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Becky Goetsch, President *2006-2007*

My year as President of Springfield Women of Today has been flying by. We are almost finished with our 3rd quarter! Springfield has been doing amazing things. In October, we did some fingerprinting at Sam's Club, we made several meals for Ronald McDonald House and we had our Holiday Bus Tour to a shopping mall in the St. Louis Area. We had such a good turnout and everyone enjoyed it so much, that we will do it again next year. In November, we entered a wreath in the Festival of Trees and in December, we raised money and donated Christmas items to Hope School. We had lots of good food and fun at our annual Christmas party which was held at Fulgenzi's in Chatham.

We have a certification party planned for January and lot's more cool stuff planned for the rest of the year. We always have lot's of members attending the all state and the February All State looks like lot's of fun! The end of my term as President will be here soon. Please think about what office you want to hold next year. We really need your help. We need you to help make our organization shine. Contact Lisa Clark and let her know which office you will take. And invite a friend or two to join us at any of the Women of Today meetings or events.

Becky Goetsch



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"IT'S A LIFE SAVER"

For all members!!!!!!!

Bring a prospective member to the next four months of planned events for Women of Today and your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. If your guest/prospective becomes a SWT member; you and also the new member will get a prize.

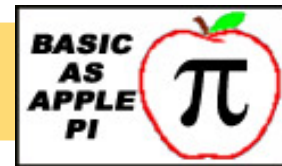
This membership incentive will be the months of January-February-March & April

If you are due for 3rd Quarter and haven't sent your dues in they are now due immediately!

3rd Quarter:	Judy Armstrong	4th Quarter:	Lori Akers
	Thelma Carnduff		Larry Esper, Sr
	Paula Funsch		Debbie Funsch
	Ruth Hopper		Becky Goetsch
	Teresa Long		Mitch Hopper
	Melissa Parker		Marty Long
	Jean Scherer		Trish McElroy
			Nancy Martin

Have you thought about why you belong to Women of Today lately? If not revisit the reason why you joined in the first place. Focus on that reason and help our chapter with a new project or with current ones already planned. To fully reap the rewards of being a member you have to put your feelings aside at times and work with others towards a common goal of helping others, your community and in the process grow to become a better person and member yourself.

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Who doesn't want a slice of apple pie with ice cream on top!!! This is what our organization does each day, month and year for our community. The crust is our community which holds us together. The filling of apples represents our organization with the sugar and spices making our programs work together. Of course what is a great dessert without the cream topping when we all benefit from all the hard work.

The work we did to provide a great Christmas for 6 children at Hope School was a great success. This January we will be hosting a Certification Party at Trish's on the 28th to help certify members. On January 29th we will be cooking meals for Ronald McDonald House for the Fabulous Flamingo-Flocking Membership Event which will be delivered on the 30th. You can contact Chellie if you wish to help with this worthy program.

Programming is the foundation for our organization, so keep involved to help your community and yourself.



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I'm having a little trouble with AOL out here,, hope this gets through this time.

We are at the end of the 3rd quarter of the Women of Today year, where has the months gone?

I would like to remind you about paying your dues on time so that we can get them in before the quarter ends. Hopefully the other chapters in Illinois also do that - then we will not get charged a fee for being late.

National has put into effect the late fee in order to get the dues in on time to them. At the beginning of the quarter, membership states at the meeting who is due. If you are due that quarter, regardless of which month you joined, please pay them. Membership and treasure can get the forms and

The first month of the quarter membership should have the forms from national, members pay at the time. check ready and sent on to state. And hopefully the membership on the state gets the other chapters and gets them in to national on time without the late fee being due.

First month - forms for payment should be in the hands of chapter MVP...

Second month - members need to have dues paid and forms and check sent to the state....

Third month - state should have forms and check sent to national...

Thanks and have a great 4th quarter.

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Well, it's been a busy quarter on the ol' website. It's getting harder to account for the exact number of serious hits we get from real people viewing real documents because the search robots like Google and Wikipedia spend a lot of time cruising the net and looking at stuff too. But rest assured, plenty of folks are still stopping by for a peek.

