



Common Grounds

Message from our President:

Hi everyone!

It looks as though winter has finally officially arrived. And arrived with a dangerous bang. I hope everyone is keeping warm and safe in these conditions.

Its hard to believe we're starting 3rd Trimester already. Winter State Convention was just this past weekend and it was a blast. I'm so glad that Byron was represented by 6 of our members. The energy, the positivity, and the comradery of the convention is wonderful. I always come away from the MN Women of Today conventions reenergized and re-committed to the organization. If you have not yet attended a convention, I strongly encourage you to attend, even if only for a day. The next convention is the Annual Convention May 17-19. There will be more information on the MNWT website in the very near future.

Your District Director, Sheila Geier, has been working with the state membership vice presidents to help us give a boost to our chapter membership. There are some fun activities in the works that I think you will very much enjoy. Watch the BWT Members page for notifications. And you are always welcome to bring along a friend. The more the merrier!!

We are also simplifying the focus of our meetings. Starting this month, there will not be a regularly scheduled board meeting, but we will hold a board meeting after the regular membership meeting if needed. Also, any committee meetings and work that are needed will happen after the regular membership meeting. This way, there will only be one night a month that anyone needs to attend meetings. Our agendas and focus are going to be simplified as well. We are looking at focusing on a few key areas such as Women's Wellness or Community Connections.....you get the idea. We have some great people and do some great events, but maybe we need to scale back just a little and re-energize ourselves and find the fun in our chapter again.

We can do this ladies!!! We are intelligent and strong and ready to have some fun!! I look forward to hearing your suggestions and seeing you at the next meeting!

Dawn
President, Byron Women of Today

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting	February 4
Polar Plunge	February 9
Board Meeting MNWT Webinar	February 27
Chapter Meeting	March 4
State Committee Meetings	March 16

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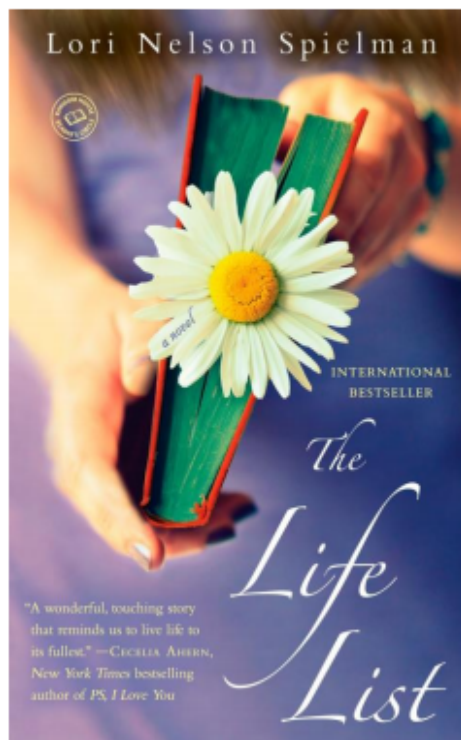
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LIVING AND LEARNING 3RD TRIMESTER CHALLENGE- SPIRITUAL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND TRADITIONS.

"I challenge you and your chapter members to go out and get to know your neighbors or attend neighborhood gathering in your community and learn about their culture and traditions". Share it with your friends, family and chapters. Complete your certifications and send them in to me at ll@mnwt.org

Living and Learning Book Club 2019

Announcing MNWT next Book Club-The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman. Discussion be held at Annual Convention 2019.



A journey of self-discovery that is truly beautiful to behold.

Living and Learning Effective Speaking Competitions

Guidelines

The Effective Speaking competition is to be held at the Annual Awards State Convention each year. The guidelines for the competition are:

- A presentation is to be prepared in advance of the competition. The L&L SPM may require this to be turned in prior to the competition.
- Material to be presented for judging at the competition by one member, or as set by the current L&L SPM.
- Presenters are allowed 4-6 minutes for presentation. If under 4 or over 6 minutes, points will be deducted from score. Power Point can be used during the competition and any materials, or props. Be creative!
- Presenters should be dressed professionally.
- Entry fee is \$5 or as indicated in the state bylaws/policies.
- Winners will be announced and awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet.
- There is no limit to entries per chapter. A team of 1 or 2 members from the same chapter, both need to be present and have speaking parts in the presentation.

Judging Criteria

All presentations are evaluated based on the development of the theme as well as the content of the essay organization, originality and overall effectiveness.

Effective Speaking Topic

The Effective Speaking Competition is a great way to challenge yourself and grow through written expression. It is a planned speech on a specific topic. The Effective Speaking competition is to be held prior to the Winter State Convention each year. This year's topic is:

Families have important traditions that family members share. "What is your family traditions that you want your kids and grandkids to know about and hopefully be carried out to their generations?"

Use specific reasons and details to support your response.

Please let me know if you are interested or planning to do the Effective Speaking Competition by email at ll@mnwt.org

SUCCESS POINTS

Submit a Nominations for a Community Connections Year End Award (50 points)

and/or

Hold an M Event and sign 3 new Members for 3rd Trimester (50 points)

and/or

Reach 85% Retention for 3rd Trimester (50 points)

and/or

Submit a Chapter Article to the NEWSLET (25 points)

and/or

Have 2 Members of your Chapter Attend the February State Wide Webinar (25 points)

and/or

Donate \$25 or more to the US Women of Today Ways and Means (25 points)

and/or

Donate \$25 or more to MN Programming Area: Wishes and More (925 points)

Maximum of 100 Bonus Points



WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Rheumatoid Arthritis affects joints and is usually assymetrical meaning that if the left knee is hurting, then the left hand is hurting also. More facts about this disease coming soon. In the meantime, please continue to share your loose change to make a difference to someone with Rheumatoid Arthritis!



District 11 Represents at Winter State Convention

LEAD the WAY

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Chapter: _____ District: _____

Name Message Is For: _____

Your Message (25 word limit): _____

Personals are due 9/25/18, 1/29/19, and 5/21/19. Send this form with \$2 per message or you can buy in bulk of 12 messages for \$20 or 25 for \$40. Make checks payable to MNWT. Mail to: Stephanie Putzier, 224 10 1/4 Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904. Email personals will be accepted. They will not be published until payment is received.



COFFEE BREAK

Welcome Lisa to our chapter! ~ Amy Pumper

Congratulations, Dawn, on your MNWT Presidential Medallion! ~ Stephanie Putzier

Lisa—Welcome to our chapter! I can't wait to meet you in person. ~ Stephanie Putzier

Thank you to Stephanie and JoAnn for the updates on programming so I can complete the Trimester report. Each trimester, we complete this report so the organization can track how much is raised and that shows how important our organization is to our communities. Next trimester, I will do a better job of gathering the info to get it completed on time.

~ Amy Pumper, Programming Vice President

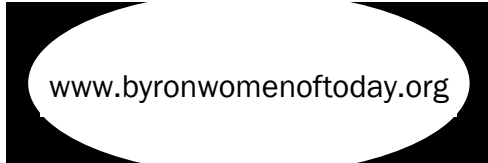
Thank you to JoAnn, Michelle, Amy, and Tammy (from Blooming Prairie) for doing the Letters from Santa. We raised \$165 for the Dictionary project. Thank you to everyone who promoted it!

~ Amy Pumper

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Minnesota Women of Today

We, the Women of Today, are service, growth, and fellowship.

We believe that through us great lessons can be learned,
worthy deeds performed, and a hand of fellowship extended
to millions of women everywhere.

May we leave the world a better place
because we lived and served within it.

United States Women of Today

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.



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