

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY  
General Meeting – St. Andrew’s Church  
Thursday, January 21, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

**Attendees:**

Beth Wojahn	Sue Ellen Toppings	Fay Clark
Linda Niedzielski	Melissa Redzuan	Audra Compton
Charlotte Perz	Joan Negri	Joanna Takes
Hetal Agrawal	Beth Kohler	Erin Trader
Cyndy Mertz	Petra Afable	Christi Michaels-Flaherty
Marie Robinson	Nancy Cohen	Mary Boerner
Katie Castro	Cathy Snyder	Gail Weeks

**GUESTS:** Dawn Brasch—speaker from the Autism Society of MN  
Beth McCoy—speaker –“The Grocery Tutor”  
Marianne Miller  
Kimberly Rowland  
Nancy Cass  
Tami Masee

**Call to Order** at 7:03 P.M. by President Sue Ellen T.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mary B.

**US Women of Today Creed** led by Nancy C.

**Ice Breaker** provided. Sue Ellen –what’s your favorite thing about the holidays?

**Orders of the Day** –Parliamentarian Marie R.

A quorum was established.

**Presentation to Autism Society of MN--\$ 1014.39 from Santa Letters Project**

**Programming Reports**

Recaps of past events should be printed in the Newsletter.

**Internal programming VP (IVP)** – Sue Ellen T. for Pat B.

Living and Learning –Nancy C.

Book Club (Cyndy M) - “Twenty Wishes” on January 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 at Barb P’s  
February’s book is “The Help” and will meet at Erin T’s

Share Your Light Nights – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month (usually)

January 23-- PMS (Pamper Me Silly) event by Barb P is postponed

Living and Learning—continued

Share Your Light Night:

February 20 –Wine Tasting event at 4:00 at Katie C's evite will be sent;  
Wines of the World...please bring a wine glass

Personal Enrichment Course (Nancy C)...

Part I—January 25 –Verbal Communication

Part II—February 22

Part III—March 22

All will meet at St. Andrews Church...room 207 from 7:00-9:00

Records and Recognition & STEP-Katie C.

Public Relations—Fay C.

State Program Manager Dana H will be on FOX 9 TV on Saturday Jan. 23

Statewide Ladies Night Out April 22 –Nancy C and Cathy S to chair

Newsletter-Sue Ellen for Mary E-K

Articles due January 28 – Email DIRECTLY to Mary E-K

Webmaster—Sue Ellen for Stacy — State website up and running by end of January

Stacy looking for help with Facebook—Beth Kohler volunteered

Ways and Means – Cathy S.

Bachman Cards –next order due February 5 to Cathy S. —think Valentine's Day

Three Winners Cards-Stacy P—if you took cards please remember to get your money (\$20/each) to Stacy. There are still six cards left to sell; we do NOT get to return them

M/S/A/P that the money donated by Cathy S. from Sam's Club be split evenly between Shriner's and Hearing and Service Dogs of MN

\$5 for Friendly Service—Cathy S and Hetal A—Authentic Indian Dinner—won by Joanna T.

Gift Wrap at Barnes and Nobles-Charlotte: \$100.10

Butterbraids-Barb & Katie: 8 service hours; \$573.00; 46 participants

Poinsettias-Cyndy:12 service hours; \$147.15 raised; 5 participants

**External Programming VP (EVP) –Melissa R.**

Women's Wellness – Melissa R. and Sue Ellen T. for Kerry A.

MNWT Women's Wellness Retreat-February 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00-5:00 in Albertville \$15

Youth of Today – Mary B.

Baby Disco—Sue Ellen T. for Stacy P. —February 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Eden Prairie-Flyers and registration forms were handed out.

We need 25-30 families to attend to break even on the cost of the church rental.

Contact Stacy with questions.

Santa Letters—Sue Ellen—93 service hours; \$1014.39 (donated to AUSM); 22 participants

Crisis Nursery—Mary B. –Sunday January 17—9 service hours; \$55.21 spent; 24 children, adults, and volunteers served.

