

# NEWSLETTER OF THE STMA Women of Today

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## Co-President Julie's Note

Thank you to everyone who showed up for the June meeting. We easily met our quorum which meant we passed our 2021-2022 budget, such that it is.

Thanks also for the great brainstorming ideas for speakers and projects. Below are the ideas that were discussed. If anyone has any others to add to the list, please let me know.

We are in need of chairs for a few upcoming projects. Please be sure to read the minutes for which projects. It would be great if we can get a seasoned member to team up with a new member to help show them the ropes. A good one to start with would be the Penny Carnival in July. If someone wants to take on a new project but isn't sure what to do, here is a great resource: [http://mnwt.org/members/project\\_table.php#gsc.tab=0](http://mnwt.org/members/project_table.php#gsc.tab=0)

Many of these ideas don't take much money, but are still a lot of fun. Check it out.

Thanks to those who volunteered for positions during the meeting--Robin for taking Living and Learning LPM, Sara and Robin for volunteering for concessions, Brenda for Parking/Transportation, Signs by Jan and Michelle, and Clean-Up by Sherri. It's wonderful to have all these positions filled early. Also, thanks to Kathy and Sherri for chairing National Night Out.

Please remember to use the hashtag **#stmawtkindness** whenever you see an act of kindness, whether it be a very small gesture such as someone holding a door, or a larger one. Let's get this out there so that others will also start using it.

Please look at the baby pictures towards the end of the newsletter and send Kris your best guesses. I hope we will see many at the book club next Tuesday night. Location will be announced on the Facebook page. This month's book is so good, even if a bit of a downer at times, historical fiction tends to be like that. I had heard of the dust bowls, but I had no idea the extent of them. Even if you don't read it for book club, I highly recommend it. Check out the book club Facebook page for other upcoming books. I always look forward to other people's book recommendations too.

STMA Women of Today Book Club [www.facebook.com/groups/188582482258933/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/188582482258933/)

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy these past few days of beautiful weather. Seems like we deserve them after the blazingly hot days we had prior. I hope you are able to take some time to relax a bit and enjoy life.

Hope to see you at some events this month, but if not, see you in July.

Julie

Some great ideas were thrown out at the meeting. Some are for speakers; others are for speakers that could also be an event. Names behind are members who have a connection with someone that may be willing to work with us. If you have any other ideas, please let me know to add them to the list.

Wills/Trusts (Robin)

Women's Finances

Feng Shue (Robin)

Chiropractor (Jan)

Diversity (Kimberly)

Vision Boards (Abbi)

Thumbs Up (Cindy) (suicide prevention)

Nutrition

Real Estate (Cindy & Sara)

