

# Burnsville Women of Today

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# CHAPTER CHATTER

## February 2026



Greeting Fabulous Burnsville Women of Today Members!

How is it February already? I kind of feel like the month of February gets a bad rap, is misunderstood, especially here in the upper midwest. But looking at it differently can be quite profound.

February, though a brief month of only 28 days, is a wonderful bridge between Old Man Winter's bitter chill and gloomy days to Spring's awakening and renewal. February offers 28 days to focus on love, intentionality, quiet growth and celebration. Its a time to reconnect with early year goals, embrace self-love and nurture seeds of change, proving that lasting impact is not measured in time, but in action.

That sums up our organization's philosophies of Service, Growth and Friendship perfectly. During the month of February, our chapter has many opportunities to experience these philosophies. Let's celebrate February and our members.

Here are some well know celebrations in February as well as some little known, and some of my favorite, days of celebration. What will you celebrate?

- Heart Health Month
- Black History Month
- MNWT Membership Week Feb 18-24
- Ground Hog Day - Feb 2
- National Pizza Day - Feb 9
- Super Bowl - Feb 8
- Valentine's Day - Feb 14
- President's Day - Feb 16
- Random Acts of Kindness Day - Feb 17
- Nation Chocolate Mint Day - Feb 19
- National Margarita Day - Feb 22

In Friendship,

Mary Sobczak  
Burnsville Women of Today Co-President



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next Chapter Meeting  
February 16, 2026, 6:30pm

Lutheran Church of the  
Ascension, 1801 Cliff Rd.  
Burnsville, MN 55337

Read the newsletter for all the details!

2/2.....	Food Prep & Bag Assembly Work
2/5.....	Girls' Grand Prix 2
2/9.....	BWT Board Meeting
2/10.....	Feed My Starving Children
2/15.....	Bowling
2/16.....	BWT Chapter Meeting
2/17.....	Random Act of Kindness Day
2/18... Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Luncheon	
2/18-24 .....	MNWT Membership Week
2/21.....	Tri 3 Membership Brunch

**WORD SEARCH**

Words can be found in a straight line vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may be read forward or backward.

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| AMETHYST  | CUPIC    | KINDNESS |
| AQUARIUS  | FEBRUARY | LOVE     |
| ARROW     | FLOWERS  | MONTH    |
| BOUQUET   | FRIENDS  | PISCES   |
| CANDY     | HEALTH   | RED      |
| CARD      | HEART    | SERVICE  |
| CHOCOLATE | HUG      | VIOLET   |

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**President's Challenge**

*Random Acts of Kindness Day* is February 17. Co-President Mary has challenged the membership to do a random act of kindness on this day. Anyone who does please email Mary by February 28 and let her know. Names of those who participate will be put into a drawing and a special prize will be awarded at the March Chapter Meeting. Lets spread some KINDNESS into this world!



**HAPPY BWT MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY!**

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| Anastasia S—4 yrs | Libby R—18 yrs |
| Cheryl W—9 yrs    | Lynn R—1 yr    |
| Debbie W—1 yr     | Mary Jo T—1 yr |
| Julie Ann C—1 yr  |                |



**Chapter Chatter**, 2025-2026 LPM Dorene Perkins Monn

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the Thursday following each month's chapter meeting. This month's deadline will be February 19. **The chapter is currently seeking a newsletter editor for next year.** If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dorene. Thank you for continuing to make this a valuable resource for our members.

Answers to last month's WORD COLUMNS puzzle

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| Sue W—2/2     |
| Teresa K—2/4  |
| Debbie W—2/14 |
| Maria M—2/21  |



## Snaps for our Sisters

Michelle - Thanks for leading the hat with a secret treat inside enrichment event. The hat craft idea could be used for so many things. - Kim

The MLK Day of Service stations were a great success. Thanks to Kerry for coordinating the Community Connections event and for everyone who helped. It will touch many lives. - Kim

Dolly - Thank you for sharing your home with us for the holiday party. I loved all of your decorations. It was a wonderful event. - Kim

A shout out for the bingo event with the residents of Trinity Care Center. They really had fun. - Kim

I was sad to miss the vision board event Arlene organized. Next year. Hope those that were able to participate will see their visions fulfilled in the upcoming year. - Kim

Arlene - Thanks for organizing the vision boards activity. It's a great way to highlight goals for the new year. - Dorene

