



Springfield Women of Today

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[A Message from the President](#)

This has been a busy summer with activities around Founders Day and Friendship Day. I appreciate the volunteer time all of you are devoting to the Women of Today organization. September is just around the corner and the many activities we will be planning for Women of Today Week. Thank you for your devotion.

Enclosed in this newsletter is information on the September All State with the theme, "Heart to Heart". It will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, at Barbara Wigell's home in Flossmoor from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person. We will be coordinating travel arrangements, registrations, and hotel accommodations at our next SWT Meeting on Aug. 14.

We are making a difference in our community. Children are safer because we are providing family members with Kidprint information. Food pantries are more stocked because we are providing canned goods when needed. Abused women and children have basic necessities when residing in area shelters because of our many donations. Needy families have been given a wonderful holiday because of the many donations by members. There is additional research possible for many nonprofit organizations that are seeking cures for diseases such as cancer and autism because of our monetary donations. But not only are we making a difference for community members but also our own members. They are provided with leadership opportunities and personal development through quarterly speakers.

The Springfield Women of Today organization is a good investment. Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful organization!

Joy Hutchcraft
President
Springfield Women of Today

[Thelma Carnduff, Membership Chair](#)

I'm sorry that I let the last newsletter slip by without a note.

Once again, I am on the board. They say no rest for the wicked. That has to be me.

All kidding aside I am looking forward to a great year with Joy, I have been on her board before. We have a great board this year. I am also looking forward to a little membership fun this year maybe more including families.

Thank you Becky and last years board for the great 2006-2007 year.

I am looking for new cast members for this year. Please help me find them. I am sure there are a few good ones out there.

Thank you!

[“Lights, Camera, Friendship” - Friendship Day Celebration](#)
[by Ruth Hopper & Thelma Carnduff](#)

We celebrated our friendship with a movie at the Tish Carnegie Theater, lower level, with popcorn, slush, soda, lots of movie candy and friends. Donation to attend the movie will benefit Domestic Violence.

[FundingFactory](#)
[by Ruth Hopper - 498-8438 or ruthhopper@hotmail.com](#)

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

[Chatham Community Bazaar Fingerprinting](#)
[by Ruth Hopper - 498-8438 or ruthhopper@hotmail.com](#)

Janet and Debbie S will be fingerprinting during the Chatham Community Bazaar on September 22nd. Come on out to visit the exhibitors and enjoy all the activities during the day from 9:00 to 3:00.

Newsletter Editors

Dave Springer & Carolyn Feser,

Well, this, our first issue, was a little Raggedy Andy with Dave's misunderstanding the date at first and having unjustly sent out a nastygram asking for all of your articles. I hereby accept twenty lashes with a wet noodle from all members unjustly chastised. As it turned out Mitch had to wait for me!

Ok Mitch you can get me to 130 feet, turn my air off, wait until my body quits squirming, and then split the insurance money with Carolyn.

We are starting a new feature in each issue profiling one member. If you wish to volunteer that is fine. If not you will be drafted when we see fit to send you something starting out, "Greetings to whom..."

From the E-Mail Bag

(Ed.) We have received the following e-mail from inactive member, Jessica Ingold, seeking occasional baby-sitting assignments. Below is her letter and contact information. She does have a flier available. If you did not receive it, contact your editors. I have copied and pasted her contact information below her note.

Hello All!

Wanted to say how much I still enjoy reading the news of the SWT even though my teaching/family commitments do not allow me to actively participate at this time. Best wishes to all involved with ongoing projects, attending Convention, and enjoying the upcoming State Fair!

As a stay-at-home mom living away from family (2-6 hours), the past 3 years I have often struggled with the issue of quality *occasional* childcare needs. As a result, and guessing that there are possibly many others in similar "stuck" situations, I have attached a flier for a "Back-Up Babysitter" idea.

I would appreciate any input, or even passing along of the info if you feel it would be helpful to any other parents out there!

Thanks so much.

Jessica Ingold
217-741-1688
5660 Mattingley Lane
Rochester, IL 62563



Godfather II
Becky Goetsch
COB/ Parliamentarian / State &
National Events 2007-2008

We have some exciting events coming up. First, in September, the IWT September All State! The registration form is in this newsletter or you can find it on the website. Lot's of fun will be found at this all state! Barb Wigell will be hosting it at her home in Flossmoor. We need to know at the August meeting if you will be attending.

