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Becky Goetsch, Out Going President - 2006-2007

Here it is the last month of my term! The final quarter has been exciting. Our February meeting had to be rescheduled because of a blizzard! In March, we all played Bingo to benefit Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and one of our guests won \$75! In April some of our members are planning on attending the AQS Quilt show in Paducah, Kentucky (can you say road trip?) We are looking forward to the May All State and the National Convention in June. And more great things are coming! Joy Hutchcraft is President elect and she has an enthusiastic board. We are looking forward to the April meeting when they will all be installed and we can start planning another great year with Springfield Women of Today!

Joy Hutchcraft, President 2007 - 2008

I am pleased to have been elected President of the Springfield Women of Today for 2007-2008. This year represents my third year as your local President. I served way back in 1986 - 1987 and 1996 - 1997. Do you see a pattern? It seems that almost every 10 years I come back as local President. Believe me, it is not intentional. I would think you'd all be getting tired of me as President.

The Women of Today organization chartered in 1985, just one year earlier to me serving for the first time as President. So you can see that I have witnessed firsthand the successes and challenges we've faced as a chapter. But the members have persevered through these past 22 years. I am proud of all of you for continuing that commitment.

Thanks, Lisa, for planning a wonderful installation party. The decorations, table favors and atmosphere were great. I was delighted during installation that so many members stood to be sworn in on the Board. I appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time and talent. I guarantee we will have fun while doing some worthwhile projects.

The Board members all chose themes that correspond nicely to my movie theme, "Lights, Camera, Action." I have selected gold chapter shirts with checkered sleeves and collars to resemble movie film. I will have a sign-up sheet available at our next meeting. We will want to order the shirts at the May meeting to insure they are delivered in time to wear at National Convention in June. Thanks, Becky and Lisa, for assisting me with the shirts.



Congratulations to Becky Goetsch and her outgoing Board of Directors. You have all done an outstanding job this past year. I am pleased that so many of you will also be serving on my Board. I am looking forward to another great year together! Thank you.

Joy Hutchcraft



*Debbie Funsch, Out Going
Membership Vice President
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"IT'S A LIFE SAVER"

For all members!!!!!!!

Thank you, Springfield members for participating in all aspects of Women of Today this year. I hope you enjoyed the membership events that were planned and hope to see you at many future events, projects, socials and meetings.

If you missed the Bingo night for March Madness it was a blast! A couple of us have went once more to play Bingo again and I even won \$25.

I enjoyed serving this year as your Membership VP. Women of Today will always be "It's A Lifesaver" to me. Where else can you get so many friends for such a little price of just paying a simple renewal fee each year.

Best of luck to the new incoming officers for the new year.

*Janet Esper, Out Going
Treasurer
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Wow - the year has really whizzed by me. I have enjoyed serving as chapter treasurer this past year. It wasn't nearly as bad as some have let on about it. Everyone should try serving in that office at least once during your membership in SWT.

Becky has served us well this past year - Thank You Becky. I hear the old hen way is serving for 2007 - 2008. Now what does a hen weigh? Just joking - I know I said I would ease up - but she brought it up at the meeting. Maybe we can chip in and get her a scale to weigh it on.

Thanks everyone for another great year in the Springfield Women of Today. It takes everyone to make it happen - it doesn't happen alone or with a certain one - it's all of us.

Janet Esper, Treasurer 2006 - 2007

***Lisa Clark, Out Going
COB / Parliamentarian
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“Rays of Friendship”

COB 2006-2007 – Lisa Clark

Thanks to all the ladies and gents who stepped up to the plate by taking a position on the Springfield Women of Today board for 2007-2008. I appreciate you making my job a little easier. I would also like to thank the 2006-2007 board for doing an outstanding job. We could not have done it without you and your dedication to this organization.

Please plan on attending the May 18th & 19th, 2007 All State “Click Your Heels” in Chesterton, Indiana, hosted by HFG Women of Today. Cost is \$25.00, and registration dead line is May 1, 2007. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

Please start thinking and consider going to 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.

I look forward to serving as your Buckets of Sunshine Director “Little Miss Sunshine” 2007-2008. Please let me know if there is a certain organization/group you would like to collect donations for throughout this coming year. Let’s continue to follow the rainbow and see where it leads us.

***Ruth Hopper, Out Going
Programming Vice President
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This was a great year, lots of projects completed and money raised for our chapter and community. We held a Great Freidship Day Family Picnic, several Ronald McDonald House dinners, Holiday Bus Trip and March Madness Bingo. This was only possible with all your participation and help. This next year we hope to see more new parject and member participation. See you all then.

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.

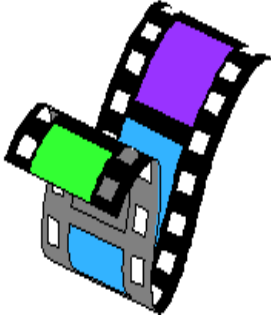
Janet Esper, Chaplain - "Going to the Chapel"
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Well I'm "Going to the Chapel" this year as your new Chaplain. Please remember to let me know when a card needs to be sent to someone. I'm sure I will enjoy doing this - Thelma is a great teacher and she will point out to me what she needs to. Our new president will be on board and if she can get the hen thing down then we will make good time at the meetings. You all know she gave me a hen whistle at the April meeting. Don't worry, the henny thing will be there from time to time. So Madam President be aware.

Thanks everyone for stepping forward and taking an office next year, I'm looking forward to being on staff again.

