

DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER  
*Update*

Thank you so much for the positive response following the first district newsletter of 2010-11!

I will continue to work towards my goal for this newsletter to be the place all District 2 chapter members can go to and know what's going on... what each of the D2 chapters are working on as well as what we're doing at the district level.

Again, in order to do this, I need YOUR HELP!! It doesn't have to be much – just a quick email with what your chapter is up to, perhaps even a few photos of events you've held, a quick list of your upcoming events – that's all I'm asking for.

There will be three more issues to follow, with distribution planned in November, February and April.

If you have any comments or suggestions about our newsletter please let me or Debbi know.

Hope to see you at the District meeting Saturday... we're hosting :)

~ Christine



## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Greetings District 2 members!

Thank You! Thank you for contributing your time during events, chapter meetings, and projects put on by your chapter. Thank you for being a member of this Organization- YOU are essential to your chapter and to your District!

Have you thought about the qualities that you bring to your chapter? What are your strengths? When we know what our strengths are and communicate them, we are able to delegate those items to members that excel in that area. It will be more productive and it will be more beneficial working together - as a TEAM!!

Please keep these items in mind too!:

- Growing
- Retaining
- Extending

Is your chapter "plugged in"? Is your chapter "excited"?

Let's show Excitement and Energy for the Women of Today as we add and renew those members and as we Extend a hand of fellowship to neighboring Communities!

I look forward to this 2nd trimester. I know that the district will grow because we have AWESOME district team members!

Thanks again!

**With Energy and Excitement!**

Your District 2 Director,

debbi  
johnson

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## *What's New with the* GREENBUSH CHAPTER

August was a busy month for this chapter! The ladies organized kid's games at Lake Bronson Woodcarver's Festival – they had an Egg Drop at the tower and then a Quarter Dig at the beach volleyball court.

For Kid's Week the Greenbush chapter put on a Pint-Size Polka at the Library, a Nature Night at the Legion Park, and a Pool Night.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM *June District Meeting*

- excerpt from Lake of Woods Women of Today minutes

Eleven people attended the District 2 Meeting at Rosalie's in Baudette June 25. New DD Debbi Johnson, Greenbush, was "Energized and Excited" to start the new year, and shared her goals and plans with the district. Lady Mile honors went to Greenbush (5 of 22 members present). Lady Attendance went to Lake of the Woods (4 of 13 members present). Project of the Trimester went to Lake of the Woods for its final Willie Walleye Day celebration. Four of five chapters were represented. MaryAnn Johnson, Greenbush, is the State Program Manager for Community Connections.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight is from the Lake of the Woods Chapter.

Sariina Kalli

Minnesota/Lake of the Woods Women of Today

Member since April 2003



I joined the LWWT to better connect the Willie Walleye 5K to the Willie Walleye Day I had heard so much about. I wanted to be involved in my community on a positive and proactive level, and this organization gave me plenty of opportunities to do that. Not only was I able to dig into the community, but also I was able to travel around the state meeting new people and learning new things about myself and others. I have certainly grown as a person, a leader, and a friend through my interactions with the Women of Today. Thank you to my friends in the Lake of the Woods chapter, past and present, and to all the friends I have met along the way. I will miss you, and this organization, more than I can say.

A special thanks to Janice Nelson who took me under her wing when I joined the chapter seven years ago. Janice is a strong woman who pulled no punches, yet pushed me to be the better person the WT creeds talk about. You may never know the full impact you had on me, Janice, but thanks for everything. ☺

- Sariina

## Local Chapter Board Positions Held:

President (1+), State Delegate (2), Membership VP (2), Programming VP (2)

## Local Programming Manager Positions Held:

Public Relations (6), Newslet, STEP, Personal Enrichment, Ways & Means, Newslet (2), Jacob Wetterling Foundation, Success chairperson (4)

## District Board Positions Held:

District Director, Secretary

## District Programming Manager Positions Held:

Public Relations (2), Newslet, Women's Wellness

## Certifications:

Chaplain-Family Involvement (3), STEP II, STEP III (2), Focus on Women (3), Effective Writing (4), Effective Speaking (4), Civic Awareness (4)