Mechanical Maintenance

Self-defense

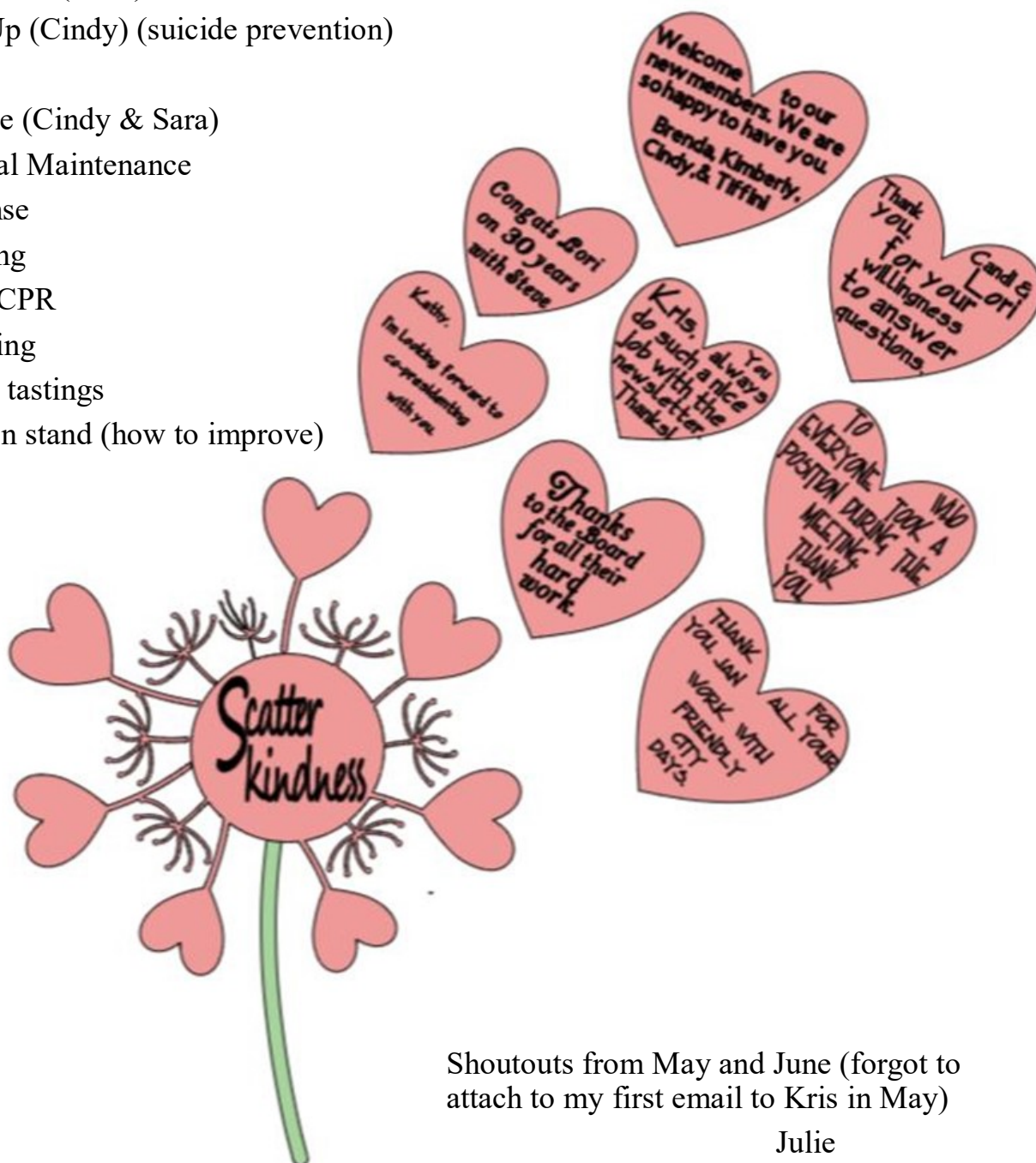
Composting

First-Aid/CPR

Wine pairing

Chocolate tastings

Concession stand (how to improve)



Shoutouts from May and June (forgot to attach to my first email to Kris in May)

Julie

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# **DISTRICT 6 LUAU And Meeting**

**Anoka City Hall  
6:30-Dinner | 7:00-Meeting**

Please join Anoka Women of Today as we host the District 6 meeting for this Trimester on Tuesday June 29. The theme will be Hawaiian Luau! Bring your dollars for Lucky Buck! Door prizes! Food and Fun!  
Cost: \$6 for Meeting + Meal | \$1 Meeting only.

**PLEASE RSVP BY 6/24:  
TERRI.ALSTON315@GMAIL.COM**

### **Member baby picture contest**

Text your guesses to  
Kris at 651-334-3881 by July 12th.  
Winner will be announced at the July  
meeting and in the next newsletter.



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### **Scatter Kindness** from Jan

Special Thanks to my Albertville Friendly Days Committee for all their work: Julie Davis, Robin Johnson, Sherri Streff and Cheri Zajac

Thank you to the Members that assisted at the Albertville Sings Competition: Julie Davis, Chris Bacon, Bobbi Fehrmann and Cheri Zajac

Thanks to the Members that manned our Women of Booth at Albertville Friendly Days: Cindy McCarty, Lucy Hopper and Cheri Zajac

Special Shout out to our Awesome Members that donated to our Gift Baskets: Julie Davis, Jan Cera, Robin Johnson, Chris Bacon, Kathy Hansen, Christine Konz, Sherri Streff and Cindy McCarty

## Phenomenal Woman

BY MAYA ANGELOU

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.  
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's  
size

But when I start to tell them,  
They think I'm telling lies.

I say,  
It's in the reach of my arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around me,  
A hive of honey bees.