Cheryl - Fleece, fleece and fleece. Thank you for all you do for Hugs from Hunter. - Dorene

Jennifer, Pat, Cheryl, Mary, Michelle and Tevyan - Fun times at convention! Thanks for being a part of it. - Dorene

Michelle - You are a very good presenter. Great job on the convention sessions. - Dorene

Cheryl - Thanks for organizing another productive night of prepping blankets for Hugs from Hunter for Winter State Convention. Such a great cause! - Pat

Carla - Thank you for taking extra fleece for Hugs from Hunter to prep at home. Your extra work is appreciated. - Pat

Arlene - Doing the vision boards and focusing on the upcoming year was so fun. Thank you! - Pat

Tammy and Cheryl - Thank you for bringing the delicious treats to the January Chapter Meeting! What a great idea to bring food that Martin Luther King Jr. enjoyed. - Pat

Michelle - Your yarn hats were so cute! Thank you for showing us how to make them. - Pat

Cheryl - Thank you for getting and donating all the supplies for the Day of Service projects in honor of your Dad. You are so sweet and generous! - Pat

Cheryl - Great job with the Day of Service projects. They were so fun to put together. - Mary

Tammy and Cheryl - Thanks you for the yummy MLK inspired treats at the chapter meeting. I loved that you researched what MLK liked to eat! - Mary

Arlene - Thank you for doing the vision board project. Always an inspiring way to start the new year. - Mary

Michelle - Great MLE activity. So fun and such a cute way to deliver a chocolate treat to someone. - Mary

Dolly - Congratulations on your Member of the Month award, recognizing you opening your home to all of us for the Christmas party. It was a fun evening! - Kerry

Cassie, Christine and Julie C - Thanks for working at the January Community Meal. Your work is much appreciated! - Kerry

Tammy and Cheryl - Thank you for providing the yummy treats for the MLK meeting. They were awesome. - Kerry

Cheryl - Thank you to you and your family for donating the MLK service project supplies in memory of your dad. That was such a thoughtful gesture. - Kerry

Dorene - Thank you for your work in encouraging all of us to consider serving on the BWT Board next year. And great job with the Chapter Chatter! - Kerry

Thank you all for your love and support with my dad's passing. It meant a lot to receive cards, text messages, flowers, and for all that came to his visitation and memorial service. Love you all! -Cheryl 

Cheryl - You put together another wonderful MLK Day of Service for our membership to participate in. Thank you for all you did to organize all the materials needed for the projects. Thank you to your family as well. - Kathy

Dolly - Thank you for taking the lead for the Tri 3 membership brunch on February 21st. - Kathy

Dorene - You continue to do an amazing job on the Chatter! - Kathy

Sue - Thank you for taking the minutes at our meetings! You unofficially became the secretary. - Kathy



# Parliamentarian

2025-2026 Dorene Perkins Monn

## 2026-2027 Burnsville Women of Today Chapter Board Elections:

The following members are being nominated for 2026-2027 Board and LPM (Local Programming Manager) positions. Voting will take place at the March 2026 chapter meeting. A dynamic board is important for the continuation of our chapter. If you haven't already, please consider taking an active role in chapter leadership.

Serving on the board is beneficial personally as well as professionally. It provides opportunity for you to grow your skillset, expand your knowledge of the Women of Today organization, and increase your personal network through contacts with others outside the chapter.

Remember also, taking on a board position doesn't mean you'll be going it alone. You'll have the support of chapter members, MNWT State officers' guidance, as well as a history of activities tried and successful throughout the years. LOTS (Local Officer Training) is scheduled for April 2026 and attendee registration fees are paid for by the chapter .

A listing of the 2026-2027 BWT Board candidates and position descriptions are included below. Feel free to contact Mary, Pat or Dorene, (or any current board member) to learn more about these great opportunities.

### President: OPEN

- Runs all board and general meetings.
- Oversees chapter's planning and projects.
- Puts together a Plan of Action for the year and updates the Membership Manual.
- Submits monthly report to State.

### Programming Vice President: Pat Larson

- Presides over meetings if President is absent. Takes over as President if office is vacant.
- Oversees and helps LPMs.
- Keeps track of the chapter's calendar of events.
- Submits a trimester report of all programming activities to State.

### Membership Vice President: Kerry Frank

- Signs up new members, orders name tags for them.
- Alerts members when they are up for renewal.
- Plans membership events at least once a trimester.
- Updates member roster once a trimester.
- Assists with new member orientations.