Hearing and Service Dogs of MN—Melissa R and Sue Ellen T for Lisa B.

Collection of items for HSD at February 18 meeting: leashes, grooming supplies,

dog treats, etc.

February 6 –10 Phon-A Thon looking for volunteer callers to contact past donors  
Community Connection – Cyndy M.

**Eden Prairie Foundation Ball**—Sue Ellen T—will be held March 27, 2010.

Details to follow.

**PROP Adopt a Family** – 2 service hours; \$247.00 spent (6 people served); 2 members participated

**BINGO at Park Health & Rehab**—Suzanne—will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month-February 10 from 6:30-8:00; we can bring treats and prizes...some prizes are supplied by the facility

**Project Linus**—32 service hours; \$210.00 spent; 11 members and 5 guest helpers  
Guest Speaker: Beth McCoy The Grocery Tutor

### **Officer Reports**

**Parliamentarian**-Marie R. handed out forms for 2010-2011 board and LPM positions nominations/volunteers

**President** – Sue Ellen T.

The February 18 sign up sheet was passed around.

A photo roster of members will be established and emailed to MEMBERS ONLY. Fay C. and Kristie are co chairs

**State Delegate** – Gail W.

*Winter State* – St. Louis Park - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Friday Jan29 – Sunday Jan31. Sign up sheet passed around. KATIE needs help at the state store. STACY needs help at the book sale. SUE ELLEN needs help with ONTO flower distribution. Contact them if you have time to help.

*Chapter visits* in January: Burnsville and Fridley

Future visits scheduled Feb 10 Brooklyn Park; Feb 11 White Bear Lake; Feb 17 Roseville.

*MNWT Buckets of Sunshine* --Joanna T—still accepting donations before Friday Jan 29 for Shriner's Hospitals Buckets of Sunshine—the donation goal for this year's Buckets of Sunshine Statewide Project, the Shriners, is \$6,000 worth of donations, to go along with the theme of the 60th anniversary of Women of Today at Winter State Convention, where these donations will be presented. Items sought include fleece blankets and toys, videos, books, etc. for hospitalized children, especially boys and teens.

*District 11 Meeting* –Melissa R--Feb 25 hosted by Eden Prairie 6:15 at St. Andrews. Sign up sheet passed around for those that want to supply desserts or paper products

*AREA 3 Meeting*—April 9

*Annual Convention (State)* –May 21-23 in Alexandria

*National Convention*—June 10-13 in Rochester

*MNWT March Planning*—Sue Ellen for Stacy P—a state event being hosted by EP to discuss various aspects of WT; changes will be discussed and sent to the appropriate state committee. March 13 at St. Andrews a sign up sheet will be passed around at Feb. meeting for food, beverages, and helpers.

*WAWT Extension Update*—Fay C—sign up sheets for helping at the Wild Game Feed Saturday Feb. 6; and for the bake sale to benefit Relay for Life –Waconia

*Cyprus Sponsorship*—They are working on filling their board. Please offer encouragement where you can (Facebook/website/forum)

**Membership VP (MVP)** – Sue Ellen for Kerry A.

Member of the month – Nancy C.

Mystical Mondays (5<sup>th</sup> Monday of a month)

March 29 --Linda N. will chair

Dining Out Club (Foodie Adventure) 1st Wednesday of the month-Suzanne S. –

February 3 will be at School II 600 Market St. Ste. 170 Chanhassen) at 6PM

**Treasurer** – Sue Ellen for Lisa B

Ending Balance: \$1751.95

**Secretary** –Beth W.

November minutes approved as posted.

#### **New Business/Announcements**

**Stacy P is posting many EPWT events on Face Book. If you aren't on FB you can contact her to get a list of people that RSVP. IF you don't want an event posted on FB notify her of that also.**

March for Babies—Sue Ellen for Shannon S—looking for a chair... Shannon will do it if no other volunteers but it's a great project for a new or inexperienced member and Shannon will be available to help.

**Inspirational Thought** provided by Cathy S.

**Women of Today Creed** led by Suzanne S.

**Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Secretary Beth W.