I say,  
It's the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.  
They try so much  
But they can't touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show them,  
They say they still can't see.  
I say,  
It's in the arch of my back,

The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.





Kathy receiving her awards for USWT Outstanding National Officer and Programming Award of Excellence

Ladies from Minnesota WT at USWT National Convention



Cindy and her new board

**USWT National Convention**

President Angie and her board



Kathy with USWT President Angie

New USWT President Cindy Umland



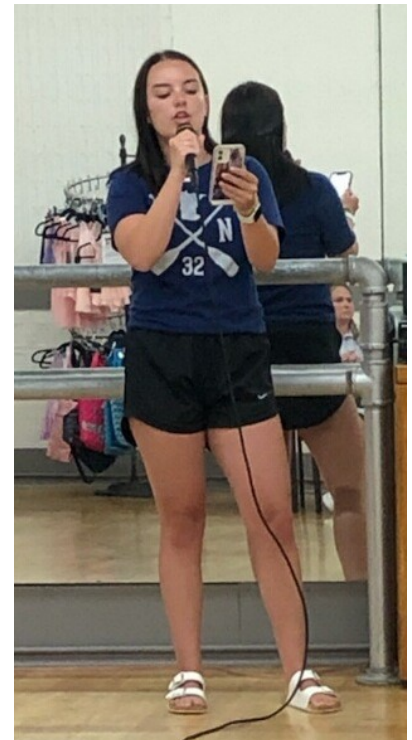
Kathy pictured with Laura Morris (left), Illeana (center) and Cathy Snyder(above),



**Albertville Sings -Judges**



**Taylor Thompson**



**Madelyn Thompson**

## **ALBERTVILLE SINGS**

The very first Albertville Sings was held on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the KMC Dance Studio. There were 2 Contestants. This is very normal for the first Competition. We hope to expand the number of Contestants next year.

Taylor Thompson sang SOS (originally by Abba) and Madelyn Thompson sang More Hearts than Mine (originally by Ingrid Andress). Both girls did a great job.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Taylor with Madelyn coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both Contestants will be going to the MN Sings that is held in Woodbury, MN on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to our Judges: Kat Perkins, Mark Perkins and Annie Grafstrom.

We had a nice showing to watch the Competition including the Albertville Royalty Court. Chuck Spavin from the MN Sings was there and talked about the history of the Event.

Thank you to the Members that attended and helped to pass out PowerClips with WT info:

Julie Davis, Bobbi Fehrman, Chris Bacon, Cheri Zajac.

This was a Great Start for the Competition and looking forward to next year.

## ALBERTVILLE FRIENDLY CITY DAYS -BOOTH

On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a Women of Today Booth set up on Main Street right across from Neighbors.

We got a lot of foot traffic and had 31 women fill out the Raffle Prize Tickets. We had 4 different Prizes from items donated by Members of STMA WT:

Julie Davis, Robin Johnson, Chris Bacon, Sherri Streff, Kathy Hansen, Cheri Zajac, Cindy McCarty, Jan Cera and Christine Konz.

We passed out the WT Power Clips along with info about our upcoming Events (Pizza in the Park and our next General Meeting).

Thank you to the Members that staffed the Booth: Cindy McCarty, Lucy Hopper, Cheri Zajac and Jan Cera.







**Owen's Eagle Scout Awards Ceremony**



**General meeting awards:** Julie- Presidential Pin, Kathy- Presidential medallion, Robin & Joann-monthly chapter awards





Greetings MNWT Members,

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> It is an honor to represent each of you as the 72 nd President of the Minnesota Women of . My staff and I are here to support and guide you, your local chapter and district.

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> Sometimes I think, “Where am I going to find the time”. I have a house, job, family, activities and a whole list of other things that need my attention. If we all take a step back from the rushing around and find our purpose, we can give an hour or two each month. Our accomplishments can be endless. Our reach can go further. We can make a difference in the community that surrounds us. Together we have the power to show our local communities Something Wonderful.

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> My challenge for each of you is to set aside a few hours a month, every month to reach out and give your time to a local project, social, or an event.

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> Throughout this year your chapter will host fundraising projects. These are the projects that support your chapter throughout the year. These are the projects that allow your chapter the largest reach in your local community. They allow us to do what we do and give what we give. My hope for this year is that each of us pick at least two of these projects to donate your time and talents to over the next year.