The next exciting event will be the USWT Mid year Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The registration form is on the IWT Website as well as in this edition of the newsletter. If you have never been to a National Convention before, you don't know what fun you have been missing. Sign up today as early registration deadline is Sept. 7!

It's not too soon to send in the nominations for "Rose of Friendship" an IWT Membership Award is given out at the May All State. The form is included in this copy of the newsletter, as well as on the IWT Website. The "Gayle Levy Award" will be given out at the Winter All State and the nomination form can be found on the IWT Website.

The USWT Focus on Women/Chaplain Program Manager, Karen Stark has announced her year-end essay contest information. It is not too early to be thinking about the year –end essay contest. The topic will be "The Magic of Friendship Enriches My Life" Length 800-1200 words, Typed and double spaced. Send me 4 copies including a stat sheet with each copy in a binder or folder. Also, include a Check for \$5.00 made out to United States Women of Today. Deadline is May 1, 2008 but the essay can be submitted anytime. My contact information: Karen Lynn Stark, 1030 Cardiff, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014 (815) 459-0891 MaMickey9@aol.com.

So come to the September All State and the Mid Year Convention. It's an offer you can't refuse!

[Lisa Clark, IWT President](#)

Dear Women of Today Members,
Please see enclosed Mid Year Convention Registration Form. Those members who are on the IWT Board and Chapter Presidents will have a copy of the form in their Information Packet at the September 8th All State. I would recommend that you print out this form and send it in as soon as possible. The deadline for early

registration is September 7, 2007, which is before our September 8th All State. I apologize for the quick response required on your part, but I just received it today and in return, I am e-mailing it out to you the same day I received it.

I hope to see you in Kansas City, Missouri on October 5 -7, 2007. I would love to see a great turn out for the state of Illinois. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Women of Today and meet new friends from other states.

Love & God Bless, Lisa Clark - Illinois Women of Today President

[Buckets of Sunshine](#)

"Little Miss Sunshine" - Lisa Clark

I would like to thank those who have donated this first quarter to Hope School. You should give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. We donated \$197.00 in supplies and worked 11 hours for the first quarter. Way to go Springfield Women of Today.

For the month of August and September, we will be collecting school supplies for Hope School. They need anything and everything you could think of for getting start at school. Thanks in advance for your donations; I appreciate it as well as Hope School.

I'm attaching a list of items Hope School needs all the time.

Art Supplies:

Craft kits (non-toxic), avoid tiny pieces)
Books on tapes
Books with nice pictures new or gently used
Pipe cleaners
Glitter
Glue
Safety scissors
Washable markers
Finger-paints
Poster Board
Kids scrap booking materials
Construction paper
Stencils
Stickers
Foam craft materials

Toys & Other Items:

Bubbles & different types of wands
Coloring books
Games (such as memory card games, go fish, connect 4, etc.)
Kites
Jump ropes
Jumbo gym balls
Nerf toys
Foam building blocks
Swim rings
Beanbags
Large size Legos
Gasoline gift card
Passes for bus transport
Passes for the movies
Passes for the bowling alleys

You can also visit their website at: www.thehopeschool.org

Member Profile

Dave Springer

It would be unfair of me to require anyone else to be profiled without doing so myself. A good leader asks nothing of his / her troops that s/he would not do themselves. Therefore ye old male half of your beloved newsletter staff will profile himself.

I was born 01 December 1952 in Jewish Hospital St. Louis, Mo. How, you say, did a good Catholic boy end up coming into this world in a Jewish facility? It had to do with his good Catholic mother having a good Jewish OB/GYN named Friedman.

I went to nursing school at a now defunct school called Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. It was known for its nursing and teacher education programs. In fact, I took a winter interim photography class, and was asked to shoot a brochure to recruit new students into the teacher education program. NO, that is NOT why the school folded!