## Awards:

2003-2004 MNWT Presidential Pin: "This upbeat, motivated member has a knack for public relations. Using CIPs and her own ideas, she has tackled Willie Walleye Day, Kid's Week and the Arts & Crafts Festival. Lake of the Woods is pleased Sariina Kalli is a member."  
First Place STEP II Competition, Winter State 2004  
First Timers Spotlight Award, Winter State 2004  
Outstanding Public Relations LPM, May 2004

2004-2005 MNWT Presidential Medallion: "The flu vaccine shortage doesn't matter here, because it is enthusiasm that's spreading for this chapter president. She's portraying a professional chapter image by moving the meeting to a more public location. She's motivating more people to participate, plus her attitude is positively contagious. Please congratulate Sariina Kalli from Lake of the Woods as a Presidential Medallion recipient."

2004-2005 USWT Presidential Pin  
Gold Key, Outstanding Local Chapter President, May 2005

2005-2006 MNWT Presidential Medallion: "Encouraging, fun, belief in the organization, and it shows. She has signed 4 new members and keeps on trying. A member who loves paperwork! A rare

bird, but a loving one – at their helm, District 2 is in for a treat next year with congratulations to Sariina Kalli of Lake of the Woods."

Fired Up Public Relations DPM, August 2005

Gold Key, Outstanding State Delegate, May 2006

2006-2007 MNWT Presidential Medallion: "This district director has taken a personal interest in her chapter to ensure that they have a positive, successful year. She is dedicated to the organization and her position by completing her responsibilities as DD. 'Showcasing the Stars of the North' is District 2 Director Sariina Kalli."

2006-2007 USWT Presidential Pin: "This member is doing a great job as a district director. She is upbeat and positive and communicates very well with her chapters. She isn't afraid to ask for assistance when she needs it, and is always willing to offer assistance when she can. She does a terrific job of keeping her district chapters informed and forwards information from the state in a timely manner. District 2 is 'Showcasing the Stars of the North'; with their own star, Sariina Kalli."

Fired Up Newslet DPM, August 2006

Outstanding Public Relations LPM, November 2006

Silver Key, Outstanding District Director, May 2007

USWT Outstanding Achievement in Programming, June 2007

## Local Chapter Projects (\*Chair or Co-Chairperson):

Willie Walleye Day\*, 4th of July Kiddie Races, Founder's Day M-Night\*, Kid's Week, Arts & Crafts Festival, Progressive Dinner, Mix & Match a Mug M-Night\*, Belly Up to the Bar M-Night\*, Family Week\*, Jose Cole Circus, Dunk Tank, Scooter Raffle\*, Baudette Centennial 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk\*, PartyLite M-Night\*, Relay for Life, Project Linus, Face Painting at Santa Day/Frost Fest\*, Baudette Bay 5K\*, Spa Night M-Night, Operation Minnesota Nice

NOTE: Some projects were annual events. I did not chair them every year, but I did participate in most.

## District Projects:

Area 1 Meeting, March 2007; District 2 M-Night, May 2007 before Convention; MNWT Annual Convention Board, May 2007 – all in Bemidji, MN.

## Roseau Chapter News

We received numerous entries from all over the county for the parade at the Roseau County Fair in July. It was also very well attended by the public, which together made for a very successful parade. The floats are judged by the Roseau County Agassiz Leaders – they selected three winners: Roseau Ace Hardware, Annie's Trading Post and Dustin Byfuglien. The Roseau girls are gearing up for a busy fall... Coming up very soon will be the distribution of "Coats for Kids". Of special note is that we have been asked to take over Roseau's Diva Day – we are VERY excited to be involved with a woman's event such as this. We're also planning to work with the Roso Theatre again this fall to offer a free movie for the kids, since that has gone over well in past years.



### District Director Debbi's Challenge for each Chapter President

- Complete FAST START
- Communicate with your members and District Director of your goals and projects each tri-mester
- Complete your monthly chapter president reports
- Have at least 2 members of your chapter attend district meetings and 1 member of your chapter attend state conventions
- Add at least 3 members to your chapter

## GOOD & WELFARE

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANICE NELSON OF THE LAKE OF THE WOODS CHAPTER ON HER PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION WHICH WAS PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE JULY CHAPTER MEETING – GREAT WORK!

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Baudette...