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> Take time to socialize. Some may only be interested in a book club, or craft nights and that’s ok. Others may prefer a ladies’ night out, or happy hours. There is something for everyone. If you do not see a social on the calendar that interests you, reach out to your local board and suggest something new.

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> Take time to give. Some of us find it easier to write a check, while others enjoy more hands on activities. Our organization is amazing because there are so many opportunities for us to help and so many ways to do it. Whether you participate in one or two activities a trimester or every activity, we are happy to have you as a member.

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> Take time to learn and share knowledge. Think about chairing an event, taking on a chapter board or local programming manager position, hosting a meeting, completing certifications, or mentoring a new member. Your efforts are what makes the Minnesota Women of so successful.

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> I encourage you to be as active as you are able. Some members may only have a few hours a month or every other month; others will chair projects, host meetings and attend several events a month. During this year, my wish is that each of you makes a difference in the lives of the many people around you by building a better you, developing self-confidence, close friendships with other members, and contributing to your community through the act of volunteering and fellowship.

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> I have one last request for each of you. Set aside time each month for just you, to selflessly invest in yourself. Take a class, go shopping, read a book, or get your hair done. Make time for yourself, because you are Something Wonderful.

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> In friendship,  
> Anna Nichols



St. Michael-Albertville  
Women of Today

General Meeting Minutes

**DATE: 8 June 2021**

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - Nicole Jockisch

**MN Women of Today Creed**- Sara Caron

**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** – Derby (Kathy) Kentucky Derby test - 4 way tie - Cheri Zajac, Sara Caron, Michelle Skrypec and Robin Johnson

**Orders of the Day/Establish Quorum – Abbi**

19 Members present: Abbi Baker, Nicole Jockisch, Robin Johnson, Cheri Zajac, Tiffini Ventura, Kathy Hansen, Julie Davis, Cindy McCarty, Candi Testa, Michelle Skrypec, Brenda Baumann, Saron Caron, Joanna Bolduc, Kris Goodin, Jan Cera, Lori Gourtermont, Lisa Haines, Chris Bacon and Sherri Streff

a Quorum has been established

**Guest:** Lisabet Thomas

**Officers Reports**

- **Parli- Abbi** - No Report
- **Treasurer- Nicole**
  - **Treasurer Report** - Renewed Craft Show PO Box for 6 months - we will cancel it after it expires
  - 4 more Craft Show refunds were issued
  - **Approve proposed 2021-2022 budget**
    - M/S/P (Jockisch/Streff) I move that we approved the proposed 2021-2022 Budget
  - **Tri 2 and Tri 3 2020-2021 Audits** – Kathy, Jan, Chris Sherri
    - Meeting on Monday, June 14th at 7 pm at Jan’s house
- **Secretary- Jan**
  - **Report**
  - **Happy birthday** – Kimberly, Michelle, Sharon - Cards sent out
  - **May Minutes** Changes or corrections
    - Approve the Minutes - no changes or corrections - Minutes approved
    - Send Jan all reports for the Minutes (preferably before the meeting starts). Report summary forms are available on the website.

- **State Delegate – Kathy**

- **Participation log book** - sent around to Members
- **Conventions** – Kathy will be attending, let her know if you wish to attend with her.
  - Recap: Minnesota State, 5/21-22 in Alexandria

**State Awards:**

Nicole Jockisch - 3rd Trimester Program Report, L.L. Certificate and PeP Improv

Lori Goutermont - L.L. Certificate

Jan Cera - PeP Improv

Bobbi Fehrmann - L.L. Certificate (not present)

Candi Testa - L.L. Certificate, PeP Improv

Cheri Zajac - L.L. Certificate

Jackie Fields - PeP Improv, Early Bird Renewal (not present)

Abbi Baker - L.L. Certificate, PeP Improve, Small Table

STMA - 81% Retention for 2020 - 2021

STMA - Growth +1 3rd Trimester

STMA - 87% 3rd Trimester 2020 - 2021

STMA - 5th in Success & 8th Place in year end Success

Julie Davis - Presidential Pin

Kathy Hansen - Youth of Today 3rd Trimester Challenge, L.L. Certificate, PeP Improv, State Delegate Bronze Key for mid year and year end evaluation, President Medallion

