares demo – Sun. Sep 24 in Pawnee
Garage Sale – September 29-30

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 10, 2006 - Membership Meeting
Mid Year in Nebraska - October 12-15
Holiday Bus Trip – October 28

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 14, 2006 - Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2006 – Havana Labor of Love (Springfield guests)

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – Christmas Social at Fulgenzi's



Debbie Funsch, USWT Programming Vice President

Get Hooked on Programming!



We are all in some sort Bait! Yes I said bait. Each area of programming in USWT holds some attraction like a wiggling worm or a shiny lure on a hook.

So the programming team and I are diligently working together to come up with some new, fun and refreshing ideas to help your members to qualify in the many programming areas.

2nd Quarter is getting started and I know your chapters and states are getting those projects started for a successful year. So what area has those projects been in?

External Projects

Fund Raising
Education
Service

Internal Projects

Ways & Means Fund Raiser
Membership Enrichment
Member Social

I would really like to have my mailbox filled with project reports for judging for Midyear convention. So get them sent in!

Look on the USWT Website for updates in the programming areas.

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Buckets of Sunshine by Thelma Carnduff

Nearly ten years ago, Buckets of Sunshine was introduced at the United States Women of Today National Convention. Each year a new organization or deserving group in the town hosting the convention is selected to receive cash and donations.

The Springfield Women of Today thought this would be a great project to fill the need in our own community. Each month we choose a deserving group and provide them with cash (do you donate actual money???) and donated items. Some of those whom we have helped are: Helping Hands nursing home, Hope School, Ronald McDonald House, M,E,R,C,Y. Safe Haven, and Contact Ministries. Additionally at Christmas time, we pick one or two deserving families and help to make their holidays brighter.

This is an ongoing project that we know makes a difference in our community. I have chaired Buckets of Sunshine from the beginning and am very rewarded to see, firsthand, all the people we have helped.

Garage Sale

Calling all members! We will be have a garage sale on September 29 & 30 at Judy Armstrong's home in Auburn. Thursday night we will be marking items then on Friday and Saturday we will need people to work. Remember to collect all you sale items and get them to Judy no later than Thursday night.



Kayla Hermann, USWT Membership Vice President
Fabulous Flamingo-Flocking Membership Events

As you are all aware, our membership numbers continue to decrease each year. This is a grave concern to me. So I am hoping that we all can work together to increase those numbers, both in new members and in renewals.

Life is busy, demands on our time pull us in many directions, however, we all need to take time to have fun! So, I am promoting “Fabulous Flamingo Flocking Events”.

The third month of each quarter has a 5th Monday. This is a good night to aim to have membership nights. These nights should include some kind of FUN!

Mondays
7-31, 10-30, 1-29 & 4-30



The more the merrier!

Research shows that flamingos are social birds that like to live in groups of varying size, from a few pair to sometimes thousands or tens of thousands. Their numbers add to the impressiveness of ritualized flamingo displays!

So with that, how can you not see that Women of Today and flamingos are so alike?

Plan your “Fabulous Flamingo Flocking” event to be fun, informative and rewarding to the guest. In doing so the organization will win new members and hopefully some renewals that you did not expect.

So what to do?

Plan the wildest, wackiest most fun night you have ever had. Then send me a note with the details by the 5th of the next month. The next deadline is November 5th.

The incentive may be a hotel package at the Flamingo in Las Vegas. I am working on the request and will use this as the main incentive for the year.

Also: Remember to send your chapter renewals to your state contact in a timely manner to avoid any late fees that your state may incur. There is now a \$10.00 late fee for states that do not send their renewals in postmarked on or before the first of November. Help you state avoid this late fee.

Keep spreading the news about WT and increasing your flock size. It is a win-win plan! Flocking with you!

Holiday Bus Excursion



Come and join us for a day-trip to St. Louis
Hosted by the Springfield Women of Today

Our destinations will be
St. Louis Mills Outlet Mall (www.stlouismills.com)
Old Time Pottery (www.oldtimepottery.com)

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the
Ester Jorgensen Scholarship Program
Lincoln Land Community College

This excursion is being conducted by Capitol Tours of Springfield

Date & Time: October 28th - 8 am - 7 pm
We leave promptly at 8:00 am from Capitol City Shopping Center

Tickets: \$38.00 - Only 47 seats available

There will be games, food & drinks on board
Come have fun with us!

Make your reservations early

For More information contact Ruth Hopper **498-8438** or Debbie Funsch **625-7951**

Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore!

**Illinois Women of
Today
All State Meeting**



Date: Saturday - September 9, 2006

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

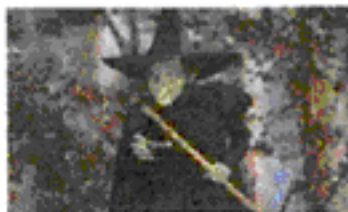
Location: 3541 Benbrook Drive, Springfield

Registration Fee: \$20

Chapter Name: _____

Members Attending:

First Timer



Possible Hotels:

Sleep Inn of Springfield - 3470 Freedom Dr - 217.787.6200 (\$79 up to 4)
Hampton Inn & Suites - 2300 Chuck Wagon Dr - 217.793.7670 (\$99 up to 4)

Send Check Payable to IWT to:

Lisa Clark, IWT Treasurer

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DIRECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ALL STATE

Sleep Inn of Springfield - 3470 Freedom Drive (217.787.6200)

Hampton Inn & Suites - 2300 Chuck Wagon Drive (217.793.7670)

Take I-55 South to I-72 West then approximately 2 miles to Illinois 4 - Veteran's Pkwy/
Chatham exit (Exit #93)

For Freedom Drive Hotel:

Turn Right onto Illinois 4. (Veteran's Parkway)

Turn Left onto Lindbergh Blvd. (Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Hucks)

Turn Left onto Freedom Drive (1st stop light)

For Chuck Wagon Dr. Hotel:

Turn Left onto Illinois 4 (Veteran's Parkway)

Turn Left onto Mathers Road (Meijer's, Bob Evans, Steak n' Shake)

Turn Left onto Chuck Wagon Dr.

To 3541 Benbrook Drive:

Go north on Veteran's Parkway towards White Oaks Mall.

Turn Left onto Wabash (Barnes & Noble, Denny's)

Go past Lowes and Circuit City. Just as the 4 lane turns into 2 lanes (<1 mile), there will be a right turn lane onto Happy Landing Drive. (Town & Country Bank on right, Leath Furniture and Samuel Music on left). There is no stop light.

Turn right onto Happy Landing Drive.

Turn left onto Benbrook Dr. You will pass Westgate Dr, Fernwood Dr. and Glengate Dr.

*We, the United Women of Today,
Are dedicated to serving our community and nation,
Are committed to strengthening our individual talents,
And stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.*

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