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# NEWSLETTER OF THE STMA Women of Today

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## Our Garden in Bloom

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Hello to all STMA Members,

Well I can't believe that this Year is almost over. I sure miss seeing all of you.

I would like to say thanks to the 14 members who attended the zoom mtg. Just found out that we can only have 10 people at Liberty Restaurant. So we will do zoom till we can have more people there.

In February it is teenage Domestic Violence Awareness. So please wear orange to our February Mtg. We will be having a bingo on the 7<sup>th</sup> on February at 3pm.

And we will be doing a zoom for Step Certification on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. It would be nice to have a lot of our members on zoom to do the step.

I hope your recovery goes well Cheri Zajac.

I would like to say thank you to all of you for my Christmas Gift.

I hope that everyone is doing well. Let me know if anyone needs anything. I'm off work right now so if anyone wants to do anything let me know,

Thank you,  
Kathy



**NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR A**

# **2021-2022**

# **Board Position**

Do you know a fellow member who would be perfect for our board? Do you want to be a part of next year's board?

**Open positions:**

**President**  
**Membership VP**  
**State Delegate**

Contact Abbi with nominations:  
asmbaker@hotmail.com or  
612.703.1214

## BOOK CLUB:

**ZOOM 6:30 January 27**

### **Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng**

Now a Hulu original series starring Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington.

“I read *Little Fires Everywhere* in a single, breathless sitting.” —Jodi Picoult

“To say I love this book is an understatement. It’s a deep psychological mystery about the power of motherhood, the intensity of teenage love, and the danger of perfection. It moved me to tears.” —Reese Witherspoon

“Extraordinary . . . books like *Little Fires Everywhere* don’t come along often.” —John Green

From the bestselling author of *Everything I Never Told You*, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned—from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren—an enigmatic artist and single mother—who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

When old family friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town—and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia’s past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.

*Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

Named a Best Book of the Year by: People, The Washington Post, Bustle, Esquire, Southern Living, The Daily Beast, GQ, Entertainment Weekly, NPR, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iBooks, Audible, Goodreads, Library Reads, Book of the Month, Paste, Kirkus Reviews, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and many more...



### **Emphasis Month: January**

Living and Learning (MN); Personal Development (US)

### **Emphasis Month: February**

NEWSLET (MN), Extensions (MN & US); STEP (US);  
Domestic Violence Awareness (US)



## **BAKED ROAST BEEF & PROVOLONE SLIDERS** : From the Kitchen of Jan Cera

1 ½ sticks (12 T) butter, melted, plus additional for buttering baking dish

1 T Poppy Seeds

1 T Sesame Seeds

¾ t dried minced Garlic

½ T dried minced Onion

Kosher Salt

1 pkg Hawaiian Sweet Rolls

1 ½ lb shaved rare Roast Beef from the Deli Counter (preferably Boar's Head)

I used Steak Sandwich meat from Schwan's and fried sliced Onion with it, so I did not include the French-fried Onion Rings

2 C crispy French-fried Onion Rings

1 lb sliced Provolone Cheese

1 C Pickle Rounds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter the bottom of a 13 x 9 inch baking pan.

Stir together the melted butter, poppy seeds, sesame seeds, dried garlic, dried onion and 1 t salt.

Without separating into individual rolls, slice the top half of the bread off the bottom. Place the bottom portion of the rolls in the prepared baking dish. Layer meat on top, then the crispy onions, then a layer of Provolone, then top with pickles. Place the top section of the rolls on top. Stir the spiced butter and then liberally brush over the tops of the rolls until entirely coated.



**Jackie installing Trudy & Cheri**



**Women's Week**





**September board meeting followed by a craft**



**Color City**



## Instructions for NICU blankets

Blankets for NICU need to be 4' by 4', double-layered. They can be tied, braided edge, or with binding.

I am putting a couple of links for other types of edgings in case you're interested.

<https://youtu.be/R3UgR6rKEoE>

<https://youtu.be/sA0Ob2J7aH8>

[https://youtu.be/Ebyzd\\_5flkM](https://youtu.be/Ebyzd_5flkM)<sub>s</sub>



## **MNWT Winter State Membership Events - Save The Date**

You are ALL invited to join the MNWT Membership Team for a fun kickoff to Winter State Convention on [Friday, January 29th](#). Please forward to your chapter members.