### Secretary: Kim Tyson

- Takes minutes at the board and chapter meetings.
- Sends get well and sympathy cards to members as needed.
- Conducts year-end awards voting.

### Treasurer: Jennifer Garza

- Maintains all incoming and outgoing money.
- Chairs budget planning and budget review.
- Pays insurance, completes sales tax forms, pays dues to Chapter Service Center.

### State Delegate: Dorene Perkins Monn

- Represents chapter as our voting delegate and attends district meetings/state conventions and reports back to chapter.
- Completes a trimester report.

## Parliamentarian (cont.)

### *More Board and LPM Positions Listings*

#### **Ways and Means: Cheryl Watson**

- Promotes fundraising activities for the treasury such as plant sales in the spring and fall, painting in the park, Santa letters, garage sales, etc.

#### **Parliamentarian: Mary Sobczak**

- Chairs bylaws and policies review and submits to state.
- Oversees completion of SUCCESS paperwork.
- Is advisor to the board.

#### **Youth of Today LPM: Carla Student**

- Plans at least one event a trimester to benefit youth. Examples are the back- to-school supply drive, the bed build and bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, preparing a meal for teens, cutting blankets for Hugs from Hunter, participating in Boo Bash, etc.

#### **Priority Project LPM: Kathy Lowry**

- Will get guidance from the new Priority Project state program manager as to what our chapter can do each trimester.

#### **Women's Wellness LPM: Maureen Edstrom & Nancy Gessner**

- Plans a monthly wellness activity. Can add in weekly pickleball and aqua walking. Examples are walks at local parks, a walk at the arboretum, 5k's that come up in the community, March of Dimes Walk in the spring, etc.

#### **Living and Learning LPM: OPEN**

- Promotes education and participation in areas of personal growth through talks, handouts, PEP courses, certifications, vision boards, etc. Oversees book club or finds chairperson.

#### **Community Connections LPM: OPEN**

- Arranges for chapter members to help others in the community about once a month through roadside cleanup, serving at veterans' luncheons, volunteering at the Fire Muster, Lions' Club events, and senior care centers.
- Also, oversees or delegates activities such as making treats for firefighters, writing veterans thank you cards, participating in Feed my Starving Children, etc.

#### **Chapter Chatter Editor: OPEN**

- Using submissions by members, e-mails a chapter newsletter to everyone on the first of each month.

#### **Social Media and Public Relations: Deb Oldenburg**

- Gets the word out about BWT through social media like Facebook, Meet Up and Instagram. Maintains and keeps our website up to date.

Board meeting have traditionally been held on the second Monday of each month. Chapter meeting are held on the third Monday each month.

Individuals may be listed as leaders but they cannot do it alone. All chapter members are asked to support them through activity planning, coordination and participation. A chapter is only as successful as its members involvement!

# Membership

2025-2026 Membership VPs Kathy Lowry and Dolly Kinney

## Membership Renewals

Members up for renewal during Tri 3 are: Anastasia S, Arlene P, Cheryl W, Christine K, Debbie W, Julie Ann C, Kerry F, Kim T, Libby R, Lisa S, Lynn R, Maria M, Marilyn E, Mary Jo T, Megan K, Michelle C, Patty F, Shiela M and Sue W. **Early-bird memberships renewals are due by March 10 to allow us to meet the MNWT early-bird deadline of March 15.**

Here's what you need to know about paying your dues:

- If you are paying by cash or check, annual dues are \$60. Please make checks payable to Burnsville Women of Today. You can postal mail them to:  
Burnsville Women of Today  
Attn: Membership VP  
P.O. Box 3115  
Burnsville, MN 55337
- If you would like the convenience of paying by Venmo, dues are \$61.25 (\$60 dues + \$1.25 convenience fee). Our Venmo account is @BurnsvilleWT.
- You can also bring a check or cash to a chapter meeting and give it to the Membership VPs or Treasurer.

Upcoming  
Events:

- **MNWT Membership Week—February 18-24**
- **Tri 3 Membership Brunch:** Save the date Saturday, February 21 at 9:30am. Location will be the Mason Jar Restaurant in Eagan. Watch for an Evite and RSVP.