I was one of the first EMTs in Iowa. The VERY first ones went to Minnesota to be trained, and came back to become the "course coordinators" for the physicians who taught the courses at that time. I was not in that group, and that is just fine. All but one of them is retired, and most are deceased. I happen to like life! I was in the first group trained in Iowa. Later on I was in THE first advanced care class after Iowa passed their paramedic law. I still keep active EMS provider and instructor licenses at the basic level, and do a little part time ambulance work in Decatur on my days off here in Springfield.

I can also teach back injury prevention, body mechanics, CPR, first aid, Traumatic Brain Injury, and assorted similar types of classes, and do industrial accident investigations.

For hobbies, most of you know that I love to fly. I did so for a short while in the USAF until I had a bit of a problem one day. You see there is one more take off then there is landing in my logbooks.

I am a Master SCUBA Diver, and eventually would love to get my Dive Master, assistant instructor, and instructor licenses as time and money allow.

I have played guitar since Jr. High and now have three. My baby is my Martin D-35 that has had the action lowered, and a Barcus Berry pick up added. I love music of many types.

I have always enjoyed dogs and currently I share my home with Maggie Maye a Border Collie / Black Lab / Pointer mix that we acquired thanks to someone here in SWOT.

Just like good dark chocolate, I've saved the very best for last. I also share my heart, my home, my love, my soul, and my spirit with the light and love of my life, my co-editor of this rag, Carolyn Jo Feser. I am so very lucky that she came into my life. She brings sunshine, happiness, and love 99 44/100% of the time. Just watch out for that .56% though, it can be a real killer! JUST KIDDING DEAR, JUST KIDDING. Ouch! Ooch!



BELIEVE!

Kayla Hermann, USWT President Birthday Membership Drive

Kayla's birthday is during Women of Today week (September 26th). What a good birthday present to have each chapter sign one new member!!

When you believe as much as Kayla does in this organization you will see and feel the possibility of the growth we will have this year. As long as we believe together, we can accomplish great things.

HEART TO HEART

PLEASE JOIN THE ILLINOIS WOMEN OF TODAY FOR A HEART TO HEART CHAT!



ILLINOIS WOMEN OF TODAY
ALLSTATE MEETING
Saturday, September 8, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hosted By: Barb Wigell
1333 Douglas Ave.
Flossmoor, IL 60422
708-799-3245

Menu: 10:00a.m. – Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee
12:30p.m. – Sandwich/Salad Buffet

Dessert, Beverages

Fee: \$20.00

(Make checks payable to Barb Wigell)

Mail form below with check to Barb Wigell (address above)

Deadline: September 5, 2007

Questions – SeaSwept97@comcast.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____



UNITED STATES WOMEN OF TODAY
2007 National Mid-Year Meeting
October 5-7, 2007

Kansas City: The City of Fountains
 Holiday Inn ♥ 4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff
 Kansas City, MO 64133 ♥ 816-353-5300

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 E-mail _____ Fax _____
 _____ Women of Today _____ Guest _____ First Timer
 Arrival: Date: _____ Time: _____ Means of Transportation: _____
 Sunday Departure Time: _____

Airport Service: KCI Shuttle across from baggage claim from 4 a.m. to Midnight – \$59 to hotel for up to 3 people. Call Carmella immediately if there are less than 3 of you traveling together!

ROOMS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!! Convention Rate until 09/15/06.

\$119.00 per night plus tax – 1-4 people per room – **816-353-5300**

Mention that you are with the U.S. Women of Today meeting when making reservations.

Registration	<u>Advance</u>	<u>Late</u> (after 9/7/07)
FULL Includes all meetings, forums and meals	_____ \$120.00	_____ \$140.00
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
Friday Night Party	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$30.00
Saturday Forums / Meetings	_____ \$15.00	_____ \$15.00
Saturday Luncheon	_____ \$25.00	_____ \$30.00
Saturday Banquet	_____ \$35.00	_____ \$40.00
Sunday Breakfast	_____ \$20.00	_____ \$25.00
	Total _____	Total _____
SATURDAY ONLY	_____ \$70.00	_____ \$80.00

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE – POSTMARKED BY September 7, 2007

Make check payable to:
National Mid-Year Meeting 2007

Send registration form and check or any questions to:
 Carmella Mongold: 816-373-5656
 12308 E 41st Terrace South
cmongold@stklaw.com



The Rose of Friendship Award is the highest honor awarded by the Illinois Women of Today Membership Area. This is a special award, which encompasses recruiting and project participation. The person chosen will have shown dedication and commitment to this organization. She will have demonstrated leadership skills, set an example by participation in the chapter and creating a feeling of friendship within the chapter.