### **First Timers Social at 7pm**

New to Convention? "First Timers" we welcome you to Winter State Convention! Please plan on joining us for a Social on Zoom. Details will be sent to chapter emails. If you would like to let MMC Chair Michelle know you plan on joining the social you can send her a note at [mmc@mnwt.org](mailto:mmc@mnwt.org) so she sends you login and other fun stuff to your personal email. We may not be in person but there is still lots of fun to be had and get your convention off on the right note.

### **Membership Social at 7:30 pm**

All members are welcome to join the M-Team for what will hopefully be our last all-online social this year. In addition to hanging out and catching up with your Women of [Today](#) sisters, we invite you to bring your favorite snacks and drink and make your own Charcuterie board with us. Charcuterie what?? Its just a fancy word for snack tray so bring whatever snacks you love. You can come with your board already prepared or follow along with MVP Tevyan as she puts hers together online. Drop MVP Tevyan a note at [mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org) to be sent login details to your personal email.

Recommended Charcuterie items: any board, plate, tray, etc., 2 cheeses (1 soft + 1 hard), 1 meat, 1 spread, 1 sweet treat, 1 salty something, 1 or 2 starches

Please make plans to join MVP Tevyan, CMVP Jenise, and MMC Chair Michelle on [Friday, January 29th](#) to get your Winter State Convention started off right!!



## **MNWT Fundraiser**

The Finance committee was going to have Sheets Galore present at Winter State as our fundraiser. Due to the fact that we will be virtual Sheets Galore is working with us to do the fund raiser though the internet.

\* The website is <http://www.sheetsgaloremn.com> (<http://www.sheetsgaloremn.com/>) -The coupon code to be used will be: MNWT

\* All orders would be paid online, applying the coupon. All orders include a flat \$10 shipping charge. \* Should local members (St. Cloud area) choose not to have their orders shipped, I will welcome calls to my cell [\(320\) 250-2445](tel:3202502445) so that I can take the payment/order over the phone and arrange a place for pickup.

The special offer is 3 for \$99.

1 set = \$39  
2 sets = \$78   3 sets = \$99  
Additional sets are \$33/each

The scheduled event will run [January 3 - 16](#).

I have attached the flyer that could be used to promote the event should you choose to use it.

It is very important that when you order that you check out that you use the coupon code MNWT so that we get credit and earn funds from your purchase.

\*The shipping is a very good deal. Where you order one set or multiple sets the shipping is \$10.00. If you are local to St. Cloud and would like to arrange pickup/delivery and avoid the shipping fee you MUST use the phone number on the flyer to place your order.

Please pass this on to all your chapter members and have them share with their family and friends. Please help support Ways & Means for the MNWT.

Thank you

Mary Hansen, Financial VP  
[320.492.8379](tel:3204928379)  
Making Sense of Your Dollars



## **St. Michael-Albertville Women of Today**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

January 12, 2021

### **Let Our Members**

### **Grow Like Flowers**

**Call to Order@ 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance- Jackie Fields**

**MN Women of Today Creed- Lisa Haines**

**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.**

**Ice Breaker- What's your favorite pie?**

**Orders of the Day/Establish Quorum.** Members present: 14 - Quorum has been established. Members: Kathy Hansen, Jan Cera, Julie Davis, Nicole Jockisch, Jackie Fields, Abbi Baker, Joanna Bolduc, Kris Goodin, Lisa Haines, Robin Johnson, Sara Caron, Bobbi Fehrmann, Lori Goutermont and Sherri Streff

### **Officers Reports-**

**Parli- Abbi** - went over procedures for Zoom Meeting

Committee needs to be formed to contact members about becoming part of the Board. Open positions are:

President, State Delegate and Membership

Abbi Baker, Julie Davis and Jan Cera volunteered to work on the Committee to get candidates for the 3 open positions

**Review By-Law** - Need to form a Committee to review By-Laws

Abbi Baker will head the Committee - Robin Johnson, Bobbi Fehrmann and Kathy Hansen will be on the Committee

**Treasurer- Nicole**

- Report - Nicole sent everyone the revised report
- \$10 Refund to be sent to Christine Konz - she overpaid her membership dues



- **Vote on Revised New Budget**

**M/S/P** (Nicole Jockisch/Lori Goutermont) I move that the Revised Budget should be passed.

**Donation Requests**

**M/S/P** (Nicole Jockisch/Julie Davis) I move that we take \$100 from External Miscellaneous to donate to the Senior Class Party. If it is not held, they will use the money to send out Gift Cards to the Students.

**M/S/P** (Nicole Jockisch/Lori Goutermont) I move that we take \$100 from External Miscellaneous for STMA Robotics Club to help them purchase components for their robots. Their Competitions are being held virtually.

