

**Eden Prairie Women of Today  
Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2004 - 7:00**

**Members:**

Kathy Brenner	Fay Clark
Crystal Kokal	Joanna Takes
Cyndy Mertz	Tina Richter
Jan Mars	Stacy Pearson
Jennifer Ackerman	Mary Boerner
Sara Muehlenbein	

**Guests:**

Brenda Schramm – MNWT President	Karen Torseth - Lakeville
Chrissy Stone	Cindy Langer - Lakeville

Barb Terwedo	Tracy Lynch
Audra Compton	Janel Hartfiel
Beth Wojahn	Susan Malek
Estelle Schaefer	

Stacy P. called the meeting to Order at 7:05.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jennifer  
US Women of Today Creed was led by Crystal Kokal  
Fay C. led the Ice Breaker: Tell about your nickname

Brenda Schramm had a talk about why she is involved in Women of Today.

Stacy P. recognized Karen Torseth's birthday.

**President Report– Stacy P.**

We will be moving our General Meeting location to St. Andrews Church – room #207 in October.

Kathy is stepping down from her role as Secretary. Please let Stacy know if you are interested in filling this position.

**State Delegate - Tina R. & Jan M.**

Fall State Convention will be held November 19-21 in St. Cloud. Advance registration is due October 27.  
The District 10 Meeting is October 28 in Lakeville.  
Burnsville is hosting a Luncheon to raise funds for Breast Cancer at Holiday Inn on October 16.

**Membership – Crystal Kokal**

"Let's Get Salsafied!" is a social and membership night planned for September 23 at Chevy's at 6:30pm.

**Treasurer – Mary B.**

Mary passed out the Treasurer's report and reported that we have \$325.24 on hand.  
Fay reported that \$900 was raised through the Innisbrook fundraiser which had sales of \$1800.

**Secretary – Kathy**

The previous month's Minutes were approved.  
We have a PALS event planned with Maple Grove. The date is September 28 and will be held in Ridgedale meeting room.  
Joanna attended the recent PALS book club with Maple Grove. The next book "*Ada Blackjack*" by Jennifer Niven will be read for the October 13 meeting. The November book will be "*The Namesake*" by Jhumpa Lahiri.

**External Programming VP – Cyndy**

**Civic Awareness** – Jan has invited two individuals running for the Eden Prairie City Council to the October meeting. Come prepared with your questions regarding the City.

### Youth and Community – Fay C.

Tina reminded us that the CCFA Pace Setters Walk for Crohn's Disease is on October 10. Members have volunteered to help, walk or both. We will go to IHOP afterwards. The walk is at MOA 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Nordstrom.

Cornerstone project - Joanna. This shelter for families in crisis could use books and other reading material for the children. We agreed to participate in a book drive with the Richfield chapter. Joanna also mentioned several other projects that we can get involved in. 1 – Wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble either as EPWT or as help for Cornerstone in return for donations to fund the book drive. 2 – Buckets of sunshine brought to the state meeting to give to needy women. 3 – Raking leaves for needy families.

Crystal –

**Crystal Kokal moved that we approve a \$50 budget for the poinsettia sale. This money would cover postage and expense for paper and envelopes. Tina seconded.** Mary and Crystal will co-chair.

Jan talked about Make a Difference Day and passed out a sign-up sheet to assist with painting a house for Project for Pride in Living on October 23.

**Crystal moved that we allot \$250 towards the purchase of fleece for Project Linus. Fay seconded.** Sara and Cyndy will co-chair.

Cyndy talked about Autism, recently selected as a national focus.

Great Chef for Kidney Disease is a dinner/fund raiser.

Cyndy reminded us of the Caring Vine for Kidney Disease.

### Internal Programming VP – Joanna T.

PR – Jennifer A.

Jennifer passed out a flyer encouraging us to share our old magazines with senior centers, with a card attached noting they are from the Eden Prairie Women of Today.

EP City Mayor signed a proclamation calling the week Sept 18 – 25 Eden Prairie Women of Today week.

Jennifer did get our organization mentioned in the Eden Prairie News.

### Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter Articles to Crystal Kelly by September 23

RAVE – Lisa V.

Lisa via Joanna presented gifts to Crystal and Stacy for their help in getting the pieces needed for documentation to prepare a U.S. project entry.

### Ways & Means – Mary B

Notecards for the statewide kids' art fundraiser need to be turned in by Monday.

### Personal Enrichment

Joanna, Tina and Fay agreed to work on preparing a PEP course on Personality for our chapter.

Joanna will also work with Chrissy to plan a district-wide PEP course for later in the year.

Entries for the Minnesota PE writing contest are due by Oct. 11. Theme is "The Color or Colors That Best Represent My Life Are..."

### Impromptu Speeches

Joanna has added Impromptu Speeches on the agenda each month starting in October.

### Announcements

Crafters are needed for the Lakeville craft show. Contact Karen Torseth.

Butter braid order forms will be passed out at the October meeting.

Chrissy Stone talked about 'Putting the pieces together' her theme as District 10 director.

Gifts were presented to Brenda and Chrissy for coming to speak.  
Prospective members Barb and Janelle received Door Prizes.

Fay and Crystal received gifts for bringing the most prospective members.

5 new members signed. New members threw darts at a balloon board to receive gifts.  
\$5.00 off membership to Tracy and Audra  
Gifts to Estelle, Susan and Janel  
Estelle won the Grand Prize of jewelry made by Tina.

Inspirational Thought was provided by Kathy

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Sara

Stacy P. adjourned the meeting

*Kathy Brenner*  
Secretary