Upcoming  
Events:



Chapter Meeting—January 19

# Treasurer's Report

2025-2026 Treasurer Jennifer Garza

BWT Treasurer's Report Month Ending					1/14/2026
<b>Starting Balance as of December 12, 2025</b>					<b>5,496.77</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	12/16/2025	Deposit	Venmo transfer for dues (TK)	48.95	
	1/14/2026	Deposit	Deposit for dues (KF)	60.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>					<b>108.95</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	1/14/2026	Check# 3746	MWT - Dues (TK)	(50.00)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>					<b>(50.00)</b>
<b>Checkbook balance</b>					<b>5,555.72</b>
					<b>Balance</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		Fundraising Event Room Deposit	200.00		
		Cindy Sobczak Memorial Scholarship	1,750.00		
<b>Total Reserves</b>					<b>(1,950.00)</b>
<b>Payables Due</b>		Membership dues (KF)	(50.00)		<b>(50.00)</b>
<b>Receivables Due</b>			0.00		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>					<b>3,555.72</b>

## Ways & Means

2025-2026 Director Cheryl Watson

### Spring Plant Sale



Details are being worked out for our Garten's Spring Plant Sale. More information will be coming soon, but for now, mark your calendars for the May 5 plant pick-up at Cheryl's home in Lakeville..

# Programming

2025-2026 Programming VP Cheryl Watson

## 2025-2026 PROGRAM AREAS:

### Youth of Today (Carla Student):

Promotes ideas and activities that allow youth to discover and experience the importance of volunteering.

### Women's Wellness (Lisa Schwensen & Sheila McCabe):

Focuses on providing and supporting women's health education. The major event of the year is participating in the March of Dimes Walk for Babies.

### Priority Project (Kathy Lowry):

This area changes every three years. Encourages members to educate themselves and participate in activities centered around the current project.

### PR & Social Media (Deb Oldenburg & Alexis Cull):

Promotes BWT as an organization in the public eye including through social media; helps build positive relationships with other organizations, community members and media.

### Living and Learning (Kim Tyson):

Promotes participation and provides information and project ideas in the areas of personal growth of members.

### Community Connections (Kerry Frank):

Coordinates and encourages members to participate in local community service projects.

### Chapter Chatter (Dorene Perkins Monn):

Responsible for gathering the information for the monthly newsletter and distributing it to members.

## Youth of Today, 2025-2026 LPM Carla Student

Thank you to all who assisted in assembling hygiene bags for Burnsville High School during our Day of Service event. Twenty bags were filled and delivered to the school.

We are currently reviewing the BWT Cindy Sobczak Memorial Service Scholarship application and comparing it to the MNWT Outstanding Young Adult scholarship application. The end goal is the success of our candidates.

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## Women's Wellness, 2025-2026 LPMs Sheila McCabe and Lisa Schwensen

### Joy in Your Wellness Journey



### Bowling—Sunday, February 15

This month's Wellness activity will be bowling at the Farmington Lanes. Information was previously sent via email to members.

Please reach out to Lisa or Sheila if you have any questions in the programming area of Women's Wellness.

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## Priority Project - REACH, 2025-2026 LPM Kathy Lowry

Thank you to all who participated in our MLK service projects and helped prep 60 cocoa treat packets for the Jordan High School REACH students. The packets included a spoon, cocoa, cookies, nerds and an inspirational tag. They were delivered along with 15 more blankets to tie, and 15 completed blankets picked up. The students really appreciate the treats and especially enjoy tying the *Hugs from Hunter* blankets



# Programming (cont.)

**PR & Social Media, 2025-2026 LPMs Deb Oldenburg and Alexis Cull**

**Event Posts and Photos** (Facebook/Instagram) - Please continue to capture photos at events or assign someone to do so. We need all members' assistance in making sure events are covered and posted in a timely manner. Photos and event details can be forwarded to the BWT Social Media/PR email address [bwtsocialmediapr@gmail.com](mailto:bwtsocialmediapr@gmail.com).

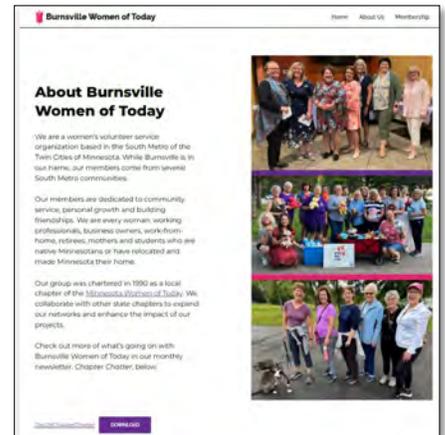
If you have ideas or concerns about any of our social media, please don't hesitate to reach out to the social media team.