We continue to post important and timely documents on the front page – like registration forms and All State notices and we continue to provide a place to archive the chapter's meeting minutes and newsletters. If anyone has any questions or concerns about our home on the Internet, we'd like to hear from you.

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.

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Happy Holidays/ New Year! Now that we are starting another year and finishing up our final quarters for 2006-2007, I need for everyone to prayerfully think about taking an office on Springfield Women of Today board. We need your help, please step up to the plate and do your part.

There have been no changes in the SWT By-Laws and Policies so far this year, HALLELUJAH!!!

Please plan on attending the February 3, 2007 Allstate in Schaumburg, Illinois, hosted by The Crystal Lake Women of Today. Cost is \$25.00. Please see the flyer in this newsletter or at the January meeting. Please start thinking about attending the National Convention June 14-17, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA. It is lots of fun and a great way to meet and make new friends from other states.

Let's continue to follow the rainbow and see where it leads us.

Illinois Women of Today News

“The Heart of Programming”

As we come to the end of the 3rd Quarter, I want to urge you to keep going. Keep following that Yellow Brick Road. Keep sending in Project Reports and keep supporting POAC. Remember, that Janet Esper, USWT External Program Manager, has an ongoing Fundraiser for POAC. Just purchase a magazine subscription and support POAC! How cool is that? Forms are available on the website. Remember that February and April are Emphasis months for External Programming and if you subscribe during either of those months, you will get a special incentive from me!

Another way to support POAC is to purchase an Autism window cling for \$5. Just let me know how many you would like to purchase and send a check made out to IWT to me along with your address and I will mail them to you at no charge. Again, how cool is that?

One more way to support POAC is to buy a raffle ticket (\$5) from the IWT POAC Raffle Basket. Every ticket is a winner!

Don't forget to send me a copy of your OAP. Certifying is easy!

I am looking forward to the February All State and seeing you all there!

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Internal Programming – Something to Crow About!

Even though we are almost through the 3rd quarter, there is still plenty of time to certify in all areas. Certifying is easy, easy, easy. Remember that it doesn't only have to be about Women of Today. Something as easy as getting a yearly check up can count toward getting your certification in Focus on Women. Did you vote this past November? That's another thing that counts!

Emphasis for January are Effective Speaking & Effective Writing. Certify in either of these areas in January and get a special gift from me.

March is S.T.E.P. month. Certify in S.T.E.P. in March and get a special gift. The S.T.E.P. competition for National will be held in Pittsburgh, PA in June. S.T.E.P. II is resume only and S.T.E.P. III is both resume and interview. The deadline for competition entries is May 1, 2007. There is a \$5 entry fee. There is a sample entry form on the USWT Website. You can do it! It is easy to forget about S.T.E.P. but it is such an important tool for our members! Here is an easy way to get a free gift: send me a postcard with your name & address and which S.T.E.P. you are on, along with what S.T.E.P. stands for. Send it to me by the end of April and you will get a free gift!

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“Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Shopping Oz” Winter All-State

The Crystal Lake Women of Today will be hosting the IWT All State on February 3. The All State will be a one-day event that will include a Business Meeting, lunch, awards, fellowship and fun. Afterwards, members will have an opportunity to shop at Woodfield Mall and other stores in the area. The All State will take place at Springhill Suites, 1550 McConnor Parkway, Schaumburg, IL, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and all activities. Please refer to the registration form included in this newsletter. I hope many of you can make it. It should be a lot of fun!

Joy Hutchcraft
IWT State Events Coordinator

U S Women of Today News



Celebrate “Real Beauty”

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2006-07 USWT FOCUS ON WOMEN/CHAPLAIN

The topic for this year’s essay contest is “*Real Beauty*.” Some essay ideas may be, but are not limited to: *How do you celebrate real beauty? What does “real beauty” mean to you? What/Who is the “real beauty” in your life?*

- Length: 800-1200 words
- Typed and double spaced.
- Send me 4 copies and include stat sheet with each copy - Enclose each copy in a binder or folder.
- Cost: \$5.00, checks made out to the USWT
- Deadline: May 1, 2006

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USWT – Garden of Life

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Year End Effective Writing topic:

“What would be your ultimate Garden of Life?”