Co-Ed Softball Tournament: Five teams paid \$100 each to be in the softball tourney that the Lake of the Woods Women of Today co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce. Prizes were awarded for 1st - \$150 cash/\$150 chamber bucks; 2nd - \$100 cash/\$100 chamber bucks; 3rd - \$50 cash/\$50 chamber bucks.

The traditional Kiddie Races after the parade on July 4 went well, too.



### Reminder...

We need your contributions to make our newsletter GREAT!

Please email any pictures or articles for future newsletters to [c\\_and\\_co@hughes.net](mailto:c_and_co@hughes.net).

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[ Open ]

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### WAYS & MEANS

[ Open ]

### WOMEN'S WELLNESS

[ Open ]

### CAN DO CANINE'S

[ Open ]

Please consider holding a District 2 Program Manger positions – as you can see above, there are several openings for District Program Managers!

## We're ALL OVER THE web... LOOK US UP!

Greenbush –  
[www.greenbushwomen.webs.com](http://www.greenbushwomen.webs.com)

Roseau –  
[www.rwot.org](http://www.rwot.org)

Minnesota Women of Today -  
[www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org)

PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES!!



Minnesota Women of Today District 2  
Baudette WT  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Greenbush Women of Today meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> – District 2 Fall Meeting, Roseau
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Roseau Women of Today meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Coats for Kids, Roseau
- 12<sup>th</sup> – LOW Women of Today meeting, Baudette VFW

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Greenbush Women of Today meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Diva Days, Roseau
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Roseau Women of Today meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> - LOW Women of Today meeting, Baudette VFW

### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Greenbush Women of Today meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Roseau Women of Today meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> - LOW Women of Today meeting, Baudette VFW

### Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award

From our very own Mary Ann Johnson [Community Connections SPM]

This is an award given by the Minnesota Women of Today recognizing a person with developmental challenges. We recognize their talents and accomplishments. We celebrate their joy for helping others. My goal is to have at least five nominations for this award. Nominations can come from any chapter or district and EVERY nominating chapter or district will receive a personal note from me. Nominations forms can also be found at the MNWT website at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org) under book of forms/recognition. Submission deadline will be November 1st, 2010 with the awards banquet held at the Winter State Convention. You may always contact me if you have trouble locating the forms.

### Project of the Trimester

Has your chapter done a community project this trimester? Nominate it for the Project of the Trimester! Nominations should be postmarked three weeks prior to the state conventions. You may do them on line and email them to [cc@mnwt.org](mailto:cc@mnwt.org) or mail to Mary Ann Johnson, PO Box 74, Greenbush, MN 56726. A nomination form can be found online at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org).

### Annual Community Awards

Awards are given by the Minnesota Women of Today recognizing a Joint Ventures, Community Impact and Civic or Environmental Project at Annual Convention. Now is the time to start thinking about nominations! Spring will be here before we know it...look for the nomination form on my webpage and watch for a challenge coming soon! Don't wait! Get those nominations in TODAY!

### THE PRESIDENT AND STATE DELEGATE RETREAT OFFERS INDIVIDUAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, AND STATE DELEGATES. "WHERE YOUR BOOK BEGINS"

OCTOBER 16-17, 2010 AT FRIENDSHIP VENTURES, ANNANDALE, MN

- \$74 REGISTRATION AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH
- INCL. SAT NIGHT DINNER, SUNDAY BRUNCH AND HOUSING

### Save the Date...

### MINNESOTA WOMEN OF TODAY WINTER STATE CONVENTION

JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

DOUBLE TREE PARK PLACE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

- FRIDAY NIGHT FLANNEL PAJAMA PARTY
- SATURDAY LUNCHEON
- SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET
- ADVANCE REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 12, 2011
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS

### HOT FLASHES - PERSONAL MESSAGES

Recognize special people or projects! "Hot Flashes", this year's personals are available to let everyone know how you feel. For only \$3.00 or two for \$5.00, you can have your "Hot Flash" personal published in the MNWT NEWSLET.

### HOT FLASHES

YOUR Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MESSAGE (25 WORD LIMIT):

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Personals are due January 7, 2011. Send this form with \$3 per message or \$5 for two messages. Checks payable to MNWT. Mail to: Julie Hammel, 14672 Junkite St NW, Ramsey MN 55303. Email personals will be accepted. They will not be printed until payment is made.