## New BWT Website is Live

When you have an opportunity, check out the chapter's website at: [burnsvillewomenoftoday.com](http://burnsvillewomenoftoday.com).

There you'll find About, Membership and Contact pages. The board will continue to discuss a couple of other options for future additions that would include a chapter events listing and/or calendar.

This is an evolving project and we'll continue to make progress. Please take a look and do not hesitate to contact Deb O. if you see any errors or have any suggestions.



## Living & Learning, 2025-2026 LPM Kim Tyson

*Inspiration: Random Acts of Kindness – "There are two ways of spreading light: To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Edith Wharton.*

### Vision Boards—January 10

Six BWT members got together on a Saturday morning at Davanni's restaurant in Eagan for our annual Vision Board activity. What is a Vision Board? It's a collage of images, words and symbols that help you focus on your goals, dreams and intentions. Place it where you'll see it often to remind you to take action to achieve what you want in the coming year.



### Game Night—Girls Grand Prix and Potluck—Thursday, February 5, 6:00pm at Cheryl's home

Please join us for a fun racing game set up by Cheryl's hubby, Bryan. Bring a dish to share and enjoy socializing with your BWT friends as you race and cheer on the other participants. Please RSVP to Cheryl at 651-235-4389.

## Programming (cont.)

### Member-Led Enrichment—January 19

BWT welcomed four guests from the New Hope Chapter to participate in the member-led enrichment project presented by member Michelle before the chapter meeting. The cute yarn winter hats were easy to make and held a chocolate treat when completed.



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### Book Club, 2025-2026 Facilitator Carla Student

The next meeting of the book club is set for **Tuesday, March 24 at 6pm**. We will be discussing the book ***The Love Haters* by Katherine Center**. Location held at Davanni's (corner of County Roads 42 & 11). Note: The restaurant requires that each participant spends a minimum of \$7.00. Bi-Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday. Upcoming reading selection is:

- May 26 - ***The House in the Cerulean Sea*** by T.J. Klune



Other Suggestions -

- ***An Immense World*** by Ed Yong
- ***Studies at the School by the Sea*** by Jenny Colgan

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### Community Connections, 2025-2026 LPM Kerry Frank



Free Community Meal

#### Ascension Lutheran Church Food Prep and Bag Assembly

Three BWT volunteers-Cassie, Christine and Julie helped with the preparation and distribution of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension community meals January 5. Two hundred and forty meals were served.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for future sessions. We have filled the schedule through April and will let you know if we will be continuing this volunteer activity after that. Please reach out to Kerry if you have any questions.

## Programming (cont.)

### Hugs from Hunter Blanket Prep Work—January 7

Eleven members helped prep 225 Hugs from Hunter blankets to be used for a Key Women service project at the Minnesota Women of Today Winter State Convention January 23-24. These blankets, and more prepped at the convention, will be readied for a children's group to tie at a Hugs from Hunter service projected scheduled in March. The blankets will then have a teddy bear and book attached to complete the bundle before distribution to children in the hospital and their siblings. *(More photos on the last page of this newsletter.)*



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### Chapter Meeting/Day of Service—January 19

After a shortened business meeting, members and guests from the New Hope Chapter enjoyed some of Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite foods—mac and cheese and peach cobbler—hosted by members Tammy and Cheryl. Then, it was on to our three service projects in honor of MLK Day of Service.

Completed were twenty birthday bags for 360 Communities, twenty hygiene bags for the hygiene closet at Burnsville High School, and sixty cocoa cups for the REACH program kids at Jordan High School.

Special thanks to member Cheryl for organizing the service projects and to her and her family for donating supplies in honor of her father, Tom Marty. Thanks to all members and guests for making a difference in our community. *(See photos on the last page of this newsletter.)*

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### Feed My Starving Children—February 10



Feed My Starving Children strives to eliminate malnutrition and starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in a generation that hears and responds to the cries of those in need until all are fed. Volunteers realize the personal, impactful experience created by packing the meals by hand. It transforms an experience from just "something good to do" into something deeply personal.

BWT will be volunteering on Tuesday, February 10 from 6:00-8:30pm at Prince of Peace Church in Burnsville. We currently have 15 spots reserved for our group with half already full. You can register for a spot at: <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=4YPL34>. If you have any questions, please contact Deb O at 612-597-9363 or [deboldenburg@centurylink.net](mailto:deboldenburg@centurylink.net). We hope you'll join us for this worthwhile service project!