**M/S/A/P** (Julie Davis/Lori Goutermont) I move that we take \$40 from External Miscellaneous to Purchase Gift Cards for the Coloring Contest.

**Discussion around Concessions:** We need to form a Committee to decide how we want to proceed with the Concessions for the Craft Show.

Julie will send out an email asking Members to be part of the Committee.

Already volunteered to be on the Committee:

Lori Goutermont, Joanna Bolduc and Lisa Haines

**Secretary- Jan**

- **January Birthday's** 1/3 Jody J, 1/9 Candi T, 1/16 Nichelle M, 1/17 Lisa H, 1/24 Cheri Z - all cards have been sent out
- Any changes or corrections to the November Minutes? No Changes
- Approve the November Minutes - November Minutes approved
- **Color City-** Event was held 11/21/20. 6 Members and 3 non-Members attended. \$70 was raised and put in External Miscellaneous.

**State Delegate- open**

**Membership- Jackie**

- **Renewals 3rd Tri:** 14 Members up for renewal: Giya Albert, Abbi Baker, Joanna Bolduc, Bobbie Fehrmann, Lori Goutermont, Lisa Haines, Kathy Hansen, Gretchen Huetteman, Lucy Kanu, Christine Konz, Susie Lish, Debbie Pool, Crystal Willis and Cheri Zajac

If you are in Trimester 3<sup>rd</sup> please pay your dues

**New member Orientation** - Trudy Mace still needs and Orientation - Jackie will contact her to set it up

**Membership event- Bingo** - Members had a lot of fun with the Bingo. Kathy will set one up for February.

**Step Certification-on Zoom** - Kathy will set it up. Joanna Bolduc will assist her with the Zoom. We might be able to meet at Liberty - Jan will call the Restaurant.

**Conduct Chapter Survey** - will be sent out to Members asking what they want to see/do this coming year.

Kathy Hansen and Julie Davis will work on it

- **Book Club- Julie / Lori** - Next Meeting - January 27th at 6:30 pm. The book is Little Fires Everywhere.
  - Joanna will set up the Zoom Meeting
  - There is a non-Member coming to the next meeting

### **Programming VP – Julie**

Social- No updates

- Living and Learning- open
  - Community Connections-Chris B- No updates
  - Priority Project-(Wishes & More)-Abbi - No updates
  - Priority Area-Crescent Cove - No updates
  - Women's Wellness-open
  - Youth of Today- Sherri S

**Coloring Contest** - Julie - Motion was made to hold a Coloring Contest. Sheets will be distributed at Kremer's, Cub and Coborns. We will have 2 Categories: Adult and Children.

2 Winners from each category - each wins \$10 Gift Card from local Store

Julie also mentioned that the **NICU in Maple Grove** is in need of blankets that are 4 feet in size. The child would take the Blanket home with them. They can be double or single layers.

Kathy Hansen and Jackie Fields have some material.

We can schedule a time to get together or Members can make on their own.

- Newsletter-Kris G / needs articles and pictures by 1/17
- Records Management- Bobbi F - No updates

Public Relations-Abbi & Julie - No updates



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Like Flowers

### **President-Kathy**

Winner of the Nerd theme - Jackie Fields

**Awards-** Sunflower Award & Daisy Award

No Awards for this month

Sunflower Award for October goes to Bobbie Fehrmann - she has not been present for Kathy to announce her win.

**Thank you to everyone who is on tonight.**

**Serves You Right- Jackie** - we did not hold the drawing since we are on Zoom. Whenever we again get together for a Meeting - remember the amount has been increased to \$.50.

### **Good and Welfare**

**Cheri Zajac** - just got out of the Hospital - she had back surgery. Julie sent her a card. Get well Cheri.

**Julie Davis** had cataract surgery last week and it went well. She will have the other eye done in a few weeks. Good Luck!

**Kathy Hansen** will complete her teeth implants in May. Good Luck!

**Sherri Streff** just bought a new house in Rogers. She will close on Thursday. She is staying in our Chapter - Yeah!

**Joanna Bolduc** thanked Julie Davis for organizing the Secret Santa - everyone enjoyed it.

**Lucy Kanu** is engaged - Congrats!

**Lisa Haines** is going to Cape Coral Fl for vacation.

**Jackie Fields** is going to Disney World.

### **US Women of Today Creed** - Bobbie Fehrmann

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.

**Adjourn@** 8:17 pm