2007 - 2008 Board

Joy Hutchcraft, President
“Lights, Camera, Action”



Thelma Carnduff, Membership VP
“The Casting Call”

Ruth Hopper, Programming VP
“The Producers”

Tish Carneghi, Treasurer
“Money Pit”

Judy Armstrong, Secretary
“Paper Chase”

Debbie Funsch, Personal Development Director
“Shine Like a Star”

Becky Goetsch, COB/Parliamentarian
“Godfather II”

Carolyn Feser/Dave Springer, Newsletter Editors
“The Script”

Mitch Hopper, Webmaster
“The Web”

Janet Esper, Chaplain
“Going to the Chapel”

Lisa Clark, Buckets of Sunshine
“Little Miss Sunshine”



Springfield Women of Today - 2007 - 2008 Board Reports

Thelma Carnduff, Membership VP
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A full report will be in the next newsletter.

Ruth Hopper, Programming VP - “The Producers”
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Well, I am back. I will be your programming VP for another year. I hope to present a few new projects to keep us involved with our community and keeping members interested in participating. Come to the meeting and see what the new year brings. Remember you all have a voice on the projects. See you there.

Judy Armstrong, Secretary - “The Paper Chase”
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Hi, I’m Judy Armstrong. This is going to be my first year holding an office in SWT and I am looking forward to spending more quality time with the wonderful women who belong to our organization. I am going to be the secretary for our Springfield Chapter and hope to shuffle the paperwork that goes through my hands in an organized manner even though my ‘theme’ is THE PAPER CHASE.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am a single parent of 3 kids ages 20 (soon to be 21), 19 and 16 (two girls and one boy respectively). I went back to college as a 30 year old and have been working at a job that I love for the almost 9 years. Going back to school as an adult made a huge difference in the direction of choosing a career. I am a Reimbursement Coding Specialist at SIU School of Medicine. I am also involved and hold an office in my local chapter of the AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders).

I grew up on a farm and couldn’t wait to move to town, now I wish I were back in the country. Well, I don’t really live in the city but Auburn does have over 4000 people. I love to go camping, spend time with my family (Deb Funsch is my sister by the way), I enjoy doing crafts, but most of all I enjoy having a good time whatever I’m doing and laughing. I tend to like to be a leader, I know this may shock some of you since I haven’t held an office before (now don’t be getting any ideas)....

Tish Carnegi, Treasurer - "The Money Pit"
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Yes, that's right. . .after several years of being a 'Plain Ole Member,' I decided to jump back on the board as Treasurer. It's the board position that I truly missed and always felt ownership over (much to the frustrations of the current Treasurers). Anyway, you're stuck with me for another year.

My theme is "The Money Pit." The movie refers to a house that is in constant need of the owners' money for upkeep. I selected it as a humorous reference to SWT's constant need for money to operate. On that note, I am always looking for ideas to beef up the SWT treasury. We have the Chicago Shopping Trip coming up in November. Let me know if you have any other fundraising suggestions and I'll be sure it is added to the agenda for discussion.

Let's wish Joy a great year as President!

Debbie Funsch, Personal Development - "Shine Like A Star"
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Shine Like A Star

Each point of a star represents the areas of Personal Development. Be like the star and shine this year in your own personal growth by using the different areas of Personal Development provided by Springfield Women of Today.

I have many new and easy ideas for you, as members to obtain certifications this year. Some will be done during monthly meetings and during special planned events. Speakers are now being arranged for each Quarter.

For each area of Personal Development you obtain this year, you will receive a STAR. These will be my incentives for your progress in obtaining a well rounded personal growth through this organization.



August is emphasis month for Team Building

So come and join us for some Fun in August and qualify for this area.
Dates and times TBA.

Debbie Funsch
Springfield Women of Today
2007-2008 Personal Development Director

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IWT Store

Whirlwind Sale



Purple Shirt (2X)
\$26.00 (Sale Price \$13.00)

IWT 6 Pack Coolers
\$5.00 (Sale Price \$2.50)

Ask Me About Women of Today Magnet
\$5.00 (Sale Price \$2.50)

6 Pack Note Cards
\$2.25 (Sale Price \$1.00)

U.S.W.T. Key Chains
\$1.50 (Sale Price \$0.75)

20 Year Pins
\$5.00 (Sale Price \$2.50)

Will be on sale at the May All-State or contact the Flying Monkey
Thelma Carnduff—3535 East Cook #153, Springfield, IL 62703
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CLICK YOUR HEELS

May 2007 All State Registration

Hosted by the H-F-G Women of Today

May 18 and 19, 2007

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
501 Gateway N.
Chesterton, IN
Phone: 219.983.9500

Directions: I-55 North to I-80 East, exit 31. Cross Route 49; hotel is right there.

Hotel Rooms: Room Rate: \$99.00 (mention Women of Today and Terri Hebda)

Friday night, we will meet for dinner and then onto the Blue Chip Casino (or back to the hotel).

Saturday morning: Breakfast/Business Meeting and Auction.

Saturday afternoon is reserved for shopping at either the Chesterton antique shops or Michigan City Lighthouse Outlet Mall and a trip to the Yellow Brick Road Store. Due to Valparaiso University's Graduation this weekend, we will meet back at the hotel around

5:00 pm and go to Terri's and then out to dinner. Saturday night options for overnight include Terri's house and hotels in Tinley Park and Matteson. Email Terri or Carol and they will give you details.

Chapter Name: _____

Members attending	First-Timer
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Registration: \$25.00 per person

Total Enclosed (payable to HFG) \$ _____

Registration deadline: May 1, 2007

Send Registration to: Carol Minga
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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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