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### Beyond the Yellow Ribbon—February 18

Three members will be serving lunch and donating dessert to forty veterans at this annual event in Lakeville. The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program connects veterans, service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

# State Delegate

2025-2026 State Delegate Mary Sobczak and Pat Larson

## MNWT Day at the Rink—January 25

Forty Women of Today members and guests from across the state, including State President Shirley and some from our own chapter, attended the Minnesota Frost vs. the New York Sirens professional women's hockey league game in St. Paul on this Sunday afternoon. The Minnesota Frost won!



## MNWT Tri 3 Webinar—February 26

Each trimester the State provides this informational series. Join in via Zoom. The link will be sent out to the chapter members a few days prior to the webinar.

- 6:00** – Consent Agenda. What is it? How does it work?
- 6:30** – MNWT Committee Meetings/ March Planning. Why Attend?
- 7:00** – Changing the Narrative on Mental Health

A promotional graphic for a Region 2 Meeting. It features a green butterfly on the left and a purple bird on a branch on the right. The text reads: "Region 2 Meeting", "New Season, New Beginnings", "March 28, 2026", "Christ Community Church", "2200 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE Waseca, MN", "10am Meeting", "9:30 Registration", "Registration due March 14, 2026", "\$10 per person", "Make payments to District 8 and mail to 339 Memorial Dr. NW Blooming Prairie, MN 55917", "Food provided: chili and broccoli & cheese soup. Water and lemonade to drink and a dessert or two", "Hear from State President Candidate(s). Hear from President Shirley about Positive Ripples all over MNWT, Participate in the membership activity & shop the State Store.", "We will be collecting diapers sizes 4,5,6, wipes, baby soap, lotion & shampoo for the USWT Convention charity 360 Communities' Lewis House shelter." The bottom of the graphic is decorated with various colorful flowers.

## State Delegate cont.



### 2026 MNWT Winter State Convention—January 23-24, 2026

The MNWT Winter State Convention was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Burnsville. The convention's theme was "Snowflakes & Sparkles". The weekend included a full slate of activities. A few highlights below.

On Friday there was a Marketing State Fair where chapters displayed their marketing goods. Competitions were held for the best salsa, bread and overall presentation. Our BWT table won the overall first-place blue ribbon and received a \$20 gift card.



Also on Friday, BWT Member Cheryl hosted a Key Women service project for *Hugs from Hunter*. Participants cut fringe on blankets to add to those our chapter prepped January 7. The blankets will be used at an upcoming children's service project by *Hugs from Hunter* organizers. 240 blankets were prepped.

Multiple roundtable discussions were held with BWT Member/MNWT Administrative VP Michelle hosting the state delegate group.

The evening concluded with the traditional Friday night party. Costumes incorporating the weekend's theme were imaginative and creative. Lots of sparkles and a particular snowflake – ask Chapter President Mary about that.

Saturday morning began with the "Attitude Adjustment" Fellowship Forum. It was followed by the business meeting where state staff presented their activity reports and awarded recognitions for the trimester. Our chapter won a drawing for having a membership event during membership week.

Between the business meeting and the luncheon, BWT Member/MNWT Administrative VP Michelle, co-led an informative forum on "Overcoming the Fear of Failure and Confidence Building."

The luncheon included an awards presentation and one of our members won a presidential pin! Come to the February meeting to find out who. The BWT chapter placed in the top ten again in SUCCESS and our district won the District Excitement Award.

The evening banquet's speaker encouraged us to use our networks to spread kindness ripples wherever and whenever we can. Also, during the evening, the MNWT Outstanding Young Adult Award was presented to two very deserving people.

The weekend's weather temperatures outside may have been cold and frosty, but inside at the convention, there were warm inspirations, loads of fun and good times.



### District 8 Tri 3 Meeting—March 14

BWT will be hosting District Director Brandy and other District 8 chapter members from Blooming Prairie, Byron, Glenville, Eastern Carver County and New Hope, besides our own chapter. The meeting will be at the Star Bank of Eden Prairie from 9:30am to 1:00pm. We will be providing breakfast. Thank you to all who signed up to help and bring food.

# Photos of the Month

Blanket Prep for Hugs from Hunter—January 7



MNWT State Winter Convention—January 23 & 24



Day of Service—January 19