**Chapter Awards:**

Joanna Bolduc - Year End Award and January Daisy Award

Robin Johnson - 3rd Trimester Member

- **Upcoming:**

- USWT, 6/11-12 (near) Des Moines
- District 6 meeting Anoka 6/29 - sign up if you want to attend
- Visitations - sign up to go with Kathy

- **Membership – Chris**

- **Renewals** -- Chris, Maria, Jan, Julie, Kris, Nicole, Jody, Sharon, Michelle, Sherri
  - 8 have already renewed
  - Jody plans on coming to the next meeting
  - Julie has reached out to Maria
- **Upcoming M-Events:**
  - 6/16 6:30 **Pizza M-Event** Lions Park (Jan)
    - Julie got Andy's Pizza to donate 6 pizzas
    - Put this Event on your personal Facebook Page
  - 6/19 3:00 **ZOOM Bingo** RSVP's required

- **Programming VP – Sherri**
  - LPM Training - she reached out to LPM for training - it will be on Zoom
    - Date TBD
  - **Living and Learning (open) - Robin Johnson took this position**
    - **Book Club** (Julie) Recap: 5/25 *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
      - Upcoming: 6/22 book club, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
        - Will be in person at Gretchen H's house
    - Ask the Question / Certification night (open) - we will have this later in the year
  - **Women's Wellness – Kimberly**
    - Upcoming: she plans on doing some Yoga
  - **Community Connections – Cindy McCarty**
    - Upcoming:
      - **Alberville Friendly City Days** (Jan) Volunteers needed for all events.
        - Alberville Sings (Jan) - We have enough volunteers
          - being held Thursday, June 10th
        - Booth (Jan) - Still need more volunteers - sign up sheet passed around
        - Parade (Sherri) - Due to lack of volunteers - we will not participate in the Parade
      - **7/9 Hamel Rodeo** (Kathy)
        - Volunteers needed
        - question was asked if there is a problem if we check ID's - NO
      - **8/3 National Night Out** (chair needed)
        - Sherri Streff and Kathy Hansen will Chair
      - **8/13-8/14 St. Michael Daze & Knights** (chair needed)
- **Priority Area-Crescent Cove – Joanna - No Report**
- **Youth of Today- Sherri S**
  - Recap:
  - Upcoming:
    - 7/16 FYCC Penny Carnival (chair needed)
      - Sherri to reach out to Bobbi
    - Booth at Farmer's Market (open)
      - It is held every Thursday through end of September
- **Newsletter-Kris G**
  - Guess who's who baby pictures - will rollover 1 more month
  - Articles and pictures June 13
  - June Challenge: Baby pictures
  - Give her a book review, favorite recipes, etc.
- **R & R – Bobbie**
  - Google Drive -she will give a report next month

- Vendors: Julie - still need people on the Waitlist
- Concessions: Sara Caron and Robin Johnson
- Parking/Transportation: Brenda Baumann
- Signs: Jan and Michelle Skrypec
- Public Relations: Chris
- Set-up: Nicole
- Clean-up: Sherri Streff
- Sherri mentioned an ap for signing up Volunteers - she will talk about it next meeting

- **President – Julie and Kathy**

- Brainstorm ideas: Throw everything out there no matter how improbable it seems. - Julie will post all ideas in the Newsletter
  - Service ideas
  - Ideas for (free) socials/m-events
  - Speakers from the community. Ideas from members on what kind of speakers to have
  - Kindness project – committee needed
  - Keeping committee business in committee meetings. Only recaps in general meetings.
- Thank you to everyone who is here tonight.
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**Serves You Right:** Chris \$9.50 was collected at the Meeting. Total is \$16.50 - Cheri Zajac won

**Good and Welfare:**

Abbi Baker is moving - but only 2 miles

Sherri Streff's son broke both of his arms - he is doing better

Sara Caron's last kid just graduated

Lisa Haines' daughter is also graduating

Julie Davis' daughter is moving from Australia to Germany for a new job

Joanna Bolduc won a Big Award at work and won a trip to Cabo

Both of Cheri Zajac's daughters graduated college - so she bought a new car

**US Women of Today Creed** - Cindy

**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 @ 8:20 pm