The guidelines for Effective Writing are 600 - 800 words, typed, double spaced, single sided, \$5.00 entry fee (check made payable to the United States Women of Today) and a State Sheet (see PE manual). Send 5 copies to me by May 1st for Year End.

Year End Effective Speaking topic:

Theme: Who have been vital seeds in your Garden of Life?

The guidelines for Effective Speaking are: You must be present at Year End convention, 4-6 minutes in length. State sheet (see PE manual) and a \$5.00 entry fee (check made payable to the United States Women of Today). Just a reminder: Effective Speaking competition is only done at Year End convention.



Debbie Funsch
USWT Programming Vice President

Get Hooked on Programming!

Well ladies we are going into June convention with NO External Bid to vote on so make sure your members understand what they will be voting on at June convention.

If the voting is approved to accept “Buckets of Sunshine” as our External Foundation in June 2007, it will take effect immediately for the 2007-2008 year. This will make a difference to those states that choose to host a national convention from now on. Those states will get major benefits for publicity, with the help of the national officer in charge of “Buckets of Sunshine” and reap the rewards of monetary and or items for their “Buckets of Sunshine” choice for appropriate conventions. This will in turn help out USWT, since “Buckets of Sunshine” was set up to get the word out about Women of Today. So if your state hasn’t thought about hosting a national convention in a while, this might be the time to think about it, get involved and expand your states membership and their goals.

Logo for: “Buckets of Sunshine”



What are the Project Report Categories

External Projects

Fund Raising
Education
Service

Internal Projects

Ways & Means Fund Raiser
Membership Enrichment
Member Social

Send in your project reports, 4 copies and \$5 dollars for each project report submitted to me at the below address. All projects must have been done between August 16, 2006 and April 30, 2007 for Year End judging. All projects submitted will receive an incentive plus the chance to be 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each of the categories above.

Outstanding Achievement in Programming?

Send in the appropriate paper work before May 1st and your incentive will be waiting for you at June convention.

Emphasis Months

January - Effective Speaking; Effective Writing

February - Extensions; External Area (POAC)

March - S.T.E.P.; Membership; USWT Foundation

April - Volunteer Recognition; Listening Course; External Area (POAC)

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Hello Fellow Flamingos!!

How many new members have you added to your chapter and state? Many chapters out there have not gained new members in a long time. I encourage you to look at ways to add that new excitement and energy to your chapters!

Think of a new way to look for new members. I would like to share my new life motto with all of you: “If we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we always got.” It makes such simple sense doesn’t it?

Your attitude in the public is so important to our organizations ability to grow and prosper. If you are having fun, others want to be a part of that. Find the passion spots in your members as well as the new members you are seeking. Once you have, then you can them hooked on your projects and our organization.

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. I cannot sign members for you, the only thing I can do is offer ideas. It is ultimately up to each and every one of you.

Life is busy, demands on our time pull us in many directions, however, and 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! Those Mondays are/were: July-31, October-30, Jan-29 & April-30. Send me a note of what your chapter did on that night and if you signed any new members. I need that note by the 5th of the following month.

Dues Billing

The next dues billing is due to me, postmarked on or before February 1st. Work with your chapters now to get them to the state contact early to avoid that late fee. Make your state deadline the 20th of the month before in order to give yourself time to get the information to me on or before November or Feb. 1st.

Together we can create large flocks of members! And always remember to have fun along the way!

Frolicking,

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Winter All-State Registration Form

February 3, 2007



1600 McConner Parkway • Schaumburg, IL 60193
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by: *The Crystal Lake Women of Today*
Cost: \$25.00
9:00 a.m. - General Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Lunch
12:30 p.m. - Awards
(followed by shopping)

Child Name	Fee Total
Member/Attending	

Crystal Lake Public Library • 1000 N. Lincoln Hwy. • Crystal Lake, IL 60142
Schaumburg, IL 60193 • 815/399-1100 • Fax 815/399-1101 • www.cltl.org

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*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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