Illinois Women of Today Rose of Friendship Award



Each Chapter may submit ONE member they feel is outstanding in the field of membership recruitment, retention and chapter participation. This form must be completed and include a letter of recommendation from one of the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Name of Member being submitted _____

Chapter _____

Submitted by _____

1. Number of new members recruited by this member during current year. (Must be at least one)

2. What assistance did she give in activation and retention of chapter members?

3. Total number of members recruited by this member during her membership.

4. Has she assisted in the growth and development of your chapter? Explain.

5. How long has she been a member?

6. List projects worked on in the current year; at least one in which she served as chairman.

7. Give a brief synopsis of effort, overall enthusiasm and positive influence within your Chapter. If applicable, add state involvement.

8. List work on Extensions.

9. List other community involvement (required).

List any other reasons you think this member deserves the Rose of Friendship Award.
Examples: invites guests to meetings, works on every committee, contributes to Newsletter.
Attach another paper or use back of this form.

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM; **POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15TH** OF EACH YEAR TO THE **State Membership VP**
Becky Goetsch, 224 Dover Drive, Chatham, IL 62629
egoetsch@springnet1.com

**SPRINGFIELD WOMEN OF TODAY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THE PAINTER'S PARADISE, CHATHAM
AUGUST 14, 2007**

Call to Order – Joy Hutchcraft

Stand & Recite Pledge of Allegiance

Stand & Repeat Springfield Creed

Springfield Women of Today Creed

Springfield Women of Today, Hard at work, Hard at play;
Sharing our talents throughout the day, and making friends along the way

Invocation –

Introduction of Members & Guests

Rules of the Floor – Becky Goetsch, Chairman of the Board

Approval of Agenda

Staff Reports

- A. Secretary – Judy Armstrong
 - 1. Approval of Membership Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2007
 - 2. Newsletter – Carolyn Feser & Dave Springer
 - a. Deadline is August 10
 - b. Articles
 - c. Webmaster – Mitch Hopper - SWT: [www.brainmist.com /swt](http://www.brainmist.com/swt)
- B. Treasurer – Tish Carneghi
 - 1. Checking Account Balance \$
 - 2. Ways and Means Projects
 - a. Cookbooks – Debbie Funsch
 - b. FundingFactory – Ruth Hopper
 - c. Chicago Holiday Shopping Trip
- C. Membership Vice President – Thelma Carnduff
 - 1. Membership Status and Renewals
 - 2. Public Relations
 - 3. Women of Today Week
- D. Programming Vice President – Ruth Hopper
 - 1. Buckets of Sunshine Coordinator – Lisa Clark
 - a. Buckets of Sunshine for August and Sept.
 - b. Campbell's Soup Labels
 - c. Pill Bottles for St. John's Hospital
 - d. Sangamon County Jail Library Project
 - 2. Kidprint Fingerprinting
 - 3. Scholarship – Tish Carneghi
 - 4. Project Reports
 - 5. Personal Development Director – Debbie Funsch
 - 6. Ronald McDonald House Meals – Dave Springer

- E. Chaplain – Janet Esper
- F. State Director – Becky Goetsch
 - 1. National News
 - a. USWT Mid-Year Meeting (Oct. 5-7, 2007)
 - b. USWT Annual Convention (June 19-22, 2008)
 - 2. State News
 - a. IWT All State Meeting (Sept. 8)
- G. Chairman of the Board/Parliamentarian – Becky Goetsch
- H. President – Joy Hutchcraft
 - 1. Attendance Incentive
 - 2. Awards

Old Business

- A. Friendship Day Social (Aug. 12)

New Business

- A

Announcements/Correspondence

- A. Meeting Hostess (Sept.) – Tish Carneghi
- B. Emphasis Month (Sept.) –
- C. Good of the Order
- D. Close with USWT Creed

USWT Creed

We, the United States 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.