## - Important DATES -

### October

**Emphasis: Records & Recognition, MNWT Foundation (MN); Buckets of Sunshine & Chaplain (US)**

**1-3** : USWT Mid-Year Convention in TBA

**9** : MNWT Foundation meeting

**16-17** : President/State Delegate Retreat at Friendship Ventures

**22** : Ladies' Night Out

**23** : Make a Difference Day

**30** : Quilt squares due to Presidential Assistant

**31** : Chapter president monthly reports due to DD

NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

### November

**Emphasis: Women's Wellness (MN); Focus on Women, Leadership (US)**

**1** : Women Who Impact nominations due to Awards Committee chair

People with Developmental Challenges nominations due to Awards Committee chair

Outstanding Young Adult nominations due to Youth of Today SPM

**6** : MNWT Bylaw and Policy Review, Anoka City Hall, morning

**12** : Mid-year individual evaluations due to R&R SPM

**12-13** : Mid-Year Exec Council Meeting

**15** : Early Bird Renewals due to Chapter Service Center

**29** : Mystical Monday (Membership)

**30** : Chapter president monthly reports due to DD

NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

### December

**Emphasis: Extensions, Membership (US)**

**1** : Chapter grant applications due to MNWT Foundation

**4** : Marketing, Membership Management and Future Directions Committee Meeting

**10** : Key Woman nominations due for Fall State to Key Woman President

**15** : All renewals due to Chapter Service Center

**29** : LPM reports due from DPMs to DD, SPM and IVP/EVP

**31** : Chapter president monthly reports due to DD

trimester close out

## THIS MONTH'S EMPHASIS: RECORDS & RECOGNITION

From SPM: Janice Schwartz webpage

### *Recording the Present to Enhance the Future*

**Records and Recognition** is designed to help keep those important project records on file. Ideas for chapter histories come from this area, as do awards and incentive ideas. Twice Presidents, state delegates and executive council members complete individual entries at the end of each year that are beneficial to the next officer in that position. The entries are judged, and keys are awarded based on the accomplishments recorded in the entries. She coordinates and promotes the chapters' Success System submissions.

**Chapter History Form** is a useful way to keep track of the year's awards, chapter members and officers. Keeping these forms will enable quick reference when filling out forms nominating your members for different awards.

**Chapter Checkoff List** encourages you to find your chapters' manuals, important papers and other things that your chapter will need sometime during the year. Did you know that each chapter has one copy of each of the manuals available? There is a manual for each of your board members. Do you know where your manuals are? How about your current declaration of insurance? Do you know your chapter Federal ID number or where to find it if it is needed? Each chapter should complete this Chapter Check-off list with your board members and send it to our Records & Recognition SPM.

**Chapter Project Guide** is a form that your chapter should complete within 30 days of each project. Details from the project such as expenses, materials needed, steps taken to plan the event and any ideas or suggestions for future chairs should be included on this form. These forms, once filled out, should be placed in your chapter's files. In the future when your chapter wants to run this project again, the details of the project will be right there for you to use. The form

is found in the R&R Manual which each chapter has a copy of. It is also found in the Book of Forms on Page 38. You may also contact our Records & Recognition SPM for this form or for more information.

**Project of the Trimester** - Chapters want to know what other chapters are doing. Here is your chance. When you run a project you can submit it to the proper state program manager and to the R&R SPM. Each trimester, each SPM will pick a project that will be recognized at convention. All projects submitted will be added to the R&R web page.

**Project Report Highlights Form** - Janice states she is still collecting ideas from chapters. Judy started this last year. Submit your project and it will be part of the web page. Again this is aimed at sharing what is working in our chapters.

**US Project Recognition** - The United States Women of Today have a program called Project Recognition. There are two times during the year that these are accepted and judged on the US level. These are to be submitted to the US Programming VP. Projects are entered into one of six categories and judged according to a standard set of guidelines. If you have completed the Project Report, you have all the information needed to submit a US Project Recognition to the USWT. Please contact our Records & Recognition SPM if you would like help with submitting this to the USWT.

Forms and more information about R&R can be found online at:  
<http://www.mnwt.org/exec-council/spms/records-recognition.html>